

# Benson High School

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## BHS DRESS CODE:

The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive or obscene, or which endangers the health or safety of the student or others is prohibited.

Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to:

- \*Exposed undergarments.
- \*Sagging pants.
- \*Torn or ripped clothing. Only tailored shorts and skirts that are hemmed may be worn.
- \*Excessively short or tight garments including spandex shorts.
- \*Skirts, dresses and shorts must be mid-thigh in length or longer.
- \*Bare midriff shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, and muscle shirts are unacceptable dress.
- \*See-through clothing of any kind.
- \*Attire that exposes cleavage.
- \*Attire with messages or illustrations that are lewd, indecent or vulgar or that advertise any product or service not permitted by law to minors. Profane or defamatory writing on clothing or jewelry is not acceptable. Obscene language or symbols of drugs, sex or alcohol on clothing, including those with a double meaning, are prohibited. Any apparel, jewelry, accessories or manner of grooming which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with gangs is prohibited.
- \*Any symbols, styles or attire frequently associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups about which students have been notified.
- \*Head covering of any kind is unacceptable. **Hats** may not be worn inside any School District facility. No bandannas of any color, size, or shape may be worn, carried or displayed in any classroom or at school functions.
- \*Any adornment such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as or used as a weapon.
- \*Jewelry, including chains, shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- \*Exposed body piercings (other than earrings) are unacceptable.
- \*Bare feet are never acceptable. In the interests of student safety, shoes must be worn at all times. Closed shoes are to be worn for any type of physical activity, such as Physical Education, Culinary Arts, etc.

### **Consequences:**

The principal will make final determinations whether student dress distracts from the educational process of other students. If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, distracts the attention of other students or staff from their work, or otherwise violates this dress code, the principal or principal's designee may require the student to change his or her dress or appearance and disciplinary action will be taken.

- **1st time: Level 1: 5 discipline points, parent/legal guardian contact.**
- **2nd time: Level 1: 5 discipline points, 5 days work detail, and parent/legal guardian contact.**
- **3rd time: Level 2: 15 discipline points, 1 day In-School Suspension (ISS), and parent/legal guardian contact.**
- **4th time: Level 2: 15 discipline points, 1 day Out-of-School Suspension (OSS), and parent/legal guardian contact.**

**\*\*Exceptions for special activities or health considerations may be pre-approved by the administrator. \*\*\*Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, chorus, etc., are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities. The principal will make final determinations whether student dress distracts from the educational process of other students. If this determination is made, the student will be warned. Repeat similar offenses will be responded to as a discipline referral and progressive discipline will be utilized.**

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It is the mission of Benson Schools to provide a safe and welcoming learning community that prepares students to be competitive and productive citizens.