



## 2024-2025 Dress Code and Equipment Regulations for

### EMERGENCY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY

### Which is a part of the Health and Human Services 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 workforce. 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, 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 (including yoga pants and leggings)
- √ 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", online 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 Main Office.

Your son or daughter will bring home a **multi-paged standard operational guide booklet** on the first day of school. The information contained in this booklet must be completed and sign by you and **must be returned the next day**.

**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 Nurses 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 2024-2025 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.*

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY:**

All students must be in the full regulation uniform every day of the technical rotation. Students not in the full uniform will receive a **zero** for their daily grade. A full regulation uniform is defined as follows:

- Emergency Services t-shirt or sweatshirt purchased from our online school store.
- Black or Midnight navy blue trousers (Dickie style work pants or BDU style pants.) **JEANS OR "JEGGINGS" OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF FORM FITTING PANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**
- Black Garrison (trouser) belt (1 1/2" - 1 3/4" width, plain or basket weave finish). **NO ORNAMENTAL DESIGNS ARE PERMITTED ON THE BELT.**
- Black leather duty boots. Boots must be made of leather that can be polished. Boots must have **black** laces. Suede boots are **NOT** permitted.
- If ankles are visible, blue or black socks must be worn.
- **Blue or black shorts/sweats and athletic shoes will be required during each technical rotation for physical activities.**
- **The Emergency Services sweatshirt will be the only approved hooded sweatshirt that may be worn by students. Students will have the option of purchasing a "job shirt" beginning in their sophomore year.**

**Note:** 2-3 uniforms (shirts and trousers) are recommended.

Uniform pants may be purchased online at [www.galls.com](http://www.galls.com) or [www.qmuniforms.com](http://www.qmuniforms.com).

Uniform pants can be purchased locally at the following locations:

- McDonald Uniforms, 3019 Darnell Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154 Phone: 215-673-7211
- Galls, 28 Scotch Road, Ewing, NJ 08629. Phone: 1-609-883-2811
- Atlantic Tactical, 7970 State Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136 Phone: 215-632-0341

• **Grooming Requirements:**

- Hair must be kept neat and off the collar. Extreme hair styles are **not** permitted (i.e., orange or green hair, spiked hair, etc.) Also, hair must be of a natural fiber. Synthetic or straw-type extensions and/or pieces will **not** be permitted.
- **No visible piercings are permitted, including earrings, when wearing uniform (male or female).**
- In keeping with professional standards, **tongue piercings, other oral piercings or facial piercings will not be permitted (this includes plastic or other plug-type piercings).**
- No dangling jewelry is permitted.
- Students participating in the Firefighter Apprentice Program are not permitted to have facial hair (i.e. goatee, beard - more than one-day's growth), mustache must not exceed the corners of the mouth. **This is a requirement of the PA State Fire Academy.**
- Fingernail polish must be of a neutral color and nails must be no longer than 1/4" in length.

• **Required Student Supplies, Equipment, Tools:**

- Students are required to have a designated folder and notebook for EMS as well as the appropriate classroom supplies (i.e., pens, pencils, notebook paper, etc.)
- Students need to purchase a stethoscope and blood pressure cuff that will be used during medical training starting upon their entrance into the shop.
- Students are required to have a regular standard analog or digital wristwatch for medical training. Smart watches are unacceptable for certification testing. Failure to have a standard wristwatch for certification testing will result in the student candidate being disqualified.
- Students are required to purchase the following text materials:

### **SOPHOMORE YEAR**

Emergency Medical Responder textbook, Brady 11<sup>th</sup> Ed., textbook, software access, and certification card (Approximate cost is **\$120-\$150**)

### **JUNIOR YEAR**

EMT textbook/software bundle, Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 12<sup>th</sup> Ed., by Jones and Bartlett Learning (Approximate cost is **\$265-\$325**)

### **SENIOR YEAR**

Essentials of Firefighting textbook and workbook, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed., Brady Publishing (Approximate cost **\$110-\$130**)

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** The course textbooks will be purchased by the school directly from the publisher at a discounted rate. Students will be given their textbooks on the first day of school. Students will have an obligation on file for the cost of the textbooks and related software. Students are not permitted to share textbooks. Students must pay for the textbooks regardless of whether or not they wish to obtain certification as the topics are required curriculum for the program of study.