

6. Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects modesty, cleanliness, and readiness to learn. Clothing should not distract from the learning environment or conflict with set guidelines.

- Clothes must fit properly
- Shorts must be modest and loose fitting. No more than 4 inches above the knee. Discretion of appropriate dress will be determined by staff, faculty and/or administration.

Prohibited:

- Excessive holes in pants.
- Clothing and/or accessories which impedes student learning and/or safety.
- Any clothing that reveals undergarments or excessive amounts of skin.
- Pajama type clothing (Except for specific dress up days)
- Spandex/Spunks type shorts unless shirt covers bottom.
- Sagging or dragging pants below the hip bone or that show undergarment
- Halter tops, spaghetti straps, racerback, see-through, cropped shirts (all shirts must cover stomach when arms are stretched straight over head)
- Tank tops may only be worn if strap is 2" or wider
- Low neck line including when student is bent
- Tight fitting shorts. No shorts more than 4 inches above the knee
- Athletic shorts **are not** allowed on Chapel days
- Shoes without enclosed heel or straps; slippers
- Slides may be worn in middle school; however, socks must be packed for students attending PE
- Hats or sunglasses inside any building (hats are okay for middle school students in the classroom)
- Messaging on clothes including but not limited to suggestive, violence, alcohol, drugs, sorcery, witchcraft, anything that creates a negative attitude or in conflict with the school's mission
- Swimsuits that show torso when arms are stretched straight over head without a t-shirt covering them.
- Boys: earrings and nail polish
- Girls: no more than two earrings per ear; no face piercings
- Boys-hair in eyes and touching the shoulder; Girls-hair in eyes
- Hair that is not neatly trimmed
- Unnatural hair color including but not limited to pink, green, purple, blue, etc.
- Special dress days or PE guidelines will be communicated in advance. Dress code violations may result in parent contact and the need to change attire.

Dress Code for Special Events

Because there will be times in the lives of our students when they are expected to wear clothing different from everyday wear, ECS has implemented a performance dress code for special events including, but not limited to the Christmas Program, any academic

events (spelling bee, geography bee, math olympics, etc.), academic award assemblies, chapel (for students serving in the chapel service) and graduation.

- Chapel requirements: **No shorts or athletic pants(leggings) allowed for students on stage**
- Boys: Collared shirts with pants (jeans without holes are allowed)
- Girls: Blouses or collared shirts with pants (jeans without holes are allowed) or skirts; dresses • Boys and Girls: No shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, jeans with holes, joggers, hats, slides, or athletic leggings.

PE Clothing

Athletic shoes and socks are required: no street shoes, flip flops, sandals, boots or open-toed shoes of any kind are allowed. For Middle School PE and athletics, athletic shorts and t-shirts must meet dress code policy; spandex may be worn under shorts of dress-code length. Sweats may be worn over the above during cooler weather, as determined by the PE teacher.

Parent and Student Responsibility

Parents, please see that your child comes to school each day in compliance with the ECS standards of dress. Our policy will be strictly enforced. School staff and administration will decide what is appropriate or inappropriate according to the stated guidelines.

Steps for noncompliance:

- 1st offense: Student will receive a warning and parents may be asked to bring replacement clothing promptly.
- 2nd offense: A note of noncompliance will be sent home to be signed by the parent/guardian
- 3rd offense: Students will be either sent home to change or made to wait in the office until parents bring them proper clothing. Repeated dress code violations will result in a conference with parents and possible suspension from school.