

2026–2027 Student Dress Code Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Thank you for taking the time to review our updated Student Dress Code. We understand that changes to the uniform may raise questions, and we hope this FAQ provides helpful guidance as you prepare for the new school year.

Why did the dress code change?

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, we recognize that the updated dress code represents a transition for many families. Our goal is to make this process as smooth as possible by working with students and parents, answering questions, and providing guidance along the way.

Building upon our previous dress code, the updated policy simplifies expectations, improves consistency, and makes the dress code easier for students, families, and faculty to understand and apply. It continues to promote professionalism, school pride, and a respectful learning environment while reflecting many of the uniform practices common to Catholic high schools throughout our region.

Thank you for your partnership as we implement these updates. For a visual summary of approved uniform items, please see the Visual Uniform Guide.

Where do I purchase uniforms?

Approved uniform items are available through our official uniform vendors:

Tommy Hilfiger Global Schoolwear

- School Code: **BISH02**
- <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/>

Donnelly's Clothing

- Formal dress blazers
- Approved tights/nylons
- <https://www.donnellysclothing.com/Shop/>

Purchasing through these vendors helps ensure that all uniform items meet Bishop Brady's approved logos, styles, and colors.

What is the Formal Dress Uniform?

Formal Dress is worn on Mondays and other school-designated formal occasions. It includes the required Brady hunter green **blazer**, **white Oxford shirt**, and **uniform khaki or navy pants**. Dress shoes required (no sneakers or any style Birkenstocks).

- Boys: Must wear any professional **tie** (tightened at the collar) with the top shirt button fastened and solid black/brown **belt**.
- Girls: As an **alternative** to khaki/navy uniform **pants**, girls may choose to wear the approved **uniform box-pleated skirt/skort** (navy, khaki, or school plaid). Skirts/skorts **must** be worn with navy or black **tights/nylons** (no leggings or socks).

What is the Regular Dress Uniform?

Regular Dress is worn Tuesday through Thursday unless otherwise announced. For a visual summary of approved uniform items, please see the Uniform Visual Guide.

Students wear the uniform **polo** with the **Bishop Brady" wordmark** or **interlocking "BB" logo** (white or hunter green) or Oxford shirt (white or light blue) with approved uniform pants or shorts and any approved uniform logo outerwear (grey or hunter green) with dress or business casual closed-toe shoes (no sneakers or any style Birkenstocks).

- Girls: As an **alternative** to khaki/navy uniform **pants or shorts**, girls may choose to wear the approved **uniform box-pleated skirt/skort** (navy, khaki, or school plaid). Skirts/skorts **must** be worn with navy or black **tights/nylons** (no leggings or socks).

How do I know if apparel purchased from the uniform store meets the uniform requirements?

ALL items purchased on our uniform sites AFTER July 17, 2026 have the approved Bishop Brady (or BB) logos, styles, and colors consistent with our new dress code policy. Please refer to the uniform clothing websites if you are unsure of the '26-27 approved uniform styles and colors.

If you have ordered in the early summer and believe your uniform apparel order may not comply with the updated dress code, please contact **Tommy Hilfiger Customer Service** at **877-825-2860**. Their customer service team is aware of the updated dress code and is happy to assist families with **no-cost exchanges** for affected items.

If you had purchased non-compliant items through **Donnelly's Clothing**, please contact **Donnelly's Customer Service** directly to begin the return or exchange process. They will be happy to assist you. Information about Donnelly's return policy, return instructions, and return forms can be found here: <https://www.donnellysclothing.com/Shop/returns/>

Can students continue wearing uniform clothing purchased last year?

Many previously purchased uniform items remain approved for the '26–27 school year. However, several items have changed as part of the updated dress code.

We recognize that families previously had a wider variety of color choices. To simplify the uniform while maintaining flexibility, the updated dress code includes colors **commonly** purchased by Bishop Brady families through Tommy Hilfiger. Please refer to the uniform clothing websites if you are unsure of the approved uniform items.

Families may purchase the combination of approved uniform items that best meets their needs, provided students have appropriate attire for Regular Dress and Formal Dress days.

Students are **not** expected to own every approved color or style. For example, students are **not required** to wear skirts or skorts to meet the dress code.

Can students wear any professional tie?

Yes. Although Tommy Hilfiger offers a Bishop Brady Tie (Hunter green/navy/white striped) that meets the uniform requirements, students may wear **ANY professional tie** of choice purchased elsewhere that is appropriate for Formal Dress.

Which clothing items may be purchased from any vendor of choice?

With the exception of the **official Bishop Brady blazer**, families are **not required** to purchase every uniform item through Tommy Hilfiger Global Schoolwear or Donnelly's.

The following items may be purchased from **any retailer** provided they closely match the **style, color, and appearance** of the approved uniform items:

- White or light blue Oxford shirts (long- or short-sleeve)
- Khaki or navy uniform-style pants
- Khaki or navy uniform-style shorts
- Professional ties
- Tights or nylons

When purchasing items from another retailer, families are responsible for ensuring they comply with the Bishop Brady dress code.

My uniform items will not arrive before school starts. What should I do?

If your uniform order has not arrived by the start of school, students may wear **white or light blue, long- or short-sleeve Oxford shirts** paired with **khaki or navy uniform-style pants or uniform-style shorts**. These items may be purchased from any retailer and provide an appropriate temporary alternative while waiting for your uniform order to arrive.

If your **blazer** has not yet arrived, please contact **Mr. Bergeron, Dean of Students** (kbergeron@bishopbrady.edu) to discuss temporary options until it is received.

Which clothing items must have the Bishop Brady logo?

On **Regular Dress Days**, all polos, quarter-zips, sweaters, fleece jackets, and other approved uniform tops must display the **official Bishop Brady uniform logo**.

Note: Two approved uniform logos are the **"Bishop Brady" wordmark** or the **interlocking "BB" logo**.

The following items are **not** considered part of the regular or formal uniform and may **not** be worn on Regular Dress or Formal Dress Days (but may be worn on Spirit Dress Days):

- Under Armour Bishop Brady apparel
- Hockey Academy apparel
- Bishop Brady athletic team apparel
- Spirit wear or club apparel

Can students wear shorts?

Yes. Approved uniform shorts may be worn:

- Before **November 1**
- After **April Break**

Shorts may **not** be worn on Formal Dress days.

Are there any shirts boys do not need to tuck in?

No. Uniform polo and Oxford-style shirts worn by boys must be tucked in at all times. Sweaters, quarter-zips, fleece jackets, and other approved outer layers are worn **over** the tucked-in shirt and do **not** need to be tucked in.

Do boys need to wear a belt every day?

Yes. Boys are required to wear a belt **every day** with uniform pants or shorts as part of the Bishop Brady dress code.

On designated Dress Down days boys do not need to wear a belt.

May girls leave their shirts untucked?

Yes. Girls may wear approved polo shirts and Oxford shirts untucked. This policy reflects the design of many girls' Oxford shirts, which are intended to be worn untucked while still maintaining a neat, professional appearance.

Can girls wear other styles of skirts or skorts?

No. Girls must wear the approved Bishop Brady uniform skirt or skort. Other skirt or skort styles, even if they are similar in color or length, are not permitted except on designated dressdown days.

How long must skirts, skorts, and shorts be?

Skirts, skorts, and shorts must extend **below the student's fingertips when standing naturally**. Athletic-style skirts or shorts are not permitted except on designated Dress Down Days.

Are tights required all year if a student chooses to wear the uniform skirt/skort?

Yes. To maintain a consistent and professional uniform appearance, students choosing to wear skirts or skorts are expected to wear solid navy or black tights/nylons instead of leggings or socks regardless of the time of year. This is part of the Bishop Brady uniform policy and is intended to provide a consistent, polished, and professional standard of dress throughout the school year.

Leggings may **not** be worn under skirts/skorts. Leggings are designed as a standalone garment or layering piece rather than as hosiery. Students may wear leggings under athletic shorts as part of an approved Dress Down Day.

Students who find tights or nylons uncomfortable are encouraged to wear the approved uniform **shorts or pants** instead of skirts/skorts.

What layers/outerwear may be worn on Regular Dress Days?

Uniform layers/outerwear (hunter green or grey) with the “**Bishop Brady**” wordmark or interlocking “**BB**” logo may be worn on regular dress days.

- Sweaters
- Fleece
- Performance pullovers

Examples of outerwear **NOT** approved outerwear for Regular or Formal Dress Days: Hockey Academy, CRTC, Athletic, or Club outerwear.

Please visit the Tommy Hilfiger Global Schoolwear site for examples of approved layers/outerwear. All other jackets and coats should be stored in student lockers upon arrival.

What shoes are acceptable?

Formal Dress: Dress shoes only

Regular Dress: Dress shoes or business-casual shoes (no sneakers of any kind)

Spirit Dress Fridays: Closed-toe shoes or sneakers (no closed-toe Birkenstocks or clogs)

The Administration reserves the right to determine whether footwear meets the definition of a dress or business-casual shoe.

What are examples of business-casual shoes?

Examples of business-casual shoes that **MAY BE WORN**:

- Loafers, Boat shoes, Oxfords, Saddle shoes, Mary Janes
- Other professional closed-toe business-casual styles

The examples shown in the Visual Uniform Guide on our website are intended to help families understand the expected style of footwear. If you are uncertain about a particular shoe, please contact the school administration before making a purchase.

Examples of shoes **NOT allowed** as a business casual shoe: heels without backs, heels higher than 2 inches, closed-toe Birkenstocks, “Hey Dudes”, and sneakers of any style (for instance, leather or suede sneakers are **not** considered to be business casual shoes).

What is “Spirit Day” Dress?

Spirit Day is observed on Fridays. Students may wear approved Bishop Brady spirit wear or athletic spirit apparel with approved uniform bottoms.

On Fridays, students may wear:

- Under Armour Bishop Brady tops
- Hockey Academy tops
- Bishop Brady athletic team tops
- Bishop Brady spirit wear or club tops
- Regular Dress uniform bottoms **required** (no jeans or other casual pants/shorts)
- Sneakers or casual closed-toe shoes (no Birkenstocks)

Are Crocs, flip-flops, or slippers permitted?

No. These styles are not permitted during the school day.

When may students wear sneakers?

Sneakers may be worn **only** on:

- Spirit Dress Fridays
- Designated Dress Down Days

Sneakers (including those that are sold as “business-casual sneakers”) may **NOT** be worn during Regular Dress or Formal Dress Days.

What may be worn on a Dress Down Day?

On designated Dress Down Days (these will be announced by the administration), students may wear:

- Jeans, casual pants, cargo pants
- Joggers and sweatpants
- Athletic shorts must extend **below the student's fingertips when standing naturally**.
- Sneakers, Birkenstocks, other casual shoes
- No crocs, flip-flops, slippers

Non-uniform tops may be worn provided they are modest, school appropriate, cover the shoulders, and fully cover the waistband when arms are raised.

What happens if a student is out of dress code?

As our community adjusts to the updated dress code, we recognize that families may need flexibility, and will approach this period with understanding during this time of transition. We also understand that uniform items may take some time to arrive from the vendor. If your family has questions or needs assistance, please communicate directly with our administration.

How do I request an accommodation due to special circumstances?

Families who believe their student may require an accommodation to the uniform policy should contact the school administration to discuss their circumstances. Requests are reviewed on an individual basis in accordance with school policy. Medical accommodation requests may require documentation from the student's treating healthcare provider.

Still have questions?

If you are unsure whether a clothing item meets the dress code or have any questions, please contact Principal Benjamin Horton (bhorton@bishopbrady.edu).