

## Bishop Fenwick High School Uniform Code

A recognizable school uniform identifies students as belonging to the Fenwick community. Through their uniforms, students show that they are proud of themselves and this larger community to which they belong; the respect one has internally for a person or institution is expressed outwardly through their appearance. An established uniform, clearly stated and strictly enforced with minimal options, also allows students to remain focused on the serious endeavor of attaining knowledge, wisdom and grace, rather than on current fashion, fads, or popularity. Each student is encouraged to take pride in his/her personal appearance and develop habits of neatness, order, good taste, modesty and school spirit. His/her appearance should always be neat and clean, contributing to a business-like atmosphere which is conducive to the serious academic work taking place in the classroom.

Fenwick High School considers student dress and grooming to be primarily parental and student responsibilities. Parents are expected to support the school's policy by ensuring their son or daughter complies with the uniform code on a daily basis.

It is imperative that the students resolve any questions regarding the acceptability of their attire or appearance before arriving at school. There is no grace period for improper dress or grooming. Any item not outlined here concerning what constitutes appropriate appearance or attire will be determined by the Assistant Principal or appropriate designee.

**Students must arrive on campus conforming to the dress code.** Adherence to the uniform policy (shirts, hats, earrings, shirt tails, pants, etc.) is expected and will be enforced from the time the student enters the building until the end of the day (students who sign out early must remain in full uniform until they leave the school building). In addition to the policy laid out within this handbook, [www.fenwickfalcons.org](http://www.fenwickfalcons.org) has images of articles which are deemed acceptable and unacceptable.

### Daily Uniform

1. Starting with 2010-11 school year: Male and female students are expected to wear khaki/tan (no blues, grays, greens, or other "unusual" colors allowed) uniform pants purchased from our AppleHeart uniform supplier or from Lands' End. Pants are not to be "sagging" below a student's waist, are to have no holes, are not to be frayed, and are to be clean and in good order. A khaki skort is available for female students. At this time it is available from the AppleHeart store only. Acceptable styles (in khaki/tan color) are as follows:

#### AppleHeart Pants:

Males: # 7022M  
# 7120M

Females: # 7121J  
# 2548JR  
# 7102

#### Lands' End Pants:

Males: # 23106-65X0  
# 19113-05X1  
# 09251-65X5  
# 24385-05X6

Females: # 23111-55X0  
# 23112-15X6  
# 23112-55X4  
# 09260-75X9

#### AppleHeart Skort:

#3923GH

2. Both male and female students are to wear their pants at or above the waist level at all times. Under garments (including athletic shorts) should not be visible at any time (including days when the Fenwick uniform is not in effect).

3. Skorts: There is to be absolutely no alteration made to the skort and it is to be no shorter than one (1) inch above the knee. There is to be no rolling of the waist. No tights or hose are to be worn with the skort.

**You may only wear white socks or white knee socks.**

4. Belts are to be worn with all uniform pants with belt loops. The belt must be clearly visible at all times; therefore, the shirt must be completely tucked in to the pants. Belts should be of a color, size, material, and style fitting with business-casual attire.

5. All shirts must be properly fitted so that they tuck into the pants and must be worn completely tucked in at all times. Shirts must be neat, clean and free of rips, tears, and holes. All uniform shirts and sweatshirts must be purchased from AppleHeart.

The Fenwick uniform provides five uniform shirts to allow options for individual comfort

(a) Red or Gold short sleeve polo shirt with Fenwick crest

(b) Red, Gold, or White twill button-down collar dress shirt with Fenwick crest

Students are given two options for outer-wear during the school day:

(d) Oxford grey sweatshirt with embroidered Bishop Fenwick High School, crew neck style

(e) Bishop Fenwick red fleece pullover.

Other Fenwick sweatshirts/jackets, purchased as part of past uniforms or through the spirit shop, are NOT permitted during the school day.

Only a **plain white t-shirt** may be worn under the Fenwick uniform (including polo shirt, dress shirt, and outerwear). **No t-shirt with logos, writing, or images(including Fenwick club and team shirts) are allowed.** The wearing of such will be a dress code violation.

Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts. Shirts (under shirts, uniform shirts, and outer wear) are to be in the condition they were purchased (no holes, rips, tears, stains, or other visible alterations).

***The old white uniform shirts (short sleeve polo, long sleeve polo, and short and long sleeve oxford shirts) were permitted to be worn for the last time during the 2009-10 school year. Starting with the 2010-11 school year, these items will not be permitted.***

6. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times at Fenwick High School. Shoes must be closed toe, closed heel and have a hard sole. Shoes must be of dress/casual style or athletic style (gym shoes). Outside of athletic-style shoes, shoes are not permitted to rise above the ankle. Boots of any style are not permitted. Shoes must be in good condition (no tears/holes) and must be worn in the condition they were purchased (not colored in with marker or written on).

7. Caps, hoods, and other items covering the head may not be worn in the building at any time during the school day (from the time a student enters the building until the school day ends at 3:00). This includes students who have signed out but have not left the building. Hats worn in the building will be confiscated.

8. When appropriate Jackets may be worn into the school building but must be removed and placed into lockers where they must remain until the end of the school day (3:00 or time designated by change of schedule). This includes all outer wear such as jackets, hooded sweatshirts, fleeces, etc. which are not part of the Fenwick uniform.

9. Inappropriate hairstyles, haircuts, and coloring of hair is not allowed. Visible tattoos are not permitted. All males are required to be clean-shaven, and must have hair cut above the collar, ears, and eyes.

10. Girls may wear a maximum of two earrings in each ear. No other pierced jewelry is permitted. **For boys, no pierced jewelry, including earrings, is permitted.**

11. The uniform for Physical Education consists of red micro mesh gym shorts or long flannel pants and any Fenwick spirit t-shirt (must be purchased in Bishop Fenwick Spirit Shop). Students must also change into appropriate athletic shoes for physical education class. Students who have physical education during first block of a given day should arrive to school wearing their appropriate physical education clothing.

12. All clothing and shoes must be in good condition. ***Clothing must fit and be worn properly.*** This includes clothing worn when the official uniform is not in place (such as on spirit days, out-of-uniform days, field trips, retreats, or other activities related to the school day).

Examples:

Frayed hems, holes or tears in shirts/pants/sweat shirts, low-riding pants, shirts tied at the waist are not permitted.

#### **Spirit Days every Friday unless otherwise announced**

Fridays during the school year are designated as "Spirit Day" at Fenwick. While all uniform policies are in place on spirit days, students are given the opportunity to express additional school pride on Fridays. Spirit days are not "dress down" days—they are days when students are permitted to show spirit and pride in Fenwick and the individual Fenwick activities they participate. Exceptions are Fridays which fall during first or second semester exam weeks.

On spirit days, students are permitted to wear approved Fenwick spirit shirts purchased through clubs, teams or the spirit shop instead of the uniform shirt. Shirts approved for spirit days must show Fenwick pride in an obvious and visible manner through color, words, and images. Shirts should be red, gold, black, white, or grey in color and include writing and images which show Fenwick spirit.

In addition to clubs and other Fenwick organizations, the Fenwick spirit shop has a variety of options to be purchased for spirit days. It should be noted, however, that not every item purchased or provided by a school organization is approved for spirit days (ie fashionable Fenwick clothing sold in the spirit shop or by other vendors and club/team shirts from previous years).

All spirit shirts should be tucked in with belts clearly visible. Only plain white t-shirts are permitted to be worn under any spirit items, including sweatshirts (t-shirts must be tucked in under the sweatshirts).

On spirit days, students are expected to observe all areas of the uniform policy including guidelines for jewelry, hair, pants, shoes, belts, t-shirts, and outer-wear. Shorts are NOT permitted on spirit days.

Students may opt out of wearing spirit clothing for the normal Fenwick uniform shirts.

When weeks end on a day other than Friday, there will be NO spirit day for that week unless previously approved and announced by school administration!

#### **Dress-up Uniform Special occasions - TBA**

With notice, the administration may declare a school day as a "dress-up day". Dress up days may include picture days, days when special guests will be visiting the school, or other occasions. On dress up days, students are expected to wear dress clothes which are in good taste and modesty.

Females:

- Tops are required to have a collar (only exception is a dress sweater in which case it must have a high enough neckline to cover all cleavage)
- If a button-up style top, only 1 button may be open at the top
- Any tops worn un-tucked must hit at least 6 inches below the waistline
- All tops must have at least a 1/4 sleeve
- Skirts must be of knee-length or longer
- Printed clothing is not permitted
- Appropriate dress shoes are required (must be closed toe and closed heel and have no more than 1/2 inch heel for safety purposes)
- "tight fitting" (based on the opinion of school personnel) tops and bottoms are not permitted.
- Modesty is Expected !

Males:

- shirts are required to have a collar (only exception is a dress sweater)
- Ties are acceptable and ENCOURAGED
- all shirts must be tucked in
- button-up style shirts may only have 1 button open at the top
- belt must be worn and clearly visible
- Printed clothing is not permitted
- Dress shoes are required

\* Students are NOT permitted to wear the uniform sweatshirt or fleece on dress-up days

\*\*If the appropriateness of a piece of clothing is in question DO NOT WEAR IT!

Dress-up Uniform is in effect for the following events during the 2010-11 school year (in addition to others announced by administration):

- Picture Day
- Grandparents Day (last day before Thanksgiving Break)
- All Award Ceremonies

The Fenwick Spirit Shop/Bookstore is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch periods. Spirit wear and limited school supplies are available for purchase.