

Berkeley Alternative School Dress Code

All Students enrolled at Berkeley Alternative School will wear a uniform and adhere to the following dress code:

- Solid khaki pants or knee length shorts with belt loops must be worn daily. *Cargo Pants are not allowed.* (Female students may wear knee length khaki skirts.)
- Solid black or brown belt must be worn/buckled and must be the proper waist size.
- Shirts must be black for high school and burgundy for middle school with a collar (polo style long or short sleeve) and must be tucked in at all times.
- Shoes must be solid black or brown with a closed toe. Flip flops are not allowed.
- Hats, sweatbands and sunglasses may not be worn. Bandannas are prohibited.
- Logos, emblems, symbols and/or writing are not to appear on any part of clothing or person. This includes winter coats and jackets.
- We suggest that students purchase a black or burgundy hoodie/jacket with a zipper for colder months.
- Clothing that is shredded or torn will not be allowed.
- Gold caps or grills on teeth are not allowed.
- Students are not to wear anything that could cause a distraction or disrupt the school environment. This includes but is not limited to, excessive jewelry, large earrings, chains, multiple ring, hair ornaments, etc.
- Students are to be well-groomed every day.
- Hair color that does not occur naturally (i.e. pink, blue, green, purple, etc.) which is so extreme that it would be inappropriate to the school setting and disrupt the educational process is prohibited.

Students placed into the Berkeley Alternative School will have three days to comply with the uniform dress code after their in-take meeting.

Students who come to school out of uniform will be placed into In-School-Suspension until a parent or guardian arrives. Repeated offenses will result in suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

Berkeley County School District Student Dress Code

In order to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to learning, instills discipline and avoids safety hazards, the Berkeley County School District establishes the following guidelines for students:

- *Walking shorts are appropriate for school. No short shorts, miniskirts/dresses are acceptable.*
- *No sunglasses may be worn in the building, with the exception of RX sunglasses.*
- *No hats, head stockings, or handkerchiefs are permitted to be worn in the building. (If there is a medical reason for a student to wear one of the above listed, a letter from a physician will need to be provided to the principal.)*
- *No tank tops, halter tops, fish-net shirts, cut-off shirts, or bare midriffs are permitted.*
- *No gloves may be worn in the building.*
- *Suspenders are to be hooked and to be on the shoulders in the proper location.*
- *Pants must be worn at the appropriate waist level and may not be made of any see-through material.*
- *Belts must be worn at an appropriate level and buckled and tucked in loops.*
- *No clothing with vulgar or obscene symbols, language or wording is permitted. No clothing with advertisements for, or messages or pictures depicting or suggesting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex is permitted.*

The principal may create further guidelines regarding student dress which are consistent with this policy.

The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance, and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items which lead to or may foreseeably result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration will either require the student to change or will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again.