

BART's uniform/dress code is intended to help create a sense of focus and belonging.

The middle school uniform is a uniform in the true sense of the word. On special occasions, or in recognition of exceptional work, middle school students may be recognized with a dress pass that will allow them to follow the high school dress code for the day.

BART recognizes that high school students are progressing towards a goal of collegiate and professional success, and we expect their dress to mirror that transition as developmentally appropriate and as economically possible. As such, the guidelines below *set a baseline* for *appropriate* attire while allowing opportunities to experiment and request feedback on more professional dress efforts.

The goals for dress code are to:

- Create a sense of community and encourage students to recognize their educational environment.
- Allow students to focus on academics rather than apparel.
- Encourage students to prepare for the world of work through practice with business acceptable attire.
- Reduce peer pressure to wear the latest styles or expensive brands (especially in the Middle School).
- Reduce costs for parents.
- Maintain a safe environment for all students, ensuring that they are easily identifiable on field trips or within the school building (especially in the Middle School).

Dress Code Exceptions:

- Middle school students who have not received their BART shirts in time for the start of school may wear a short- or long-sleeved shirt of a solid color (no sleeveless, no logos).
- Occasionally BART may announce the one-day relaxation of one or more dress code rules as a part of a charitable-fundraising, school spirit or similar day, or reflecting a BART activity such as a field trip or a messy project. Such waivers will only apply to specific students.
- Students requesting an individualized exception (such as for religious or health reasons) should notify the Principal of the need for a personal waiver.

All students must wear:

Clothes in accordance with dress code listed below (differentiated for middle and high school) worn in such a way that cover the navel, genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples and do not obscure the face or ears.

The high school dress code specifically forbids:

- Bulky coats (worn in the building)
- Flip-flops or open toed shoes
- Hats/caps(exception for religious or medical requirements)
- Sunglasses
- The purposeful display of undergarments
- Any clothing or accessory that obscures the face or ears (exception for religious or medical requirements)
- Images or language depicting or referring to drugs, alcohol, violence, hate speech, profanity, or pornography.
- Swimsuits
- Pajamas
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or used as a weapon

The middle school dress code specifically forbids:

- Jeans
- Flip-flops or open toed shoes
- Sunglasses
- The purposeful display of undergarments
- Any clothing or accessory that obscures the face or ears (exception for religious or medical requirements)

- Images or language depicting or referring to drugs, alcohol, violence, hate speech, profanity, or pornography.
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or used as a weapon

Notes:

- **Evaluation of messaging on clothing (in the High School) will be based on the Landmark Case Tinker vs Des Moines. BART can disallow attire that impedes the school's functioning or the rights of others.**
- **If students see other students out of dress code, they should assume individualized exceptions have been made or that corrective action has been taken. These are often private issues. Students should focus on maintaining the dress code policy themselves.**
- **If shoes are not suitable for fitness activities, students must bring an additional pair for fitness classes.**

	Middle School	High School
Shirts	<p><i>"Bart on Top!"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean BART T-shirt (short sleeve) • Clean BART T-shirt (long sleeve) • Clean BART sweatshirt, jacket, or fleece • Only black long-sleeved shirts may be worn underneath short-sleeved BART shirts for warmth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All shirts must cover the midriff area.
Pants/Skirts and Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki (tan), navy blue, or black pants, shorts, or skirts. (Dresses are not permitted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses may be worn.
Tights/Leggings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a solid color. • Sheer leggings can only be worn under a skirt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tights/leggings may be worn.
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. • Must be closed-toe with at least a strap in the back. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. • Must be closed-toe with at least a strap in the back.

Families have the opportunity to purchase their child's BART tee shirts, fleece jackets and vests with our local vendor, Elegant Stitches, through their retail store in Pittsfield.

- Orders can be placed in person, or by calling 413-447-9452
- Store hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Prices shown below are guaranteed through July 1, 2019
- Please check sizes carefully, as refunds or exchanges cannot be granted once names are printed
- There is a 5-day turn around time from order to pickup/ship

Item	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price
	Youth	Adult	XXL
Short Sleeve Black or Purple (New!) T-Shirt w/ silk screen BART logo	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$10.50
Long Sleeve Black T-Shirt w/ silk screen BART logo	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$13.50
Black fleece pullover ¼ zip w/ embroidered BART logo	N/A	\$35.00	\$39.00
Black fleece full zip w/ embroidered BART logo	\$35.00	\$38.00	\$42.00
Black fleece vest w/ embroidered BART logo	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$39.00
Black soft shell pullover w/ embroidered BART logo	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Black hoodie (New!) w/ embroidered BART logo	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00

Name may be added to any item for additional \$5.00