

# Briarmeadow Charter School

## Elementary Uniform Policy

### 2007-2008

The purpose of this dress code is to:

- Ensure a safe learning environment and
- Promote a climate of effective discipline that does not distract from the educational process.
- **The administration is the final arbitrator on what detracts from the educational process.**

The BCS Uniform Policy will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance may result in more serious disciplinary actions based on HISD's Student Code of Conduct. Non-compliance can result in:

- a student being required to change into parent conference
  - available uniform items kept by the school                      ■ in-school suspension
- loss of Blue Jeans Friday ■ out-of-school suspension

*Dress code violation is a Level II infraction: repeated violations are Level III.*

#### **General Guidelines**

- All students are required to wear the school uniform with the following exceptions: - Casual Dress on the last Friday of the month for MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS - Blue Jeans every Friday for ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS - Individual Picture Day (fall); appropriate clothing is required - Go Texan Day (mid-winter); western clothing is allowed
- Blue Jeans Friday may be **earned** every Friday. Children may wear appropriately fitting blue jeans and a shirt with the Briarmeadow name, logo, or event.
- Teachers may require specific colors and/or uniform pieces for field trips (official school events require a more formal look).
- Clothing items which comply with the BCS uniform policy may be bought at any store.
- Parents influence a student's attitude about wearing uniforms by supporting this policy and enforcing what is worn to school (see Parent Responsibility Form required. for enrollment).

#### ***TOPS***

*t-shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, jackets*

- Top Colors (solid colors no stripes, trim, logos, etc.)
  - red
  - white
  - navy blue
  - dark, forest green
  - bright yellow
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- Sleeves are not to be rolled up.

## **BOTTOMS**

*blue jeans, pants, shorts, Capri pants or skirts*

- Bottom Colors (solid colors-NO stripes, trim, embroidery, patterns, logo, etc.)
  - khaki
  - navy blue
- Items with belt loops must be worn with an appropriate belt. Belts are not required for PreK or Kindergarten students.
- Must be suitably sized.
- Must be worn at or near the waist.
- Skirt or short lengths must be long enough to fall below the fingertips when arms are hanging straight down.
- Skirts may NOT have splits/slits.  
Spandex or other stretchy material is NOT allowed.

## **OUTER GARMENTS,**

- Sweaters and jackets of any style and color maybe worn before and after school but must be placed in cabbies during the day. They cannot be worn in classrooms, hallways, or community areas during the school day.
- **ONLY SOLID COLOR** red, navy, or white sweatshirts or jackets maybe worn in classrooms.
- Jackets/sweatshirts may NOT be worn around the waist.

## **SHOES**

- Shoes must be closed-toe and closed-heeled (for example, tennis shoes).
- For safety reasons, platform shoes, spiked heels, combat boots, steel-toed boots, or any backless shoes (including clogs, house shoes, sandals, open-toed shoes, flip-flop shoes, aqua socks, and flip flop type sandals) are NOT allowed.
- Shoes must be secured (tied) at all times.
- Shoes must show under the pant leg.
- On days with physical education, students must wear athletic-type or tennis shoes.

## **ADDITIONAL DRESS AND GROOMING REGULATIONS**

- Socks must be white or matching color.
- No make up
- Clothing must cover tattoos.
- Body piercing (other than ears for girls), must remain empty while at school.
- Jewelry may present safety issues during physical activities so students may need to remove it.  
Must be suitably sized.
- Undershirts must be the same color as top shirt or white.
- Shirts should not be form-fitting and should remain tucked in when arms are raised.