

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE (Pre-K through 5th)

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)

Changes and updates are highlighted below.

General Standards

- All clothing should fit modestly -- size appropriate and not skintight or baggy.
- Camouflage and tie dye patterns are not to be worn.
- 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.

****Patterns are acceptable if it is worn with a solid, e.g., you may wear patterned bottoms with a SOLID top or a patterned top with SOLID bottoms. ** All clothing must still fall within the parameters outlined below.**

Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts

1. Must have a standard type of collar like those found on dress shirts or "polos". Turtlenecks are acceptable.
2. T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti-straps, bare-midriffs, 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 collared shirt.
3. Tops/shirts must be long enough so that the mid-drift does not show when hands are raised.
4. Sweaters, sweater vests or plain sweatshirts **worn over** collared shirts are acceptable.
5. Hooded clothing of any kind is not allowed.
6. Collared, hoodless, $\frac{1}{4}$ zip or button, pullovers of any material or pattern are acceptable in the classroom.
7. Any logos or sewn words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder. No large logos across the chest are allowed.
8. Outerwear (coats, jackets, or hoodies) will be removed after entering the building.

Pants

1. Properly fitting (skintight or oversized is not acceptable) modest pants.
2. Sweats, nylon, spandex, flannel, and fleece 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 or ECA wear is worn.
4. Clean, neat, leggings are allowed under a dress or skirt.

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, or gym shorts are not permissible.

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.

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.