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 Bahamas Technical and Vocational  
 Board of Directors  
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<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>	<b>AA-21-01-012</b>
<b>TITLE OF POLICY</b>	Student Dress Code
<b>DATE OF ADOPTION</b>	Spring 2023
<b>SUPERSEDES</b>	Student Dress Code, 2016
<b>DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>	Fall 2023
<b>PROJECTED DATE OF REVISION</b>	Fall 2027
<b>PURPOSE OF THE POLICY</b>	To establish guidelines for the acceptable and appropriate attire of students
<b>REVISION NUMBER</b>	Version I
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	Office of Academic Affairs
<b>RELATED POLICIES/PROCEDURES</b>	Policy on Student Discipline
<b>APPENDICES</b>	None

**1.0 Preamble**

One of the primary goals of the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) is to provide technical and vocational education and training with a focus on practical skills and workforce readiness. To help achieve this goal and prepare them for the world of work, BTVI requires that all students dress in a manner appropriate for the workplace and which observes workplace safety protocols. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

**2.0 Scope**

This policy establishes guidelines for the acceptable and appropriate attire of students on BTVI premises as well as off-campus classes, online classes/video-sessions, activities or functions sponsored by BTVI.

**3.0 Policy**

- 3.1 In those instances in which uniforms are required, students must dress in accordance with prescribed uniform standards.
- 3.2 All students enrolled in programmes that require uniforms should be in full uniform.



- 3.3 In those instances in which uniforms are not required:
  - 3.3.1 Skin-tight and close-fitting clothing, including leggings, yoga pants or similar tight pants, is not allowed.
  - 3.3.2 Skirts must be no shorter than one inch above the knee.
  - 3.3.3 Exposed midriffs and cleavage are not allowed.
  - 3.3.4 Straps such as those found on tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops, sleeveless tops, dresses, shirts and/or spaghetti strap tops are not allowed.
  - 3.3.5 Undergarments must be concealed by all clothing. Tops that reveal undergarments (due to transparency, length or lack of coverage) are not allowed.
  - 3.3.6 Shirts must be tucked into pants. The “baggy” look is a safety hazard and is not allowed as loose garments can become entangled in high powered machinery.
  - 3.3.7 Pants must be worn at the waist and must cover the buttocks.
  - 3.3.8 Clothing with holes, cuts, tears and/or rips that expose undergarments or skin is not allowed.
  - 3.3.9 Printed messages, words or phrases on clothing must not contain profanity or obscenities or promote violence or illegal activities.
  - 3.3.10 Pictures or graphics on clothing must not contain obscenities or promote violence or illegal activities.
- 3.4 The length and style of accessories should be limited as they could constitute a health or safety hazard.
- 3.5 Hats, hoods and sunglasses may not be worn during classes, unless so authorised by the Office of Academic Affairs.
- 3.6 Students must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for ALL laboratory classes.
- 3.7 Students who wear any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate, offensive or a distraction to the educational environment or who violate the dress code policy may be subject to disciplinary action.