

Appendix D: Dress Code Standards

Belton Preparatory Academy | 2025–2026

Belton Preparatory Academy (BPA) maintains dress code standards to support an educational environment that is safe, respectful, and conducive to learning. These standards apply to all students during school hours and at school-sponsored events unless otherwise noted.

Uniform Vendor

Palmetto Screen Print & Embroidery

614 N. Murray Ave, Anderson, SC

 864-642-4062 |  Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

 [Shop Online](#)

Palmetto Screen Print & Embroidery is the only BPA-approved vendor for the 2025–2026 school year.

Families may also purchase khaki/navy bottoms and dresses from retailers such as The Children’s Place, Walmart, Old Navy, JCPenney, Kohl’s, and others.

Uniform Requirements

Tops:

- Short or long-sleeve polo shirts with BPA logo (Palmetto only) in the following solid colors:
 - White
 - Navy
 - Kelly Green
 - Light Gray
- Tops must cover the abdomen, chest, shoulders, and back.
- Tucking is optional if shirts are clean, untattered, and not excessively long.
- *Prohibited:* T-shirts, tank tops, halter/crop/spaghetti strap tops, low-cut or sheer tops, and non-uniform sweatshirts or hoodies.

Outerwear:

- Crewneck sweatshirts, pullovers, and hoodies in school colors (navy, gray) must be from Palmetto Embroidery.
- BPA hoodies may not be worn over the head indoors.
- Winter coats/jackets (including hooded) are permitted and do not require a BPA logo but should be removed indoors. **If jackets are worn in the classroom, they must be navy or gray to coordinate with the school uniform.**

Bottoms:

- **Solid khaki or navy:** pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, jumpers, and dresses. Kelly green dresses, skirts, and shorts are permissible.
- Must be worn at the hip and hem *(To meet BPA's standard for appropriate length, the hemline should be no more than the length of a dollar bill—measured vertically—from the top of the knee. If the hemline falls higher than this, the item is too short.)*
- *Prohibited:* Leggings, yoga/lounge pants, fishnet/mesh fabrics, pajama pants.

Shoes:

- Permitted: Tennis shoes, casual boots, street shoes, Crocs, and sandals.
- *Prohibited:* Bedroom slippers, hunting/work boots, shoes with wheels or lights.
- Specific shoes may be required for certain classes for safety.

Socks & Tights:

- Must be solid white, tan, or navy.
- Patterned socks are allowed only when worn under pants.

Physical Education (PE):

- BPA-approved PE t-shirt (Palmetto Embroidery only), including 2024–2025 Field Day shirts **and new US News and World Report t-shirts.**
- **Solid black or navy** athletic shorts, athletic pants, **or joggers** (no yoga pants).
- Tennis shoes required.
- Students will not change clothes for PE.

- Students may wear regular uniform instead of PE uniform if they want, but they must wear tennis shoes.
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Accessories & Grooming

- Prepare for rainy days by purchasing a raincoat.
 - Hair must be neat; no unnatural colors (pink, blue, etc.).
 - Hair bows are preferred in school colors (solid navy, white, light gray, Kelly green).
 - *Not Permitted:* Hats, hoods (indoors), head coverings, sunglasses, headphones/earmuffs.
 - Piercings limited to earlobes (max two sets).
 - *Prohibited:* Spiked accessories, body art/tattoos, face paint.
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General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, untorn, and non-revealing.
 - Undergarments must not be visible.
 - Students' faces must be visible at all times (exceptions for medical/religious coverings).
 - Clothing with offensive language or imagery is prohibited.
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Enforcement & Consequences

School staff will consistently enforce the dress code. The Principal or designee has discretion to interpret and apply these guidelines. Parents/guardians will be notified of all violations.

Progressive Discipline for Violations:

1. **First Offense: Verbal Warning, Parent may be contacted for a change of clothes.**
2. **Second Offense: Parent Contact for Change of Clothes**
3. **Third Offense: Referral (*Continued violations may lead to suspension*)**

Exceptions may be granted by the Principal for special circumstances, including medical/religious accommodations, spirit days, field trips, and other school-approved events.