



## High School Dress Code

Big Valley Christian high school desires to create an educational atmosphere that maximizes learning. Modesty, moderation, neatness, cleanliness and gender distinction are the overriding principles of the BVCS high school dress code. The administration or his/her designee is the final authority on the dress code policy.

The dress code policy remains in force while all students are on campus during the school day (including spirit weeks and finals), on a field trip, participating in student outings or in athletic activities. Students are expected to dress modestly at all school related events.

### Standards for Dress

Please use the following guidelines when choosing the appropriate clothing for the school year. Because of changing trends, all styles of dress, jewelry, and grooming are subject to approval by the administration. If in doubt about a particular type of clothing, grooming, or jewelry style, call or come into the school office for clarification.

### GIRLS

#### **Dresses/Skirts:**

- Hemlines and slits should be mid-thigh or longer. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee.
- Extremely tight-fitting dresses or skirts are unacceptable.

#### **Shirts:**

- Tops must cover the midriff, cleavage, lower back and bra straps.
- Strapless shirts (on one or both arms/shoulders) may not be worn.
- Off the shoulder shirts are not acceptable.
- No tank tops unless worn under a sleeved garment.
- No halter tops or spaghetti straps without a t-shirt underneath.
- Excessively tight-fitting tops are unacceptable.
- Sleeveless shirts may be worn as long as they cover the shoulder (4 inches in width).
- Shirts with minimal openings in the arms ("cold shoulder") are acceptable as long as they meet all the other guidelines outlined above.
- Shirts with imprinted messages are allowed within the guidelines of good judgment and Appropriateness.

#### **Pants/Shorts:**

- Long pants must be modestly fitting.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Pajama bottoms are not acceptable for school dress.
- Leggings or yoga pants may be worn under a shirt (which is thumb length or longer), both in the front and in the back.
- Shorts must be loose fitting and at least mid-thigh in length. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee.
- Holes/tears in jeans/pants should not interfere with modesty and should be below thumb length.

**Shoes:**

- Shoes must be worn at all times.

**Grooming:**

- Makeup and hair should be in good taste, not extreme or distracting.
- No visible tattoos.

**Jewelry/Hats:**

- No visible body piercings (except for the ears) are to be worn on campus during school hours.
- Hats or hoods (on sweatshirts) may not be worn in classrooms.

**Activities:**

If an activity requires special dress (i.e., graduation, field trip, etc.), a note will be sent home with instructions and information about the dress expectation.

**Banquet Dress:**

- Strapless and spaghetti straps are acceptable. Hemlines and slits should be mid-thigh or longer and dresses should cover the midriff. No backless or low necklines.

**BOYS****Shirts:**

- Shirts with imprinted messages are allowed within the guidelines of good judgment and appropriateness.
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permissible. This includes muscle shirts.

**Pants/Shorts:**

- Pants should be in good condition and clean, neat, modestly fitting and not too tight, baggy and/or saggy.
- Pants should cover undergarments at all times.
- Pajama bottoms are not acceptable for school dress.
- Shorts must be loose fitting and at least mid-thigh in length. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee.
- Holes/tears in jeans/pants should not interfere with modesty and should be below thumb length.

**Shoes:**

- Shoes must be worn at all times.

**Grooming:**

- Facial hair must be neatly trimmed and groomed.
- No visible tattoos.
- Make-up or nail polish is unacceptable for male students.

**Jewelry/Hats:**

- No earrings, visible body piercing, or distracting jewelry are to be worn on campus during school hours or during school events.
- Hats or hoods (on sweatshirts) may not be worn in classrooms.

**Activities:**

If an activity requires special dress (i.e., graduation, swimwear, etc.), a note will be sent home with instructions and information about the dress expectation.

**Banquet Dress:**

- Dark dress pants (no denim)
- Dress shoes (no tennis shoes)
- Dress shirt
- Tie (coat or sweater optional)

**Dress Code Violation Disciplinary Action:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Parents contacted; detention assigned

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Parents contacted; double detention assigned

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Parent conference; Saturday school assigned