

Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

May 1, 2014

Greetings BLCS Families,

Many parents have expressed confusion about the BLCS dress code, including our enforcement of the dress code. The BLCS dress code is an important part of our school culture, and instilling core values in our students. We believe that professionalism in dress and appearance help maintain a focus on learning. BLCS staff will be enforcing our dress code each day. We are asking parents to cooperate with us in making sure your scholar has the appropriate uniform.

We understand that in the past the uniform expectations have not been clearly communicated, or enforced. This does not mean that we should continue to act in a way that is in conflict with our handbook, which has existed since the start of the current school year.

In case you are unable to coordinate a plan for your scholar, please complete the attached form to indicate what assistance you will need in providing this requirement for your scholar. If your scholar does not come to school in the appropriate uniform there will be the following consequences:

K-4 Grades: Ms. Canton will notify parents each time a scholar is out of uniform. Students who are out of uniform and who have not brought in a uniform assistance request form will not be allowed to participate in recess.

5-7 Grades: Scholars will lose their recess time, if they are out of uniform.

Below is a copy of the uniform dress code, which can also be found in the Scholar Family Handbook and it was mentioned in February 7th Weekly Newsletter.

Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School-issued uniform shirts with the logo must be worn at all times. These shirts may be short or long sleeved. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lower Academy: Light blue uniform shirts○ Upper Academy: White uniform shirts• A navy blue school sweatshirt or a solid, hoodless sweater with the school logo may be worn in school when it is cold• White turtlenecks or undershirts may be worn under uniform shirts, but not alone. If the undershirts of another color are worn, scholar will be asked to remove the shirt
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower and Upper Academy: Navy blue pants (no jeans or athletic pants) worn at the waist, navy tights with navy blue skorts, skirts, or jumpers (not more than one inch above the knee), or navy blue shorts
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socks may be white, solid black, brown or blue.• Shoes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All-black shoes must be worn at all times (even for physical education); all-black gym shoes may be worn daily○ Scholars may wear winter boots when needed. Then, scholars must change into their black shoes for class

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Please communicate questions or needs to Ms. Canton the Family and community Partnership Coordinator (scanton@lighthouse-academies.org)

Additional copies of the Uniform Assistance Request form are in the Main Office.

Thank You,

Ms. Canton

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