

ECA 2009-2010 Secondary Dress Code

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors. . . "

As we seek to represent Christ Jesus to others, our dress and grooming standards should reflect that responsibility. Proper attire and general appearance should be above reproach in all areas of modesty. Let us bring glory to God through our appearance and character as we are set apart for Him.

(I Corinthians 5:20, Leviticus 20:26, 1 Timothy 3:2)

In keeping with this standard, the following guidelines have been established and will be enforced:

All apparel must be neat and clean, modest in design, and worn in an appropriate manner. Clothing, jewelry, or other items with reference to rock groups, gangs, New Age, drugs, alcohol, Satanism, death, immorality, racially/religiously inflammatory language or other worldly expression in lettering or pictures are unacceptable for a Christian school and may not be worn at any ECA activity. ECA's dress standards are required for after-school functions for participants but not for spectators; however, neatness and modesty are still expected at all school-related activities. *The school administration will have the final determination as to whether or not specific standards of neatness and modesty are being met, and/or whether certain apparel is in violation of the dress code.*

General Standards

- All apparel must be clean and neat (free from rips, tears, holes, cuts, or hems that are frayed).
- Properly sized (not form-fitting, tight, or oversized)
- Worn appropriately (tucked, buttoned, or zippered), with undergarments not visible
- Dress must not draw undue attention to self or be distracting for others.
- Only ECA logos/wording allowed on any clothing (manufacturers' logos may be no larger than a credit card).

Tops

- Collared or crew-neck shirt/blouse/dress, mock turtleneck or turtleneck
- Buttoned shirts may have the top two buttons unbuttoned.
- Short sleeves, $\frac{3}{4}$ -length sleeves, or long sleeves
- Tucked in (for males) and/or hemmed and hanging no longer than hipline (for females)
- T-shirts, midribs, tank tops, tube tops, camisoles, and sheer or lacy fabric with visible undergarments may **not** be worn as outer shirts and must be tucked in.

Jackets/Sweaters/Shawls

- Sleeved sweaters, vests, and ECA sweatshirts
- Hooded pull-over sweatshirts with ECA logo
- Worn with collared/crew-neck shirt underneath
- Zip-up jackets (fleece, sweater, or sweatshirts) with or without hoods

Outerwear

- Cold weather coats/gloves/headgear may be worn outside, but must be kept in lockers during the school day.
- Only ECA letter jackets permissible in classrooms
- Caps, hats, and sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building during school days.

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Bottoms

- Must be worn securely around the waist with a belt that fits the waist when belt loops are visible, with no dangling cords or zippers
 - Properly hemmed or cuffed **ankle-length** pants
 - Shorts, skirts, capris, jumpers and dresses must be hemmed and lay no higher than 6" above the knee when student is kneeling erect on the floor.
 - Walking slits may extend no higher than 6" above the knee.
- Camouflage, bellbottom, sweatpants, warm-ups, wind pants, hip-huggers, baggy, low-riders, low/short-rise, drawstring, overalls, or any colored jean may **not** be worn.
- Blue jeans may **only** be worn on Fridays or a specified "School Spirit" day. On Fridays, jeans must be worn with a blue or white collared/crew-neck shirt; and on specified "School Spirit" days, jeans must be worn with a blue or white collared/crew-neck shirt or an ECA "class t-shirt."
- Belts must be a standard style and width, with a moderate closure or buckle, and be worn through the belt loops when visible.

Shoes

- May be dress shoes, sandals, athletic shoes, or boots
- For safety reasons, shoes must be tied, or firmly secure, with a back strap over the heel.
- Plastic, rubber shower-shoes, flip-flops or slippers may **not** be worn.
- Shoes may be worn with socks, leggings, tights or hosiery (no fishnet or lace stockings).

Jewelry/Body Art

- Piercing hardware may **not** be worn.
- Belt chains, dangling key chains or long necklaces may **not** be worn.
- Earrings that are moderately sized may be worn by females.
- Tattoos in any visible form are not acceptable, including temporary tattoos.

Hair

- Hair must be a natural hair color.
- Neat, clean, groomed and of appropriate length for school activities

Exceptions:

- Physical Education classes require a specific ECA athletic t-shirt with appropriate sweatpants or shorts.
- Extra-curricular activities require specific ECA dress (team uniforms, formal choir attire, etc.)
- On Fridays jeans must be worn with a blue or white collared/crew neck shirt.
- On "School Spirit" days, jeans must be worn with a blue or white, collared/crew-neck shirt or an ECA "class t-shirt."
- During Spirit Week, students may wear specific theme-related clothing within the dress code guidelines.