



ACADEMY OF LAW WELCOME LETTER

PROFESSIONAL DRESS CONTRACT

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your student to Boone High School and the Academy of Law. As a freshman Boone Brave, your student is about to begin an exciting high school career, and we believe being a part of the Law Magnet will add to that excitement.

Boone High School has a rich tradition of producing some of the finest attorneys in the state, and it is the alma mater of former Florida Chief Justice Charles T. Wells. Boone's award-winning Law Magnet continues this tradition by offering a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach that integrates and emphasizes legal studies throughout the curriculum. As part of the program, students will study substantive areas of the law such as constitutional law, criminal law, torts, and contracts. They also learn how real attorneys practice by preparing cases and participating in mock trials in Boone's on-site courtroom, so it is no surprise that Boone's Mock Trial competition team is among the best in the state. Whether or not a student ultimately pursues a career in the legal field, the Law Magnet's emphasis on critical thinking, research and writing, and public speaking will put every student on the fast-track for success.

While the start of school is still a few months away, there are two items that you should begin planning for now. The first is that of professional dress. In an effort to emulate the professional workplace, as well as to standardize the professional dress code, Law Magnet students are required to wear **formal** professional dress every Wednesday. Attached are guidelines to ensure that your attire meets the professional dress standards. **The requirement to dress professionally begins the first full week of school.**

The second issue is the requirement that each freshman Law Magnet student be a member of Boone's Speech and Debate team. **Each student must participate in two (2) Speech and Debate Tournaments; one by the end of first semester.** Most competitions are held on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The tournament schedule will be available very early in the school year so that all students and their families may plan ahead. Also, parents who are able to volunteer are needed to judge at least one tournament.

We look forward to a productive, rigorous and meaningful school year.

Sincerely,

Troy Bennis and Jill Mollenhauer

Boone High School Academy of Law

LAW MAGNET PROFESSIONAL DRESS REQUIREMENT AND DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Students must comply with Boone's school dress code on non-professional dress days.

On professional dress days, students should dress **conservatively** and in a manner that attorneys would while in the workplace or going to court (although suit jackets are not required). Guidelines to meet this standard include the following:

- Young men will wear the following:

Dress pants, a long-sleeve dress shirt, dress shoes (dark brown, black, or cordovan, typically) with **coordinating belt and tie**.

- Dress shirts must be tucked into the pants; sleeves may be neatly rolled up.
- Ties are snug at the neck with the top button of the shirt closed.
- Dress socks must be worn.
- **No sweatshirts or hoodies.**

- Young women will wear the following:

Dress pants & a blouse or a dress, skirt & blouse, pantsuit, or similar attire with professional dress shoes.

- Tops must be tucked and have a **modest design and neckline**.
- No under-garments or bellies visible.
- **Dresses and skirts must be knee length; pants ankle-length (no capris).**
- Panty hose is not required.
- Dress shoes should coordinate with the outfit, be flats or have low heels and **cannot be sandals or have an open-toe design**.
- No t-shirts
- Conservative jewelry may be worn (maximum of one pair of earrings and no facial jewelry)
- **No sweatshirts or hoodies**

❖ All clothing should be clean, wrinkle-free, and fit appropriately

Professional dress must be worn the entire day, not just during law class (PE/Hope class may change during that period only).

If violations are observed anywhere on campus, they will be reported and credit will be lost for that week. Repeated violations will be reviewed by the Magnet Committee resulting in disciplinary action.

- If absent on professional dress day or you must wear sport or club attire, you must professionally dress the following day AND REMIND your magnet teacher.
- If present for part of a professional dress day and must leave campus, be sure to stop by your magnet teacher's room to show them you're professionally dressed so that you will not have to professionally dress the next day – otherwise you'll need to return the following day in professional dress

Student print name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent print name: _____ Signature: _____

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