

The following is an abbreviated Junior High Dress Code

JH students are expected to be neat and well groomed. If a student's overall appearance is one of sloppiness or worldliness or if there is a question of modesty, that student may be asked to change his or her clothing or call home to have other clothing brought for them to change into. Clothing size should be appropriate for the size of the student. Flip flops of any kind are not permitted to be worn at school. Tennis shoes may be worn for classes. It is our desire to avoid pictures, symbols and messages (on clothing, notebooks, lunch boxes and other such items) that are at a variance with the Biblical lifestyle we are trying to teach at Bob Jones Junior High. *Clothing bearing the brand names **Abercrombie and Fitch and Hollister is not permitted.***

BOYS

Boys must wear slacks – no denim (of any color, including chambray). Boys may wear nice fitting cargo pants. Nylon pants and slacks with elastic at the ankles are not permitted. Pants with legs that zip off at the knees are not permitted. For athletic games on campus, boys may wear denim pants (without holes). In the interest of neatness and appropriateness, we expect boys to wear belts or suspenders when their slacks have belt loops, to keep their shirts buttoned, their shoes tied and to wear socks. These items are common sense, but current fashions undercut these basic tenets of neatness.

Shirts with collars must be worn for classes and evening games. Shirttails must be tucked in. All buttons must be buttoned on sleeves and button-down collars. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts and cut-off shirts are not permitted. Sweat shirts and mock turtlenecks are permitted for approved school activities

Shoes must have a regular heel (no backless shoes) and a closed toe. Sandals may be worn with socks for evening games. Socks must be worn at all times.

Boys must have their hair cut so that the back is tapered and does not come over the collar or ears. They may not shave the sides above the ear or have a shelved haircut. Sideburns are to be no longer than the lower opening of the ear. We do not permit our young men to color, highlight or dye their hair.

GIRLS

In general, our girls should dress to call attention to their femininity and Christian character and *not* to their bodies. Everything they wear should be modest from the standpoint of exposure and accent and should follow the guidelines set forth below. Wearing hosiery is no longer required during the school day.

Designer Ease – The garment industry uses measurements of "designer ease" to determine whether a garment is form fitting (slim cut), classic fit (natural fit) or loose fitting (relaxed fit). Ease is the difference in the measurement of the body and the measurement of the garment's circumference.

Generally, the classic or natural fit is determined by an ease of 3 to 4 inches in the bust and hips. In order to give a guideline to measure what we mean by "loose fitting" we have adopted the standard of a minimum of 3 inches of ease for all dresses, skirts, pants and shirts.

An informal way to measure ease is to stand up straight and pinch the loose fabric on both sides of the hips or at the bust line. Without stretching the fabric, there should be at least a 3/4-inch fold of fabric on both sides. Anything less is too tight.

Shoes: Combat boots, hiking boots or shoes that give this appearance are not permitted. Sandals with straps between the toes must be leather.

Skirts and Dresses

1. Dresses and skirts must come at least to the top of the kneecaps when walking, standing or sitting. Slits or any opening may not open higher than the required hem length when walking, standing or sitting
2. Wrap skirts must be pinned or fastened to the required hem length
3. Ragged hemlines are not permitted
4. Denim skirts and dresses (or any material made to look like denim) may be worn
5. Leggings cannot be worn under skirts and dresses

Blouses, Shirts and Sweaters

1. Blouses and sweaters should be loose fitting; (see Designer Ease)
2. Blouses must never be left unbuttoned so as to make them immodest
3. Sleeveless attire is not permitted unless covered by a jacket or sweater worn over a blouse. Tank tops, camisole-like tops, and cut-off shirts are not permitted
4. Shirttails must be tucked in unless cut to be worn out (i.e. straight cut or shorttails)
5. In order not to be immodest, blouses and shirts that are cut off at the waistline (crop tops) should have another shirt underneath. There should be no bare skin exposed when bending at the waist or raising the arm

Blouses and shirts with pictures or words on them are permitted unless the pictures or words are unacceptable or indiscreetly placed. T-shirts worn to class must be dressy, not the casual kind one would wear jogging. Plain white T-shirts are not permitted for approved school activities. Dark clothing should be worn for approved school activities involving water.

Pictures/illustrations of correct and incorrect examples of school dress rules can be found on the University intranet website by going to <http://home.bju.edu/life/> - on Edline, or the on the JH website www.bju.edu/bjih