

## **Bridge Elementary Dress Code Specifications**

### **Updated October 2021**

**Purpose:** Bridge Elementary believes that a mandatory school dress code promotes a more secure school environment and increases learning and social opportunities by removing many of the distractions and negative or disruptive connotations associated with various types of clothing.

All students are required to comply with the dress code. Although parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their children wear appropriate clothing, students that continually violate the dress code may be subject to disciplinary measures as determined by administration.

**General:** All clothing must be free from holes, tears and other visible disrepair.

**Tops:** Tops must be an official Bridge Spirit shirt or a collared, solid color, polo-style shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve) and must adhere to the following requirements.

- Color: any solid color polo shirt.
- A long-sleeved white or black shirt may be worn under a short-sleeved polo-shirt.
- Shirts must be long enough or remain tucked in so a child's belly does not show when arms are extended.

#### **Dresses:**

- Polo-dresses in any solid color.
- Solid colored jumpers in black or tan.

**Bottoms:** Bottoms include pants, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers and must adhere to the following requirements:

- Color: Solid color in tan or black. Leggings or tights worn under skirts, shorts, skorts or dresses can be white, tan, or black.
- Skirts, skorts, shorts, and dresses must be no shorter than 4" above the knee unless leggings or tights are worn underneath.
- Bottoms must be worn high enough on waist and shirts long enough that under clothes or backsides do not show.

**Shoes:** Must be closed toe (flip flops, sandals, etc. are not allowed) and for appropriate for outdoor wear (slippers are not considered shoes). Shoes can have lights but cannot have wheels.

**Hats:** May not be worn in the building unless an exception is provided for in an IEP, 504 Plan, or as a medical need. Hats must not include inappropriate sayings or graphics.

**Jackets, Sweaters or Over Wear:** Students may not wear jackets, sweaters or over wear, such as hoodies, in the school during instruction time unless they are an official Bridge Spirit hoodie or Bridge Spirit zippered jacket. Jackets, sweaters or over wear that are not Bridge Spirit apparel, may be worn into the classroom but must be stored in the child's locker upon arrival to the classroom. If they are worn into the lunchroom following recess, students can choose to wear the article or place it under their bottom and sit on it until they are dismissed from the lunchroom.

**Dress Down Day:** Administration will occasionally offer Dress Down Days for rewards, fundraising, or other purposes. During Dress Down Days the following rules apply:

- Skirts, shorts, skorts or dresses may not be shorter than 4" above the knee unless leggings are worn underneath.
- Shirts must have a sleeve that is at least 3" wide (tank tops and spaghetti strap tops not allowed) and must be long enough that the belly or midriff are not visible.
- Clothing cannot include inappropriate graphics such as promotion of drugs, alcohol or violence or include profanity.
- Closed toed shoes are required and slippers are not allowed.

### **Name Badge**

Students are provided a name badge after school pictures are taken. Students must always wear their name badge during school. Students will receive ONE replacement name badge. Additional replacement name badges are \$5 each.

### **Dress Code Violations**

Students who are in violation of the dress code will be sent to the office to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If parents or guardians can bring the clothing within 15 minutes the student can change into the clothing the parent/guardian brings. However, if the parent cannot bring clothing within 15 minutes, the student will change into clothing provided by Bridge. Clothing borrowed from the school should be washed and returned to school within three days.

Students who are continuously in violation of the dress code (four or more violations) will be required to change into Bridge Elementary borrowed clothing and spend one hour after school, 3:30 – 4:30 or 1:30 – 2:30 on short days, organizing, folding and arranging the dress code clothing bins under supervision of office staff.

Administration or their proctor, have final determination regarding whether violation of the dress code has occurred.