

CHURCH EDUCATION SYSTEM HONOR CODE

Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Brigham Young University-Idaho, and LDS Business College exist to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body at BYU, BYU-Hawaii, BYU-Idaho, and LDS Business College are selected and retained from among individuals who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such is a specific condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct. All who represent BYU-Idaho are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment to the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing class enrollment, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees "at all times. . . and in all places" (Mosiah 18:9).

HONOR CODE STATEMENT

We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men.... If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

Thirteenth Article of Faith

As a matter of personal commitment, faculty, staff, and students of BYU, BYU-Hawaii, BYU-Idaho, and LDS Business College seek to demonstrate in daily living on- and off- campus those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee and substance abuse
- Participate regularly in church services
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code

Specific policies embodied in the Honor Code include: (1) the Academic Honesty Policy, (2) the Dress and Grooming Standards, (3) the Residential Living Standards, and (4) the Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement Requirement.

President David A. Bednar stated:

The Honor Code is a lesser law preparation to enter the house of the Lord and make sacred covenants, and the dress code is a lesser law preparation for how you will dress and should act after you have entered into those covenants. (Devotional Address, September 1, 1998). **The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat, clean, and consistent with the values and principles of Brigham Young University-Idaho and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.**

Modesty and cleanliness are important values that reflect personal dignity and integrity. Members of the BYU-Idaho community represent the principles and standards of the Church. The members of that community commit themselves to observe the following

standards, which reflect the direction of the BYU-Idaho Board of Trustees and the Church publication *For the Strength of the Youth*. These guiding principles apply at all CES institutions of higher education. The application of these principles may vary slightly at the various institutions in accordance with local conditions and circumstances.

Men

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean-shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are unacceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

Women

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing, has slits above the knee, or is formfitting. Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and colors. Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercings are inappropriate. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

Good taste, common sense, discretion, consideration, and high moral standards are the watchwords for dress and grooming. Flagrant behavior or extreme dress and grooming at any time or in any place may result in a review of the individual's understanding of the expected behavior or grooming. Clothing is to be modest in fabric, fit, length, style, and appropriate for the occasion. Men's and women's dress should be reflective of their gender, and excessive or extreme styles should be avoided. For women, wardrobe selection should reflect modesty and femininity becoming a Latter-day Saint woman. For men, clothing should reflect good taste and masculinity becoming a priesthood bearer.

The following supplemental information is provided to give students, staff, faculty, and administrators general guidelines in determining appropriate from inappropriate attire and grooming. Because of the constant change in dress and grooming styles, some trends, fads, or fashions common in the world may be determined inappropriate. The Dean of Students, after consulting with his/her staff and the President's Council, reserves the right to determine that a specific style or fad is inappropriate and thereby unacceptable at BYU-Idaho.

Failure to comply with the Honor Code or Dress and Grooming Standards could result in suspension from BYU-Idaho.

Dress and Grooming for Women

Classroom Attire and Appearance:

Appropriate

Dresses, skirts, and blouses or sweaters
 Modest pants, slacks or jeans must be ankle length
 Dressy sweatshirts

Spiritual Environment

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Inappropriate

Bib overalls (all styles)
Caps or hats

Clothing is inappropriate when it:

- is above the knee
- has slits above the knee
- is low cut
- is backless
- is sleeveless

Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercing

Hair: extreme styles or colorations, or unnatural colors

Long johns or underwear styles

Low-cut or revealing necklines

Patched, faded, frayed, torn, or tight, formfitting clothing

Shorts of any length

Suggestive or vulgar wording or pictures on apparel

Sweat suits or PE-type clothing

Tank tops or sloppy tops, or midriff shirts/blouses

Flip Flops

Dress and Grooming for Men

Classroom Attire and Appearance:

Appropriate

Dress shirts, shirts with collars, and dressy sport shirts

Jeans that are neat and clean

Ankle length or longer slacks or pants

Sports coats, blazers, and ties

Sweaters

Dressy sweatshirts

Inappropriate

Beards (no 5 o'clock shadow)

Bib overalls (all styles)

Caps or hats

Earrings and all other body piercing

Grubby attire

Hair: no ponytails or pigtailed, braids, designs, carvings, complete shaving, or extreme styles or unnatural color or tipping

Headbands or bandannas

Patched, faded, frayed, torn, or tight, formfitting clothing

Shorts of any length

Sweat suits or PE-type clothing

Suggestive or vulgar wording or pictures on apparel

Tank tops

Flip Flops

Dress Standards for Men and Women

Activity and Recreational Events Attire:

Dress standards for each event will be specified prior to the event. If no standard is specified, the minimum standard will be campus attire. Modest length shorts may be worn at specified outdoor activities and recreational events but are otherwise not acceptable campus attire. Modest casual attire may be worn at specified indoor activity or recreational events.

Concert and Drama Attire:

The minimum standard for men will be shirt and tie. Jeans are not acceptable. The minimum standard for women will be a dress (or a

skirt and blouse or sweater). Care should be given to ensure that dress and appearance are compatible with the event attended. Casual dress or clothing will not be permitted.

Semiformal Dance Attire:

Men: A tuxedo is optional, while church attire such as a sports coat or dressy sweater is recommended. A dress shirt and tie, formal half collar shirt without tie, or turtleneck with a sport coat and dress slacks are acceptable. Dress shoes are required. Not acceptable: tennis or athletic shoes, t-shirts, kilts, jeans, or grubby attire.

Ladies: A formal is optional, while Sunday dress is recommended. A modest dress with the hemline or slits knee-length or below with dress shoes (required). Not acceptable: tennis or athletic shoes, sleeveless dresses, spaghetti straps, low-cut necklines, immodest use of sheer see-through unlined materials, and open back dresses below the shoulder blades.

Special Theme Dances:

Dress should be consistent with university dress standards at all events. Appropriate dress will be specified in the publicity prior to the dance.

Procedures and processes for enforcement of appearance are outlined in the Student Handbook.

Please feel free to visit the Honor Office in Kimball 270, call us at (208) 496-1120 or e-mail us with your questions or comments.