



## 2021 - 2022 Dress Code and Equipment Regulations for

### DENTAL HEALTH CAREERS Which is a part of the Service Academy

In September 1958, Bucks County Technical School opened its doors to students and became the first school of its kind in the State of Pennsylvania. We take pride in all of the men and women we have trained, retrained, or have helped to achieve their learning and earning power in the work force. We also take pride in our safety record. To continue that goal of excellence, safety and job readiness, it is essential to realize that our rules were established first and foremost with safety in mind.

Attendance, punctuality, dress code and emphasis on active “hands on” involvement contribute, along with tests, written performance, homework and attitude in the students’ grades. Therefore, we welcome our students and look forward to helping them reach their goals. If the school and the students work together, we can continue our commitment to excellence. Our graduates become mature, responsible, productive, dependable and employable members of this community. We need your support, help and cooperation to make the dream become a goal – turn the goal into reality – a job that your son or daughter enjoys and a job that will afford them an opportunity to have a great life.

In order to adequately prepare students for a realistic representation of the “World of Work”, Bucks County Technical High School will be enforcing a dress code that needs your support. Since our rules vary from the traditional school setting, please review the following information:

1. Each student and staff member **must carry a school provided photo ID** which must be shown upon request. Not only are photo ID’s important for identification purposes, they are also necessary for:
  - ✓ Purchasing lunch
  - ✓ Media Center usage
  - ✓ Signing in at the Security Desk if you are late for school
2. If a student forgets their ID, a temporary one will be issued by the first period teacher and a discipline referral form will be issued.
3. Book bags may be carried by students throughout the school day, however, the school reserves the right to search book bags for safety reasons and/or based on reasonable suspicion.
4. No hats, bandannas, head coverings or headbands may be worn in the hallways, classrooms or cafeteria. Specific trade related head gear, i.e., chef hats, hard hats, etc., will be allowed only in that particular technical lab area.
5. Occasionally, if the room is below 70 degrees, a teacher may allow students to wear jackets in that particular room. If a hooded sweatshirt is worn, the **hood will not be permitted to be pulled over the head.**
6. Every student is expected to be clean (body and clothing) and neat while attending school. **Clothing and accessories, which present a distraction to classroom activities, will be prohibited.**
7. The following items may not be worn: See-through shirts or clothing showing a bare midriff, low-cut tops, shirts with narrow shoulder straps, tops that reveal cleavage, (spaghetti straps, tank tops, etc.)
8. Shorts and skirts must be of appropriate length with the bottom hem measuring below extended arm and fingertips.

9. Offensive or otherwise inappropriate clothing is not considered proper dress at any time or place within the school.
10. Extreme styles of clothing, hair and jewelry (i.e., piercings) are not in good taste; therefore, students are encouraged to avoid them. **Extreme dress, hair style or jewelry which presents a potential safety hazard or distraction to the education process, is prohibited.**
11. Other examples of extreme clothing are as follows, but are not limited to:
  - ✓ T-shirts that reflect any innuendoes of drugs, alcohol, gang reference or sex
  - ✓ Baggy and/or low riding pants where underwear is exposed or jeans or pants with holes that expose underwear or bare skin
  - ✓ Pajama-type or lounge attire
  - ✓ No open-toed shoes

All students will be required to remain in proper attire for the entire time they are in their respective program areas. Since safety is of the utmost importance, street clothes that present a safety violation **will not be acceptable**. Parents and students may refer to the "Student Handbook and Code of Conduct", on line at [bcths.com](http://bcths.com) for clarification of proper street clothing.

Students will be issued safety glasses. If they are lost or broken a replacement pair must be purchased from the school nurse.

**It is strongly advised that students are covered by either "school insurance" or family medical insurance. Bucks County Technical High School is not responsible for liability in case of accidental injury. School insurance is available for purchase through our Pupil Services Office.**

If a documented financial hardship prevents any student from obtaining the required clothing and/or equipment, arrangements can be made to find alternative sources of funding. Please contact our school nurse.

**Best wishes for a successful 2021 - 2022 school year!**

*This list was compiled to assist you in preparing for the opening of school. Where applicable, equipment in addition to clothing is listed to give students the opportunity to shop prior to the first day of school.*

**\*Freshmen will continue to wear the BCTHS approved Freshmen dress code as required for exploratory. Freshmen students wear jeans, boots, approved T-shirt or hoodie, no jewelry of any kind, and must have hair pulled back. Freshmen students are expected to keep nails within ¼ inch, no tips, and no chipped nail polish.**

#### **DENTAL HEALTH CAREERS:**

Students enrolled in the Dental Health Careers program must understand and agree to abide by the dental dress code while in this program. If students fail to comply, they can expect a **25-point deduction** from their daily grade for any offense. Students recognize that they will be inspected any time of the day and will strive to comply with the uniform

rules at all times. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action and parental conference and a possible recommendation for removal from the program.

**All students will report to class in full regulation uniform on the first day of their technical rotation. Students in the Dental Health Careers program will:**

- Wear my regulation uniform each day, which consists only of scrub tops that cover my waist and solid color scrub pants that are waist high. Capri pants are not permitted. An appropriate solid colored shirt in good condition may be worn under the scrub top. Students can purchase the dental fleece or approved dental sweatshirt, which will be available for purchase from BCTHS Online School Store. Students may also purchase uniform scrub /lab jackets purchased from a uniform shop only. These may be worn during theory or class time but not during operatory time. **Other sweatshirts or coats are not to be worn over your uniform.** A scrub top must be worn under the dental sweatshirt, dental fleece, or uniform lab jacket at all times. Uniforms must be worn on the first day.
- Keep uniforms clean and maintained at all times.
- Not wear jeans and regular pants under uniform pants.
- Wear their ID badge above the waist at all times.
- Wear leather uniform shoes or all white or black leather sneakers. No uggs, canvas shoe / sneaker is allowed. No colored decals permitted on shoes or sneakers. Shoes must cover the entire foot, front and back, and have no holes on top. Shoes must be kept clean at all times.
- Only wear two post earrings in each ear, lobes or auricles only– not in the tragus. No bar or gauges of any kind or size are permitted. Hoop earrings are not permitted. Wear one ring only.
- Not wear bracelets, necklaces or chains, including rubberized bands and hair ties on the wrist.
- **Not wear any facial piercing or plugs, or tongue rings or plugs in the tongue.**
- **Have hair secured neatly back off the neckline with no dangling hair including bangs. No hair is to dangle over the face or out of the ponytail. This pertains to males and females.**
- Keep hairstyle professional, avoiding unnatural colors such as pink, purple, magenta, blue or green. Feathered hair extensions and bandanas are not permitted.
- Not wear any sparkle (glitter) hair products or make-up.
- Keep nails short – no longer than 1/8" in length.
- Keep my nail polish fresh, avoiding chipped polish.
- No nail art including stones, beads or pearls.
- **Not wear any artificial nails as this is a serious health hazards. One exception will be allowed for one special occasion such as a prom, wedding, etc. 50 points will be deducted from the daily grade if a student wears acrylic nails more than one rotation.**
- Wear a watch with a second hand.
- Not chew gum in the operatory.
- Eat only during permitted approved times by the instructor.
- Keep all tattoos covered at all times. NO visible tattoos are permitted.