# BFS DRESS CODE POLICY

### General Information

BFS has a school uniform, which reflects the style of smart/casual attire found in the United States. Our policy is based on the beliefs that the school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride, community, inclusion, and belonging in our school;
- identifies our students with the school using a cohesive image;
- prevents students from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting or promote competition; and
- is practical and designed with health and safety in mind.

Official BFS school uniforms are to be worn Monday through Thursday. Friday (or the last day of a working week) is a casual day, and students may choose to wear their uniform or appropriate casual clothing. The last day of school is also a casual day.

An approved school uniform purchased from one of the BFS vendors (Lands' End, PL Schoolwear, BFS PTSO) is required of all students. Our BFS-approved tops and jumpers carry the approved logo when purchased from an approved vendor.

Uniform items may be tailored for fit, not for style.

Implementing the uniform policy is based on cooperation among students, parents, and the school. The school administration is the final authority on the uniform policy, and the appropriateness of overall appearance will be left to the discretion of the administration.

#### General Considerations

Please note the following:

- Official BFS school uniforms are to be worn Monday through Thursday.
  - The Shark hoodie and Letter Jacket are approved as part of the school uniform.
  - Only BFS logo outerwear items may be worn at school. Students may not cover their uniforms with non-BFS sweatshirts/jackets/coats or wear non-uniform pants with other uniform items.
  - Hoodies or sweatshirts from BFS sports or activities and BFS spirit t-shirts are not considered part of the uniform and may only be worn on Fridays.
  - In cold weather students must wear their school-regulation navy blue sweaters or cardigan. If they are still cold, they may put a BFS Shark hoodie or BFS uniform logo jacket over their sweater or cardigan.
  - All Elementary students are also required to purchase BFS P.E. attire to wear on P.E. days (including Fridays).
  - Middle and High School students enrolled in P.E. courses must purchase BFS P.E. t-shirt and shorts to wear during P.E. class only.
  - Proper sports shoes that have laces and good ankle and arch support are also required for P.E.

- Friday (or the last day of a working week) is a casual day, and students may choose to wear their uniform or appropriate casual clothing.
  - Students should not wear low necklines, spaghetti straps, bare midriff or halter-tops.
  - Skirts or shorts should be longer than 2 inches (5 cm) above the knee.
  - The use of hats inside the school is not allowed.
  - Graphics on clothing should not include profanity, violence, hate speech, or drug/alcohol references.
  - Students may not wear open-toed shoes or sandals, including Fridays.

### Formal Days

At the school's discretion, "formal days" will be called. These are days where we celebrate a special event, or we have guests on campus. On those days the student will need to wear their oxford shirt and, in the case of High School, their uniform blazer.

High school students will have a formal day on each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. From October 1 until April 30, they are expected to wear the blazer on formal days.

## School Uniform Attire

#### Uniform Items

We have three basic uniform sets across the grade levels. A cold weather uniform (fall/winter), a warm weather uniform (spring), and a PE uniform.

COLD WEATHER (FALL/WINTER)	WARM WEATHER (SPRING)	PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)
UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM
<ul> <li>White long-sleeved oxford shirt.</li> <li>Navy blue long-sleeved polo</li> <li>Navy blue fine gauge V-neck sweater, or Navy blue fine-gauge cardigan, or BFS navy blue shark hoodie (optional)</li> <li>Khaki long pants, plaid jumper (Elementary), or plaid skirt</li> <li>HS only: Navy Blazer and plaid tie (formal days)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Navy blue short-sleeved polo</li> <li>One of: Khaki shorts, or Plaid skirt, or Plaid jumper.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ES: Cobalt long or short-sleeved t-shirt, athletic shorts</li> <li>MS/HS: BFS P.E. t-shirt and shorts.</li> </ul>

#### Official Vendors

Official BFS uniform is available for purchase through three suppliers:

- 1. Lands' End
- 2. Korean local supplier PL Schoolwear
- 3. PTSO Used shop

Check our Appendix for information on how to order through these vendors.

\*\*\* To prevent loss, be sure that you clearly label each item of your child's uniform. Blank labels have been sewn into each article of clothing specifically for this purpose. \*\*\*

## Appendix - How to Order

#### Lands' End

- Orders are made through the Land's End website www.landsend.com. Upon first login you will need to create a user account. You will be able to select the school and save your child(ren) profile(s). This means that all items that are available according to the uniform school policy will automatically appear. The checklist indicates which items are mandatory. All other items being optional. Here is a direct link to our school:
  - http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900151903
- Make sure to check the latest promotions as they can positively influence the price: http://www.busanforeignschool.org/latest-lands-end-school-uniform-promotion/
- The widest variety of optional items from the school uniform is available, this includes layers that can be worn during the winter.
- Land's End uses primarily natural fabrics (i.e. cotton)
- Items can be returned at Land's End cost. Replacements will be sent at no cost by Land's End.
- Payments are made online with any major credit card or through PayPal upon ordering.
- Shipping and customs charges are automatically added to the costs upon check out.
- Land's End provides 100% support in English. The live web chat option is very efficient to submit and get answers to your questions on the spot. If you have issues with making an order or need additional support you can contact BFS at bfs@busanforeignschool.org

## Korean local supplier PL Schoolwear

- The new Korean uniform supplier is PL Schoolwear, a subsidiary company of Parkland, a school uniform company that manufactures and produces all high quality products in Korea.
- PL Schoolwear has a uniform shop exclusively for BFS and can be purchased online at all times.
- The PL Schoolwear uniform shop is located at 152, Jigegol-ro, Nam-gu, Busan.
- The shop opens 10am to 6pm from Monday to Friday.

- For the 2023-2024 school year, the preliminary visit time and date is 19th August from 9 am to 12 pm and other visit dates will be announced via communications email and text message.
- All mandatory items are available through PL Schoolwear online and off-line shops.
- Online orders are made through the PL SCHOOLWEAR website <a href="https://shorturl.at/AHLN6">https://shorturl.at/AHLN6</a>.
- Payments are made online and offline with any major credit card.

Below is a quick comparison chart between Land's End and Korean supplier

	LAND'S END	PL SCHOOLWEAR
LOCATION	·USA	· Busan (Korea)
ITEMS	· All	· All
MATERIAL	· Primarily cotton	<ul> <li>Primarily blended (polyester and cotton, CoolMax)</li> </ul>
PRICE	<ul> <li>Depends on size and can be viewed directly on Land's End site</li> <li>Regular sales and promotions considerably influence price.</li> <li>Please check the school website for information on those.</li> <li>Add shipment to overall purchase costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Depends on size and can be viewed directly on PL Schoolwear site</li> <li>No promotions</li> <li>Generally less expensive</li> </ul>
DELIVERY	· 2 to 3 weeks depending on shipment delivery method	· If item in stock, available within a couple of days when directly ordering through on-line or off-line shops.
SERVICE	· English language · American style after customer support service	· English & Korean language

## PTSO Used shop

The PTSO has a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop that sells official supplier used items in good condition. Availability varies. If interested send an email to <a href="mailto:ptso@bfs.or.kr">ptso@bfs.or.kr</a> or drop at the school main office and ask to see the 2nd hand items.

All items krw 5,000 except for jackets, which sell for krw 20,000.