

Bethel Prep Dress Code

Student and faculty dress reflects the seriousness, importance, and fun of learning and our pride in being members of this school community. Creating and maintaining Bethel Prep's Dress Code is part of the classical learning experience. Bethel Prep's Academy colors are gold and black. These are meant to represent the excellence of Christ impacting the darkness of the world as well as the power of a Biblical-classical education to overcome the ignorance of education that ignores the truth of Jesus Christ.

In the Grammar School, all students must wear uniforms. Uniforms are expected to be clean, in good condition, and each item labeled with the student's name.

In the Dialectic School, students will become more involved in learning about and creating the Dress Code. Here the goal is to help them begin to understand the purpose and benefits of dressing appropriately for a learning environment.

In the upper school, students will become more actively involved in creating and enforcing the Dress Code. Here students learn about and practice healthy self-expression and professional projection through appropriate dress.

Their homeroom or classroom teacher checks students at the beginning of each school day. Students who are in violation of the dress code will receive the following consequences:

- First offense requires Dress Code Reminder to be sent home, signed, and returned to your child's homeroom teacher the next day.
- Second offense within a marking period will result in an after school detention.
- Third offense within a marking period will result in an out of school suspension.
- Subsequent offenses will result in a parent meeting with the schoolmaster.

Uniform colors are gold, black, white, and khaki. Gold shirts and dress uniform shirts are to be purchased at EmbroidMe to ensure that each student wears the same color. All other items may be purchased at your discretion. Land's End offers our school 3% on all net sales on uniforms purchased for Bethel Prep, free hemming, and our logo as an option on shirts and sweaters (Land's End Preferred School #9001-1758-1).

The schoolmaster, staff, and/or School Board are the final interpreters and arbiters of the Dress Code Policy. The Dress Code may be modified at any time.

WHERE TO SHOP

Land's End School Code: 900117581 (When you use this number Lands End credits 3% of your purchase to Bethel Prep) www.landsend.com

EmbroidMe available in their store at 1500 Almonesson Road, Deptford, NJ 08096, Phone 856-812-0509, or online at <http://www.embroidme-deptford.com>

GENERAL POLICIES

- Students must always be dressed neatly and modestly.
- Hair must be clean and neat and not cover a student's eyes. For boys, hair may not be excessively long (i.e. covering the eyes or touching the shirt collar). No mohawks or similar haircuts and or styles are permitted.
- Hair accessories must be modest and compliment the student's uniform.
- Hair color must be natural and acceptable to the schoolmaster and/or staff. Hair must not be multicolored or distracting to the learning environment.
- Young men must be clean-shaven; sideburns are not to be below the middle of the ear.
- Jewelry must be age appropriate and modest. Large earrings and long necklaces are not permitted. Young men are never permitted to wear earrings on school property or at school functions. No other piercing is allowed. Young ladies may wear one set of pierced earrings on the ear lobes. No pins on sweaters sweat shirts, blouses, or polo's.
- Make-up may not be worn in Grammar School.
- Students are not permitted to wear any head covering in the school building.

If a student is unable to comply with the dress code temporarily for a legitimate reason, parents must notify the school in advance. If there are financial reasons why a student cannot comply with the Dress Code please contact the Schoolmaster.

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- Second offense within a marking period will result in an after school detention.
- Third offense within a marking period will result in an out of school suspension.
- Subsequent offenses will result in a parent meeting with the schoolmaster.

Please note that all items that are labeled as 'uniform' from a retailer may not comply with Bethel Prep's Dress Code. For example, Lands' End has Uniform Boys Cargo Shorts. Cargo shorts are not permitted even if a retailer labels them as 'uniform'. Likewise, Lands' End has a Uniform Girls Stretch Stain Resistant Flare Pant. Pants with flare legs are not permitted.

Additionally, there are many different shades of khaki. Bethel Prep wears the tan colored khaki. If you need to see the shade you can refer to Lands End, Gap Kids, or JC Penney to see the shade of khaki.

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Girls Uniform Guidelines

Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers, Pants

- Khaki or black **knee-length uniform** skirt, skort, or jumper.
- Khaki or black uniform long pants. Uniform pants have straight pant legs. Girls may wear pants October through April only, unless indicated otherwise by Schoolmaster.
- No Capri's. No denim pants or shorts. No sweat pants or shorts (*except on gym days*). No cut-off shorts.
- No corduroy skirts, skorts, jumpers or pants. No pants with flare legs. No narrow pant legs. No cargo pants.

GIRLS UNIFORM CHANGE OVER MONTHS										
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Girls may wear skirts, skorts, jumpers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Girls may wear pants		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Gym shorts may be worn	X	X						X	X	X
Gym pants may be worn		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Shirts

- Short or long-sleeved white, black, or gold polo shirt. Gold polo shirts must be purchased from EmbroidMe (item numbers 5832, 5804, and 5806).
- Short or long-sleeved white dress button-down blouse with collar.
- No turtlenecks.
- Beginning in 3rd grade all shirts must be tucked in with a belt if pants or skirt has belt loops.
- T-shirts/undershirts worn under polo's/oxfords must match the polo/oxford in color and cannot have any words, pictures, or logos of any kind.
- Long sleeve shirts are not permitted under short-sleeved polo's or gym t-shirts.

Sweaters

- Sweaters can be a black or white cardigan, black or white long sleeve V-neck pullover style, or black or white V-neck sweater vest.
- Cardigans and long sleeve V-neck pullover style may be worn with either a white or gold polo or oxford shirt/blouse.
- V-neck sweater vests may only be worn over a white oxford shirt/blouse.
- No hoodies, sweat jackets, coats, jackets, etc. are to be worn in the classroom.

Belt

- Plain black belt, no braids or designs; must be worn when shirt is tucked in.
- Beginning in 3rd grade all shirts must be tucked in and a belt if skirt or skort has belt loops.

Shoes

- Closed heel and toe black/brown/tan dress shoes or sneakers may be worn to school every day.
- Sneakers must be worn on gym days.
- No high- heels (any heel over 1-inch), platform shoes, sandals, flip flops, clogs, mules, Crocs, Heelies, or boots of any kind.

Socks/Tights

- Solid white or black knee socks or ankle socks. Black knee socks are available at EmbroidMe with and without embroidery but can be purchased at any store.
- Socks must cover ankles.
- Solid opaque white or black tights (plain, ribbed, or cable knit).

Boys Uniform Guidelines

Pants and Shorts

- Khaki or black uniform dress pants or dress shorts.
- Khaki or black uniform knee-length shorts. No cargo shorts.
- Boys may wear shorts September, October, April, May, and June.
- No corduroy. No cargo pants or shorts. No denim pants or shorts. No sweat pants or shorts (*except on gym days*). No cut-off shorts.

BOYS UNIFORM CHANGE OVER MONTHS										
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Boys may wear pants	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boys may wear shorts	X	X						X	X	X
Gym shorts may be worn	X	X						X	X	X
Gym pants may be worn		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Shirts

- Short or long-sleeved white, black, or gold polo shirt. Gold polo shirts must be purchased from EmbroidMe (item numbers 5832, 5804, and 5806).
- Short or long-sleeved white oxford dress button-down shirt with collar.
- No turtlenecks.
- Beginning in 3rd grade all shirts must be tucked in with a belt.
- T-shirts/undershirts worn under polo's/oxfords must match the polo/oxford in color and cannot have any words, pictures, or logos of any kind.
- Long sleeve shirts are not permitted under short-sleeved polo's or gym t-shirts.

Sweaters

- Sweaters worn in the classroom can be a black cardigan, V-neck sleeveless, or V-neck long sleeve pullover style, worn over a white or gold collared, button-down oxford.
- No hoodies, sweat jackets, coats, jackets, etc. are to be worn in the classroom.

Belt

- Plain black belt, no braids or designs; must be worn when shirt is tucked in.
- Beginning in 3rd grade all shirts must be tucked in and a belt.

Shoes

- Closed heel and toe black/brown/tan dress shoes or sneakers may be worn to school every day.
- Sneakers must be worn on gym days.
- No sandals, flip flops, mules, Crocs, Heelies, or boots of any kind.

Socks

- Solid white, khaki, or black socks.
- Socks must cover ankles.

Physical Education – All Schools

K-6 must wear the gym uniform to school on gym days only. Dialectic and Rhetoric school students must change completely into and out of the gym uniform on gym days. Gym uniform is as follows:

- **Plain** black sweat pants are to be worn November through March.
- **Plain** black shorts are permitted in September, October, April, May, and June. Shorts must be a minimum of fingertip length on the student.
- **No logos (other than Bethel Prep logo), stripes, track pants or running shorts permitted.**
- Bethel Prep gold t-shirts (available through the office). Gym t-shirts must be tucked in outside of gym glass to maintain a neat appearance during instructional time.
- Long sleeve shirts are not permitted under gym t-shirts.
- Sweatshirts must be plain black or gold (must be purchased at EmbroidMe to provide uniformity), have the school logo, and properly fit the student and not be oversized.
- All students are allowed to wear sweatshirts on gym day if they choose. Only Dialectic and Rhetoric School students are permitted to wear these sweatshirts on any school day.
- EmbroidMe sells black sweatpants and shorts with and without embroidery but items can be purchased at any store as long as they meet the above guidelines.

Dress Uniform Guidelines – All Schools

Dress uniforms will be worn when requested by Schoolmaster for special occasions such as honor's chapel, concerts, productions, school pictures, etc.

Girls

- Black skirts
- Logo white blouse (from EmbroidMe) tucked in with belt if skirt has belt loops
- Black dress shoes with closed toe and heel
- Black knee socks or black tights.
- **No high heels (heels over 1-inch).**
- Hair accessories must be modest and compliment the dress uniform

Boys

- Black pants
- Logo white oxford shirt (from EmbroidMe) tucked in
- Belt
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks
- Black necktie

Uniform Exchange

In order for clothing to be considered for donation:

- Undamaged (all buttons, working zippers, free of holes/tears/stains)
- Tights and socks may not be donated unless they are in their original packaging.
- No shoes.
- Please do not donate dirty, torn, or stained garments. Normal wear is expected.

After items are inspected and sorted according to size and gender, clothing is placed on sale for \$3.00 per item. All proceeds go directly back to Bethel Prep to benefit our children. Bethel Prep will not pay cash for any clothing donation and has no control over uniform availability or sizes. Sales are on a first come first served basis.

You do not have to donate items to shop at the Uniform Exchange. However, for the Uniform Exchange to be a success we need as many donations as possible.

Parent volunteers manage the Uniform Exchange.