

DSST: Byers HS Dress Code 22-23



Why do we have a dress code at Byers?

Physical Safety: We are committed to student safety and have crafted a Policy on Dress that reflects requirements necessary to keep students physically safe. For example, many of our students engage in science and engineering labs daily. Closed-toed shoes help protect against accidents and injuries that may result from chemical spills or heavy machinery.

Welcoming Community: At Byers, we strive to be a welcoming community where all people are known and valued. We know that the personal values of families and students may extend to their chosen dress. All students should be comfortable with what they can wear and how they express themselves in school. However, students should be sensitive to the fact that they are joining a diverse community and therefore work to ensure their dress does not alienate or harm others.

Building Habits of Success: Beginning each day with intention is something we believe sets all people up for success, regardless of their next steps after Byers. Dressing for school (vs. rolling out of bed and showing up dressed in PJs) is like a “Do Now” for your day: it creates an intentional point of transition that also shifts mindset, perspective, and supports readiness for engagement in the classroom.

Flexible: We want our dress code to reflect the world today, not 1, 5 or 100 years ago. We are always open to shifting our perspective given intentional feedback that expresses a clear need for change.

Dress-Code Basics

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Guidance for Dress: Dress that is suggested to support the wellbeing of self and community by ensuring safety, focus, and habits of excellence.

Tops and Bottoms that fully cover areas that would be covered by undergarments and the undergarments themselves (bra straps excepted). **Suggestions:** T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, blouses, jeans, joggers, athletic leggings/shorts, sweatpants.

Shoes with a Hard Sole and Closed Toe in order to maintain safety in all environments including gym, science labs, and evacuations. **Suggestions:** Sneakers, flats, athletic shoes, boots.

Prohibited Items: Students wearing these items will be asked to immediately change to support the wellbeing of self and community to ensure safety, focus, and habits of excellence.

- **Attire harmful to the community** that may promote topics inappropriate to the school environment, including violence, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, gangs, sex/nudity, or anything derogatory or harmful to any other member of our community.
- **Hats and Hoods** - make identification difficult for the purposes of safety and reunification as well as enable disengagement from class.

*Teachers may ask that students have specific dress for science labs, mock interviews, internships, athletic activities, etc. that will be clearly stated in syllabi, rubrics, directions and/or in class and may affect a student’s grade. Please reach out to the teacher with any additional questions or clarification needed.