

REASONS FOR HAVING A MANDATORY DRESS CODE

We believe that the dress code will improve academic achievement by:

- promoting safe, focused learning environments
- building a positive school climate and fostering school pride
- reducing ethnic and racial tensions
- bridging socio-economic differences between children
- promoting positive school behavior
- improving children's self-respect and self-esteem, while reducing peer pressure.
- decreasing school violence and increasing school safety
- minimizing the loss of expensive student clothing
- saving money on clothing for families

BRET HARTE'S MANDATORY DRESS CODE FOR 2008-09

Students must follow the dress code, as outlined below, Monday through Friday.

SHIRTS

Solid white or navy blue, long or short-sleeved, collared button-down or polo shirt. No oversized shirts. Small logos- able to be covered by student's thumb- are acceptable.

PANTS, SKIRTS and SHORTS

Khaki or navy. No jeans. No sweats (P.E uniforms must be worn during P.E only). No baggy or sagging pants or shorts. Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than the fingertips of your extended arm.

SWEATERS and SWEATSHIRTS

Navy blue or white hooded or un-hooded sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn over the polo or collared shirt. Small logos- able to be covered by student's thumb- are acceptable. Hoods may NOT be worn in the building.

COATS and JACKETS

Solid colored coats and jackets may be worn. Coats and jackets may not contain any vulgar, tobacco, drug or alcohol messages, or decorations.

HATS and HEADCOVERINGS

No hats or head coverings may be worn inside the building at any time, except for religious reasons.