

**District Policy  
5511-DRESS AND GROOMING**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
DRESS CODE (BCIT)**

**The following dress code is to replace the Vocational School District of the County of Burlington section of Policy 5511-DRESS AND GROOMING.**

The purpose of this dress code is to prepare students for expectations of the world of work and to promote the image of the school district. The standards are (1) Workplace Preparation, (2) Safety, and (3) Professionalism. Students are urged to emulate the dress code of successful adults in the occupation for which they are preparing. All students are required to dress in a manner that reflects good taste, modesty, and appropriateness. Choice of attire should be made according to the health, safety, and welfare of all students.

**SHIRTS FOR STUDENTS: Workplace Preparation/Professionalism**

**ACCEPTABLE (Any solid color)**

Collared golf style or dress shirt (short or long sleeved); or turtleneck. Blazers are acceptable over the appropriate collared shirt. Ties may be worn. Shirts must be loosely fitted, and midriffs must be covered; all shirts must be buttoned above the chest line; shirt colors are only **solid**; shirt collars may be trimmed in complementary color (i.e. blue shirt with white collar); shirt logos no larger than a half dollar.

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

T-shirts, tank tops, thin strapped or strapless tops, tube tops, mesh, fish-net styles, or clothing which exposes the back, chest or midriff, and low cut shirts; shirts worn under acceptable dress code shirts with stripes, logos or sayings; material cannot be made of see-through, or denim.

**SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS FOR STUDENTS: Workplace  
preparation/Professionalism**

**ACCEPTABLE (Any solid color)**

Crew-necked, V-necked or cardigans over collared shirts (as specified above). Sweater and sweatshirt length must extend to and be no longer than the hip area; sweaters and sweatshirts must be loosely fitted; sweater and sweatshirt colors are solid; sweater and sweatshirt logos no larger than a half dollar. BCIT apparel excluding T-Shirts will be acceptable: hooded sweatshirt; long sleeve shirts, sweatshirt; light jackets will not be considered a violation.

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

School issued sports uniform unless given permission, all non-BCIT hooded sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, jackets, coats, wind breakers, warm-up jackets, full zip sweatshirts, gloves and any type of outer garment may not be worn in the classrooms, hallways, or the cafeteria during the regular school day; sweatshirts with different color trim; material cannot be made of see-through, or denim. The above referred items should be placed in locker prior to homeroom.

**PANTS (SLACKS), SKIRTS and DRESSES FOR STUDENTS: Workplace Preparation/Professionalism**

**ACCEPTABLE (refer to the administrator's published color palette)**

Slacks, dress pants; skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (fingertip length), slits should not extend any higher than two inches above the knee.); pants must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist. Dresses do not need a collar, must be loosely fitted, and midriffs must be covered; all dresses must be buttoned above the chest line, have an appropriate neck-line and must be solid color. Solid leggings with a dress code approved tunic top finger-tipped length. Pants (slacks), skirt, and short colors are only according to color palette except white.

**NOT ACCEPTABLE (refer to the administrator's published color palette)**

Material made of sheer, see-through, shiny nylon, and denim. Chain, link, or metal belts. Overalls, sweatpants, and frayed/torn/unraveled look on clothing.

**FOOTWEAR FOR STUDENTS: (Safety)**

**ACCEPTABLE**

Shoes with rubber or hard soles and sneakers which cover the entire foot; open toe dress shoes or sandals that have back straps (except in career major areas directed by teacher/safety precautions).

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Flip-flops, slides, shower shoes, or slippers of any type.

**HEADWEAR (Professionalism)**

**ACCEPTABLE**

Headwear that is specific to religious affiliations.

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Hats, scarves, bandanas, wave caps, and sunglasses.

**Final determination of what is acceptable and not acceptable will be made by the administration.**

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