



BHSVA'S CONDUCT CODE

The BHSVA code of conduct is based on the 3- R's principles of respect – respect for self, respect for others and respect for property. This principle serves as a foundation to building a professional learning community where the members of this community work together to achieve personal and collective goals.

THE 3 R'S

RESPECT FOR SELF

As members of the BHSVA learning community, students are expected to conduct themselves at all times as ambassadors and representatives of BHSVA's mission, values and standards of academic achievement.

General expectations:

- Attend school every day and on time
- Follow the school's dress code with pride and dignity
- Maintain a clear and working understanding of the school's mission and values
- Constantly thrive to achieve academic excellence

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

As members of the BHSVA learning community, students are expected to be active contributors to a cooperative learning community. As such, all students are responsible for the emotional, mental, physical safety for each other.

General expectations:

- Treated everyone fairly - respecting the diversity of race, religion, culture and social orientation.
- Use appropriate language when addressing peers, faculty, staff and administration
- Respect differences of opinion and allow everyone to have their own voice.
- Support the academic progress of others and maintain the integrity of their work

Refer to Respect for All policy: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/68AE2C41-28C7-4772-B2EF-9EBBD3F23ACC/0/RFABrochure2013forDignityActCJC.pdf>

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The property and facilities of BHSVA is for the shared use of all members of our community. All students should maintain and protect the school's property from damage and theft.

General expectations:

- Return all equipment back to its initial condition after each use
- Keep the school common spaces clean and free of personal items and trash
- Report any violations or damage properties to the appropriate authority immediately

DRESS CODE

All students are expected to adhere to the Department of Education dress code outlined below. BHSVA is committed to creating an atmosphere focused on academic achievement and personal development.

General Regulations

Clothing and accessories, as per Department of Education regulations, must not be disruptive to teaching and learning. The following list includes items that are prohibited, but not limited to:

No hats, headbands, bandanas, hoods (from hoodies), sunglasses or do-rags are to be worn within the school building.

No combs, hair picks.

No tank tops (“spaghetti-straps”).

No low-cut blouses, tube/halter tops, midriff tops.

No short-shorts, mini-skirts. All shorts/skirts must be at relaxed hand level.

No sagging pants. All pants attire must be at waist level.

No clothing/accessories with metal spikes, or wallets with chains.

No visible undergarments.

No clothing with inappropriate/offensive logos, images or wording.

No visible earbuds, headphones.

No cellphones or media electronic devices of any kind (out and/or visible).

***At BHSVA, We Dress for Success!
Thank you for your Cooperation***

Notes for all staff

- Students who arrive to school out of dress code will have a parent contacted and be expected to change into proper attire.
- Please support the dress code by checking for infractions throughout the day and discuss the reasons for our school keeping a dress code.

Dress Code Enforcement

- Administrators, deans and counselors will check for dress code infractions during AM entry and throughout the school day.
- Any student in ANY class out of dress code will be sent to the Dean’s office using the protocol for sending a student to the dean.
- First offenders will receive a verbal reprimand and have their homes called. Either a parent will have to come to school with replacement clothing or the school will provide appropriate clothing (all clothing provided by school is expected to be returned). Subsequent violations will lead to further disciplinary action and a required parent conference.