

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

“Teaching the Mind, Training the Heart”



UPDATED DRESS CODE 2021-2022

The sections that are highlighted are updated for this school year.

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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 Head of School reserves the right to make all final decisions on acceptable attire and personal appearance.

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

1. Honoring God
2. Modesty
3. Neatness
4. Limiting and/or Eliminating 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 Head of School.

When there is an appearance code violation:

1. Depending on the severity of the infraction the student may be given a written warning or removed from class immediately, and required to come into compliance before returning to class. Students will be given an unexcused absence and zeroes for all classes and class work missed (including tests & quizzes).
2. If the student is unable to change into appropriate attire, or if a parent cannot bring proper clothing to school, the student will be assigned to the office for the remainder of the day. The option is available for parents to purchase school spirit wear that will bring the student into compliance.

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

- a. Loose fitting long pants are acceptable for both boys and girls.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. T-shirts are acceptable, but must be free of inappropriate advertising.
- 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 Honoring God and maintaining modesty, neatness, and limiting and/or eliminating distractions.

SHIRTS

- a. Boys may wear ECS spirit-wear (polos, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies) purchased from the ECS office. These may be worn untucked.
- b. Collared shirts, sweaters and collarless dressier-style long sleeve shirts are also acceptable.

- c. For grades 1-6, T-shirts may be worn as long as they are free from inappropriate advertising. Garments must not cause any type of distraction.
- d. For grades 7-12, T-shirts may be worn as long as there are no references to video games, movies, TV programs, and music groups and are free from inappropriate advertising. Garments must not cause any type of distraction.
- e. All shirts must be loose-fitting. Button up dress shirts must be tucked in. All other shirts can be untucked, if appearance remains neat.
- f. ECS team jerseys are permitted on game days and may be worn untucked.
- g. Students may wear ECS team and/or ECS club shirts. (i.e. – Seniors, Yearbook staff, Beta Club, etc.) and may be worn untucked.

PANTS

- a. Boys may wear solid or patterned pants (Ex: plaid, stripes) (For grades 7-12 - No sweat/knit pants, warm-up pants. Pajama pants are only acceptable on school sponsored dress down days.)
- b. For grades 1-6, Boys may wear knit/warm-up pants as long as the appearance remains neat.
- c. All pants must be loose-fitting, worn at the waist (with a belt if belt loops are exposed), and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.

SHORTS

- a. Boys may wear solid or patterned shorts (Ex: plaid, stripes) (No cut-off shorts, and for grades 7-12 no athletic/knit shorts.)
- b. All shorts must be loose-fitting, worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.
- c. Shorts must come to the top of the knee cap. This includes dress down days.
- d. For grades 1-6 Athletic shorts that come to the top of the knee may be worn.

BELTS

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

SHOES

- a. Dress shoes, casual shoes, Crocs or tennis shoes may be worn.
- b. Athletic Slides and Flip-flops are permitted, but straps must be sewn into the sole of the shoe and not be able to pull out from the base of the shoe. (No “beach” or “discount store” flops.)
- c. For health reasons, shoes must be worn at all times and cannot present a safety risk.

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, and no hoods may be worn on heads.
- 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 students taking 7th – 9th 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 Honoring God and maintaining modesty, neatness, and limiting and/or 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. For grades 1-6, T-shirts may be worn as long as they are free from inappropriate advertising. Garments must not cause any type of distraction.
- e. For grades 7-12, T-shirts may be worn as long as there are no references to video games, movies, TV programs, and music groups and are free from inappropriate advertising. Garments must not cause any type of distraction.
- f. ECS team jerseys are permitted on game days.
- g. Students may wear ECS team and/or ECS club shirts. (i.e. – Seniors, Yearbook staff , Beta Club, etc.)

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, and all undergarments.

PANTS

- a. Girls may wear solid or patterned pants (Ex: plaid, stripes) (For grades 7-12 - No sweat/knit pants, warm-up pants. Pajama pants are only acceptable on school sponsored dress down days.)
- b. For grades 1-6, Girls may wear knit/warm-up pants as long as the appearance remains neat.
- c. All pants and leggings must be worn at the waist, and free of rips, tears, holes and frays.
- d. If leggings or jeggings are worn, shirts or tunics must be long enough to completely cover the bottom and undergarment outlines at all times. All leggings must be non-athletic and opaque above the knee.

SHORTS

- a. Girls may wear solid or patterned shorts (Ex: plaid, stripes) (No cut-off shorts, and for grades 7-12 no athletic/knit 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. This includes dress down days.
- d. For grades 1-6 Athletic shorts that come within the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee cap may be worn.
- e. Shorts worn for athletic practices must come at least to the end of the finger-tips.

SHOES

- a. Dress shoes, casual shoes, Crocs, tennis shoes, and dressy style sandals may be worn.
- b. Athletic Slides and Flip-flops are permitted, but straps must be sewn into the sole of the shoe and not be able to pull out from the base of the shoe. (No “beach” or “discount store” flops.)
- d. For health reasons, shoes must be worn at all times and cannot present a safety risk.

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, and no hoods may be worn on heads.
- 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

- 1- No low-cut dress may be worn, straps must be added if needed to ensure modesty.
- 2- Halter style dresses are allowed but must be modest.
- 3- The back of any dress should be no lower than the traditional undergarment.
- 4- Any panel that is added to a dress must be opaque material and not transparent.
- 5- No cleavage is permitted.
- 6- The length must be at least a dollar bill above the knee (horizontally), and slits must meet the same guidelines.
- 7- The dress must cover the midriff when standing or sitting.
- 8- No shawls will be allowed to take the place of set guidelines.
- 9- Avoid dresses with clingy fabric that would emphasize the outline of the body. (Tightness and modesty is by discretion of ECS Staff.)
- 10- Dresses will be checked by at least two ECS Staff.
- 11- Any rechecks must be re-approved no later than two days before the scheduled event. If the dress is not approved by the date given students will not be able to attend the event.
- 12- ECS reserves the right to disapprove according to fit. Modesty is the goal for our young ladies at ECS.
- 13- If your Jr/Sr date is not an ECS student, her dress must also follow the above guidelines and be approved by the specified date.
- 14- Dress checks will be completed again at applicable events, and approved dresses must be worn to prevent dismissal from the activities.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND VISITORS:

1. 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.
2. 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

1. 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 & 5 year olds*).
2. All hair colors must be a natural color for both boys and girls, with no extremes in cut or style.
3. Facial hair that is neatly groomed and trimmed is allowed for senior boys. The administration has the final say on what is neatly groomed and trimmed. Facial hair is not permitted for other students and sideburns may not extend below the earlobe.
4. Any student whose hair is not in compliance with the hair code (cut and/or color) will be given two days to correct. Students will be given demerits thereafter until hair is in compliance with code.