

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE (Pre-K through 6th)

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. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

General Standards

- All clothing should fit modestly -- size appropriate and not skin tight or baggy.
- Hair should be of natural color, neat, clean, groomed and of reasonable length and style. Hair should not obscure the field of vision or draw particular attention to an individual. (i.e.- design cuts, mohawks, etc.)
- Shoes must be worn at all times. No rubber shower shoes, plastic flip-flops or slippers. On P.E days, athletic shoes are mandatory.
- Hats and sunglasses are to be worn outside only.
- Boys cannot wear any pierced body ornaments. Girls may wear earrings on their ear lobes (no more than two on each ear). No other pierced body ornaments may be worn. No tattoos, this includes temporary tattoos and henna drawings.
- Good hygiene, bathing, and use of deodorant are strongly recommended.
- Clothing, jewelry, or other items with reference to rock groups, gangs, skulls, drugs, alcohol, Satanism, death, immorality, or any other item unacceptable for a Christian school may not be worn.
- During field trips or athletic trips, teachers/coaches are responsible for communicating expected dress for each activity or trip.

Shirts

1. Must have a standard type collar like those found on dress shirts or "polos". Turtlenecks are acceptable.
2. T-shirts, **camouflage**, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti-straps, bare-midribs or see-through clothing are not acceptable. Tops must not reveal underclothes nor have armholes that allow viewing of any part of the body besides the arms. **T-shirts and tank tops may only be worn under a buttoned up collared shirt.**
3. Tops/shirts must be long enough so that the mid-drift does not show when hands are raised.
4. Sweaters are acceptable **ONLY if a collared shirt is worn underneath.**
5. Sweater vests or plain sweatshirts worn over collared shirts are acceptable.
6. No fleece/sweatshirt hoodies may be worn indoors.

Pants

1. Properly fitting (skin tight or oversized is not acceptable) modest, **SOLID** pants. No patterns or prints.
2. Sweats, nylon, spandex, flannel, fleece, and camouflage are not allowed.
3. Blue jeans (no frays, rips, or legs cut off) are acceptable on School Spirit Fridays, ONLY if a royal, navy blue, or white collared shirt is worn.
4. Clean, neat, **SOLID** leggings are allowed under a dress or skirt. No patterns or prints.

Shorts and/or capris (*allowed the beginning and end of school. Parents will be notified about the timing of this.*)

1. Shorts: no shorter than 6 inches above the knee or no longer than 2 inches below the knee.
2. Spandex, nylon, fleece, camouflage, or gym shorts are not permissible.
3. Shorts need to be a **SOLID** color. No patterns or prints.
4. Proper fitting solid cargo shorts may be worn by boys or girls.

Girls dresses and skirts (*must be modest and of reasonable style, **NO spaghetti straps***)

1. No shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
2. Shirts worn under jumpers and dresses do not need to be collared.
3. Collared shirt/blouse must be worn with a skirt.
4. Gauchos are considered a skirt.
5. No skirts made completely of tutu material (tulle).

Parental Responsibility and Support

Parents are responsible to insure:

- that their children are in compliance with Evangelical Christian Academy's dress code standards and are supportive of staff interpretation and enforcement of these guidelines. If disagreements arise, parents are expected to give full support and cooperation to the ECA staff.
- that their children leave for school in the morning within the guidelines. Don't make us the "bad guys" by allowing them to come to school out of dress code and hoping that we'll catch them.

If there are any questions about the acceptability of a particular item, you may bring it to the Elementary office for clarification before wearing it to school.

Remember, we're a partnership...if we are on the same team, working together, your children will succeed!