

2011-12 Dress / Appearance Code

(Items in RED represent changes)

C. STUDENT DRESS / APPEARANCE CODE

School dress should reflect the fact that students are at school for the purpose of education, not recreation. Parents and students are reminded that items of clothing which may be appropriate in social settings are not always appropriate for school. ECS is an academic institution, and school is, in essence, the student's job – therefore students need to dress accordingly. The way one dresses can have a significant effect upon the attitude of the student and the atmosphere of the classroom. Any clothing item or accessory that the teacher or administration deems inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment may be confiscated, or result in the student being sent home to change. The Headmaster reserves the right to make all final decisions on acceptable attire and personal appearance.

The appearance code at ECS is based on the following three principles:

- 1) Modesty
- 2) Professionalism
- 3) Limiting Distractions

The appearance code applies to all school functions including field trips, afterschool and/or weekend related events, detentions, and ceremonies. The dress code is also to be followed by all students working in the concession stand during games. All exceptions to the dress code must be approved by the Headmaster.

When there is an appearance code (hair/dress) violation:

- 1) The student will be removed from class immediately, and required to come into compliance before returning to class. Students will be given an unexcused absence and zero's for all classes and class work missed (including tests & quizzes).
- 2) If the student is unable to return home for a haircut or to change into appropriate attire, or if a parent cannot bring proper clothing to school, the student will be assigned to In-School-Suspension for the remainder of the day.
- 3) After three appearance code violations, the student will be given an In-School-Suspension.
- 4) With the fourth appearance code violation, the student's behavior will be considered defiant and the student may be dismissed from Emmanuel Christian School.

PRESCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN (2, 3, 4, 5 year olds)

- a. Loose fitting long pants are acceptable for both boys and girls.
- a. Shorts are acceptable for both boys and girls, and **must come within the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap. Shorts are also advisable under dresses and skirts for modesty during playground activities.**
- b. All shirts, blouses, and dresses must extend out to the shoulder joint, be modest enough not to reveal undergarments, and be long enough to tuck in.
- c. T-shirts are acceptable, but must be free of inappropriate advertising.
- d. All K2-K5 students will be required to purchase at least one **green** ECS T-shirt to be worn during off-campus outings for safety and identification purposes.
- e. For safety reasons, all shoes must have a back strap. No shoe that resembles flip-flops or beach sandals will be allowed.

GRADES 1-12 BOYS:

The guidelines below are institutional, not spiritual. They were established for the sake of maintaining modesty and eliminating distractions.

SHIRTS

- a. Boys may wear ECS spirit-wear (polos, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies) purchased from the ECS office.
- b. Collared shirts and **sweaters** are also acceptable.
- c. All shirts must be loose-fitting, and remain tucked in at all times.
- d. Shirts may have a small manufacturer's logo, but must be free of additional advertising.
- e. ECS team jerseys are permitted on game days.
- f. **On designated days, students may wear ECS team and/or ECS club shirts. (i.e. – Seniors, Yearbook staff , Beta Club, etc.)**
- g. For safety and identification purposes, all preschool- 8th grade students will be required to purchase at least one green ECS T-shirt that will be worn on field trips and merit trips.

PANTS

- a. **Solid color** long pants or jeans may be worn. (No skinny jeans; sweat pants, warm up pants, knit styles, pajama pants, etc.)
- b. All pants must be loose-fitting, worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.

SHORTS

- a. **Solid color shorts may be worn.** (No cut-off shorts.)
- b. All shorts must be loose-fitting, worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.
- c. **Shorts must come within the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap.**

BELTS

A dress-style belt must be worn with all pants and shorts that have or are designed to have belt loops.

SHOES

- a. Dress shoes, casual shoes, Crocs or tennis shoes may be worn.
- b. For safety reasons, neither shoes with wheels, nor flip-flops are permitted.
- c. For health reasons, shoes must be worn at all times.

OTHER

- a. Body / face piercing, disks, studs, ear rings, bling, chains, and visible tattoos are prohibited.
- b. Hats are not to be seen during school hours.
- c. **Any clothing item or accessory that the teacher or administration deems inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment may be confiscated, or result in the student being sent home to change.**

P.E. UNIFORMS are required for those taking 6th –12th grade Physical Education classes and are available through the school office.

GRADE 1-12 GIRLS

The guidelines below are institutional, not spiritual. They were established for the sake of maintaining modesty and eliminating distractions.

SHIRTS

- a. Girls may wear ECS spirit-wear (polos, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies) purchased from the ECS office.
- b. **Collared and collarless dressy-style shirts, blouses, and sweaters with modest necklines are also acceptable.**

- A modest neckline is defined as one that does not reveal cleavage when the person is standing or bending over.
- c. All shirts must be loose-fitting, extend out to the shoulder joint; and must fully cover the back, midriff, and all undergarments.
- d. Shirts may have a small manufacturer's logo, but must be free of additional advertising.
- e. ECS team jerseys are permitted on game days.
- f. On designated days, students may wear ECS team and/or ECS club shirts. (i.e. – Seniors, Yearbook staff , Beta Club, etc.)
- g. For safety and identification purposes, all preschool- 8th grade students will be required to purchase at least one green ECS T-shirt that will be worn on field trips and merit trips.

DRESSES/SKIRTS

- a. Dresses and/or skirts must fit properly (not too tight or loose), be free of rips, frays, holes, be worn at the waist, and must come to within the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap.
- b. Any slits in dresses/skirts may not exceed the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap.
- c. Dresses must have modest necklines, be loose-fitting, extend out to the shoulder joint; and must fully cover the back, all undergarments.

PANTS

- a. Solid color long pants, and/or loose-fitting jeans may be worn. (No skinny jeans; sweat pants, warm up pants, knit styles, pajama pants, etc.)
- b. All pants and Capris must be proper fitting, worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.

SHORTS

- a. Solid color shorts may be worn. (No cut-off shorts.)
- b. All shorts must be loose-fitting, worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.
- c. Shorts must come within the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap.

BELTS

A dress-style belt must be worn with all pants and shorts that have or are designed to have belt loops.

SHOES

- a. Dress shoes, casual shoes, Crocs, tennis shoes, and dressy-style sandals may be worn.
- b. For safety reasons, neither shoes with wheels, nor flip-flops are permitted.
- c. For health reasons, shoes must be worn at all times.

OTHER

- a. Body / face piercing, disks, studs, bling, chains, and visible tattoos are prohibited.
- b. Earrings are limited to a total of three holes around the outside edge of each ear. Disks, studs, bars, and such are prohibited.
- c. Hats are not to be seen during school hours.
- d. Any clothing item or accessory that the teacher or administration deems inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment may be confiscated, or result in the student being sent home to change.

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DRESS CODE FOR MISS CRUSADER, JUNIOR/SENIOR BANQUET, AND SENIOR CLASS PICTURES

Pictures: the designated administrative representative must check and approve dresses at least one week prior to the event. They will be checked for modest appearance and length. While halter style dresses are permitted; strapless and cleavage revealing attire will not be permitted. The same dress standards will also apply to non-ECS students attending any ECS events, including our Junior-Senior Banquet.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND VISITORS:

- a. We appreciate the cooperation of parents in dressing appropriately when on campus or attending school functions. Your modest attire helps to set a good example for our students.
- b. **Any clothing, item, or accessory that the staff, faculty, or administration deems inappropriate or distracting may result in denial of permission to visit on the ECS campus.**

D. HAIR

- a. **SCACS (our accrediting agency) requires** that boys' hair should be clean, neatly groomed and trimmed, above the collar, the ears, and the eyebrows (*preferred, but not required for 2, 3, & 4 year olds*).
- b. All hair colors must be natural for both boys and girls, with no extremes in cut or style.
- c. Facial hair is not permitted for students and sideburns may not extend below the earlobe.
- d. Any student whose hair is not in compliance with the dress code (cut and/or color) will be required to leave school and have it corrected immediately. Students will not be permitted to attend class and will be given an unexcused absence and zero's for all classes and class work missed (including tests & quizzes). Students being sent home for hair violations will also be prohibited from participating in ANY extra-curricular activities (including banquet, field trip, sports, and graduation), until they are in compliance.