

## DRESS CODE (Pre-K - 12th Grade) 2024-2025

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 Corinthians 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.

### All apparel should:

1. Fit modestly (Be properly sized-not too big or too small).
2. Be clean and neat (free from rips, tears, holes, or cuts).
3. Be worn appropriately (buttoned or zippered) with undergarments not visible.
4. Not include camouflage or tie-dye patterns.
5. Not include clothing, jewelry, or other items with reference to rock groups, gangs, skulls, drugs, alcohol, Satanism, death, immorality, or any other item that promotes unbiblical morals.

### Tops

1. All shirts, tops, blouses, polo shirts, and dress shirts must be collared.  $\frac{1}{4}$  zip pullovers with no hood can be worn as a collared shirt as long as they have a portion that folds down as a collar.
2. Turtlenecks may **not** be worn as the collared shirt. They may only be worn UNDER a collared shirt, dress, jumper, or overalls.
3. Shirts that are intended to be buttoned should always be buttoned and may not be worn open over a shirt or sweatshirt.
4. T-shirts, tank tops, sleeveless tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, bare-midribs, 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 that is buttoned.
5. Tops/shirts must be long enough so that the mid-drift does not show when hands are raised or when bending over.
6. Any logos or words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder. No large logos across the chest are allowed. Words must be the size of a credit card and **can not be an overall repeating pattern on the shirt or sweatshirt.**

### Sweaters, Hoodies, Pullovers, and Sweatshirts

1. Sweaters, sweater vests, or sweatshirts **worn over** collared shirts are acceptable **but must not be longer than the shorts or skirt.**
2. **ECA hoodies are allowed on Friday Spirit Days only.**
3. Plain or patterned crewneck sweatshirts of any material or pattern other than camouflage or tie-dye with no hood are allowed with a collared shirt underneath.
4. Collared,  $\frac{1}{4}$  zip or button pullovers of any material or pattern other than camouflage or tie-dye with no hood are acceptable in the classroom. **(See #1 under "Tops" for more information).**
5. 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. Words must be the size of a credit card and **can not be an overall repeating pattern on the shirt or sweatshirt.**
6. Outerwear (coats, jackets, or hoodies) will be removed after entering the building.

## **Pants/Shorts**

1. Properly fitting, modest pants or shorts that are denim, khaki, cotton, or dress-pant material only.
  - a. No excessively revealing, baggy, or low-ride pants.
  - b. No neon, camouflage, or acid wash.
  - c. No blue jeans or blue jean overalls, except on spirit days or other special dress days.
  - d. No sweatpants, athletic shorts, warm-ups, wind pants, hip-huggers, jeggings/leggings, yoga pants, spandex, fleece, flannel, velvet, knit, or sweater material.
  - e. No holes, rips, or tears. Neat frays are allowed with no dangling strings.
2. Pants must be worn securely around the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
3. Shorts may be no more than 4 inches above the knee.

## **Girls' dresses/skirts/jumpsuits/rompers**

1. Dresses do NOT need to be collared, however the neckline may be no more than 3 fingers below the clavicle.
2. Dresses or skirts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, including any slits.
3. Collared shirt/blouse must be worn with a skirt and under dresses, jumpers, and rompers if the dress, jumper, or romper does not have sleeves. (Please see #2 under "Tops" for more information on turtlenecks).
4. No skirts made completely of tutu material (tulle).
5. Jean skirts and dresses are allowed.
6. 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. No flip-flops, athletic slides, or slippers.
3. Athletic shoes are mandatory on PE days.

## **Jewelry/Body Art**

1. Piercing hardware may not be worn. No gauges.
2. Earrings that are moderately sized may be worn by females.
3. Tattoos in any visible form are not acceptable, including temporary tattoos. Should a student have a tattoo, they must wear clothes to cover it.
4. Excessively long earrings, jewelry, or chains of any kind are a safety hazard and may not be worn.

## **Hair**

1. 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**

1. Blue jeans may be worn on Fridays with an ECA spirit T-shirt.
2. Shirts do not need to be collared but must be neat and modest (follow guidelines for "tops" above).
3. ECA sweatshirts or hoodies may be worn with an ECA spirit shirt.

## **ELEMENTARY EXCEPTIONS to the above rules:**

### **Tops:**

1. Elementary students MAY wear sleeveless tops but no spaghetti straps, or mid-drift tops. Sleeveless straps must be at least 1 inch wide and conceal all undergarments.
2. 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.

### **Shorts and/or capris:**

1. Shorts and/or capris are allowed at the beginning and end of the school year. Parents will be notified about the timing of this.

## **SECONDARY EXCEPTIONS to the rules above:**

### **Jewelry:**

1. Males may wear stud earrings that are no larger than a top of a sewing pin.
2. SMALL Nose piercings are allowed 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, collared shirt and 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.

## **Elementary and Secondary After-School Activities and Functions**

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

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