Evangel Christian Academy Dress Code 2023-24 (Pre-K - 12th Grade)

As we seek to represent Christ Jesus to others, our dress and grooming standards should reflect that responsibility. Let us bring glory to God through our appearance and character as we are set apart for Him. (2 Cor. 5:20)

All apparel must be neat, clean, modest in design, and worn in an appropriate manner to not draw undue attention to self or be a distraction for others. The school administration will have the final determination as to whether specific standards of neatness and modesty are being met, and/or whether certain apparel is in violation of the dress code.

Parental Responsibility and Support
Parents are responsible to ensure that their child is following Evangel Christian Academy's dress code standards and are supportive of staff interpretation and enforcement of these guidelines. If there are any questions about the acceptability of a particular item, you may bring it to the Main office for clarification before wearing it to school. We ask that you partner well with us by checking your child’s clothing before they leave in the morning to make sure they are dressed within the guidelines given below.

General Standards
All apparel should:
- Fit modestly (Be properly sized—not too big or too small).
- Be clean and neat (free from rips, tears, holes, or cuts).
- Be worn appropriately (buttoned or zipped) with undergarments not visible.
- Not include camouflage or tie-dye patterns.
- Not include 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.

Tops
1. All shirts, tops, blouses, polo shirts, and dress shirts must be collared. Turtlenecks that are not overly tight or excessively revealing are acceptable.
2. Buttoned shirts should be always buttoned and may not be worn open more than a hands-width below the clavicle.
3. T-shirts, tank tops, sleeveless 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 buttoned collared shirt.
4. Tops/shirts must be long enough so that the mid-drift does not show when hands are raised.
5. Any logos or words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder.
6. No large logos/words across the chest, down the arms, or across the back are allowed.
7. Words/logos must be the size of a credit card.
8. Sweaters, sweater vests or crew-neck sweatshirts worn over collared shirts are acceptable.
9. Collared, 1/4 zip or button, pullovers of any material or pattern are acceptable in the classroom.
10. Any logos or sewn words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder. No large logos/words across the chest, down the arms, or across the back are allowed. Logos/words cannot be larger than credit card size.
12. Outerwear (coats, jackets, or hoodies) will be removed after entering the building.

Pants/Shorts
1. Denim, khaki, cotton, or dress-pant material is acceptable and must be worn securely around the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed. No holes, rips, or tears. Neat frays are allowed with no dangling strings.
2. No sweats, nylon, spandex, flannel, fleece, yoga pants, velvet, knit, sweater material, or excessively revealing/baggy, are permissible for pants or shorts.
3. Blue jeans are acceptable on School Spirit Fridays or special days.
4. No neon, camouflage, or acid wash.
5. Shorts—See exceptions for specific campus guidelines.
Girls’ dresses/skirts/jumpsuits/rompers (must be modest and of reasonable style, NO spaghetti straps)
1. Dresses or jumpers do NOT need to be collared or have a collared shirt underneath but must have a sleeve and the neckline may be no more than 3 fingers below the clavicle.
2. No shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Walking slits may extend no higher than 4 inches above the knee.
3. Collared shirt/blouse must be worn with a skirt.
4. No skirts made completely of tutu material (tulle).
5. Clean, neat leggings are allowed under a skirt or dress as long as the dress or skirt is no more than 4 inches above the knee when kneeling.

Shoes
1. Shoes must be worn throughout the day.
2. Plastic, rubber shower-shoes, flip-flops, or slippers may not be worn.

Jewelry/Body Art
1. Earrings that are moderately sized may be worn by girls. Piercing hardware or gauges may not be worn.
2. Tattoos in any visible form are not acceptable, including temporary tattoos. Should a student have a tattoo, they must wear clothes to cover it.
3. Excessively long earrings, jewelry, or chains of any kind are a safety hazard and may not be worn.

Hair
1. **ALL:** 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.
2. **Guys:** Hair should be out of the eyes without needing a clip or rubber band. No hair clips, rubber bands, headbands, or other hair accessories.
3. Hats and sunglasses are to be worn outside only.

School Spirit Fridays
See exceptions for specific campus guidelines.

After-School Activities and Functions
When students represent ECA in an official, off-campus capacity, standardized dress may be required.
Even if standardized dress is not required, neatness and modesty are expected at all outside school-sponsored activities.

**ELEMENTARY EXCEPTIONS to the above rules:**

Tops
1. Small patterns are acceptable if worn with a solid, e.g., you may wear small-patterned bottoms with a SOLID top or a small, patterned top with SOLID bottoms. Clothing with all-over images (sharks, bicycles, Disney, etc.) should be no larger than credit-card size.
2. Elementary students MAY wear sleeveless tops or dresses; however, straps must be approx. 1” thick. No spaghetti straps unless a shirt (collared for top/non-collared for dress) is worn underneath.

Bottoms
1. Shorts or capri pants may be worn only at the beginning and the end of the school year. Shorts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Parents will be notified of the timing as it depends on the weather.

School Spirit Friday
1. Blue jeans may be worn on School Spirit Friday **ONLY** if a royal, navy blue, or white collared shirt or ECA apparel (hoodie or t-shirt) is worn.
2. **ECA** hoodies may be worn **ONLY** on School Spirit Fridays.
SECONDARY EXCEPTIONS to the above rules:

Tops
1. ECA hoodies are allowed to be worn daily in the classroom but MUST be worn over a collared shirt.

Bottoms
1. Shorts may be worn throughout the school year. Shorts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.

Jewelry:
1. Guys may wear stud earrings that are no larger than the top of a pen (approx .25 in).
2. GIRLS ONLY: VERY SMALL nose piercings are allowed if they are no larger than the tip of a pen (no hoops, no septum piercing).

Secondary Dance Dress Guidelines
Girls
1. The dress or top must cover all undergarments, including bra straps.
2. No more than a hand width from the clavicle to the top of the dress (modest neckline).
3. Strapless dresses are NOT permitted.
4. Dress length must be no more than 4 inches above the knee when kneeling, even with hands raised.
5. There should be sufficient ease in the fit of the dress so that the dress is not excessively revealing.
6. Two-piece dresses are permitted only if the midriff is covered even when hands are raised.
7. Excessively low, open-back dresses are not permissible. The dress should not be lower than a bra strap in the back.
8. If a covering is worn that makes the dress acceptable, it must be worn for the entire evening.

Guys
1. Should follow the standards of neatness and modesty outlined above, and dress appropriately for the event.
2. Dress pants, a collared shirt, and a tie/bowtie should be worn for formal dances.

Secondary Physical Education Dress Code
1. Students must purchase an ECA PE shirt for Physical Education (PE) class.
2. Only ECA PE shirts with sweatpants or shorts are acceptable for PE.
3. PE shorts should not hang below the knees.
4. PE shorts should not be excessively revealing or lay more than 4 inches above the knee.
5. Students should wear athletic shoes for PE Class.

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