

# Briar Meadow Middle School

## Uniform Policy 2006-2007

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 Middle School 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 ■ before/after school detention  
available uniform items kept by the school ■ parent conference
- loss of casual dress day ■ in-school suspension
- lunch detention ■ out-of-school suspension *Dress code violation is a Level II infraction: repeated violations are Level III.*

### **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.
- 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.
- ■ Students are NOT allowed to mark on shirts with words or symbols.

### **BOTTOMS**

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

- Bottom Colors (solid colors-NO stripes, trim, embroidery, patterns, logo, etc.)
  - blue denim (NO black, tan, etc.)
  - khaki
  - navy blue
- Items with belt loops must be worn with an appropriate belt.
- 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 lockers 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-toed and closed-heeled (for example, tennis shoes).
- For safety reasons, platform shoes, spiked keels, 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

- Jewelry that distracts from the educational process is **NOT** allowed. This includes anything depicting the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, drugs, sex, race, gender, obscenities, alcohol or anything else deemed inappropriate.
- Hairstyles or hair colors that distract from the educational process are **NOT** allowed (i.e. purple, green, orange, red, blue, etc.).
- Makeup that distracts from the educational process is **NOT** allowed.
- Head wear (hats, caps, bandannas, etc.) are **NOT** allowed. Sunglasses are **NOT** allowed.
- Clothing may **NOT** be worn on the shoulder or wrapped/tied around the waist.
- Students are **PROHIBITED** from wearing tattoos or marking their exposed skin with words or symbols.
- Personal grooming is restricted to restroom' facilities.
- No body piercing is allowed, except for earrings.

## CASUAL DRESS

If students **qualify** for casual dress on the last Friday of the month, the following dress code applies:

- Shirts: Straps must be at least 1" wide; no inappropriate language and/or advertisements for . alcohol/tobacco; athletic jerseys are acceptable; shirts should **NOT** be form-fitting and should be fit to the waist when arms are raised.

- No hats are allowed.
- Pants should NOT have tears or holes.
- No flip-flops or house shoes.
- All clothing should be appropriate for school wear. Administration reserves the right to make any determinations or appropriateness.