

# SECONDARY DRESS CODE

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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 may not always be required for some after school activities and events; 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 (buttoned or zippered), with undergarments not visible
- Not draw undue attention to self or be distracting for others

## Tops

- All shirts, tops, blouses, polo shirts, dresses, and dress shirts must be collared (button shirt with fold down collar, no T-shirts). Buttoned shirts may have the top two buttons unbuttoned.
- Short sleeve, 3/4-length sleeve or long sleeve
- Tops/Shirts may be worn untucked if it does not go past the hipline(the line formed by measuring the hip at its greatest point)
- T-shirts, midriiffs, tank tops, tube tops, camisoles, or sheer or lacey fabric with visible undergarments may not be worn as outer shirts and must be tucked in.

## Jackets/Sweaters/Shawls

- Sleeved sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts, and hooded pull-over sweatshirts are permissible
- Sweaters and sweatshirts should be plain or may have an ECA logo.
- All sweatshirts and sweaters must be worn with a collared shirt underneath
- Zip-up jackets (fleece, sweater, or sweatshirts) with or without hoods (if logoed, it must be ECA) may be worn over a collared shirt.

## 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

## Bottoms

- Properly fitting (skin tight or oversized is not acceptable) modest pants (no neon)
- Must be worn securely around the waist and properly hemmed or cuffed ankle-length pants
- Skirts, jumpers and dresses must be hemmed and lay no higher than four inches above the knee when student is kneeling erect on the floor. Walking slits may extend no higher than four inches above the knee
- Shorts and capris may be six inches above the knee
- Camouflage, bellbottom, sweatpants, warm-ups, wind pants, hip-huggers, jeggings, yoga pants, spandex, baggy, low-riders, low/short rise, drawstring, overalls or blue jeans may not be worn.
- Blue jeans may only be worn on specified "School Spirit" days only with **ECA wear (ECA shirt, sweatshirt, or royal or white polo)**. **ECA wear can be purchased online, follow the link the ECA Website or follow this link: <http://www.mylocker.net/colorado/colorado-springs/evangelical-christian-academy/in/index.html>**

## Shoes

- May be dress shoes, sandals, athletic shoes, or boots and must be worn at all times during the day.
- 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. Should a student have a tattoo, they must wear clothes to cover.

### **Hair**

- Hair should be a natural hair color
- Neat, clean, groomed and of appropriate length and style 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.)
- Blue jeans (no frays, rips or legs cut off) are only acceptable on School Spirit Fridays, **ONLY if an ECA shirt or sweatshirt is worn.**
- During school spirit week students may wear specific theme related clothing within the dress guidelines

If questions arise concerning the appropriateness of a student's apparel, the administration will be the final judge.

### **Secondary After-School Activities and Functions**

When students represent ECA in an official, off-campus capacity, standardized dress may be required. Examples include: Matchwits, Student Council, Isaiah Projects, field trips, and class trips

**The principles of modesty and neatness in dress are to be upheld at all ECA school functions including, but not limited to athletic events, school field trips, student functions, etc...**

### **Secondary Dance Dress Guidelines**

- The dress or top must cover bra straps and be modestly covering undergarments.
- No more than a hand width from the clavicle to the top of the dress (i.e. modest neckline). No strapless or one strap dresses are permitted.
- Skirt length must meet the ECA dress code standard described above even with hands raised
- There should be sufficient ease in the fit of the dress so that figure form is modest and respectable. The dress should not be excessively tight.
- Two piece dresses are not permitted unless the midriff is covered even when hands are raised.
- Open back dresses are not permissible (dress should cover lower mid and lower back).
- If a covering is worn that makes the dress acceptable (and it is not acceptable without the covering) it must be worn for the entire evening.

### **Secondary Physical Education Dress Code**

- Students must purchase an ECA T-shirt for Physical Education (PE) class.
- Only ECA T-shirts with sweatpants or shorts are acceptable for PE.
- PE shorts should be one color and should not hang below the knees.
- Extremely short or tight shorts are not allowed.
- Students who are not dressed appropriately will receive a "0" for participation that day.
- Students who are not dressed appropriately and not excused from PE may be required to write a report on an assigned topic for that day.