

### Dress Code Benefits

Edgewood Campus School has a dress code for all elementary and middle school students. There are many positive reasons for a school dress code, including:

1. A dress code encourages students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances.
2. A dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because they project a neat, school-oriented mindset.
3. Dress codes can be less expensive.
4. Dress codes eliminate the visible differences between children.
5. Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing and minimize clothing competition.
6. Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging.

### Dress Code Guidelines

**Staff follows the same guidelines as the students.** Yes, means that an item can be worn. No means that a violation of the dress code will occur. Parents will be notified by phone call or email of a dress code infraction.

Clothing Type	Elementary	Middle School
ECS Spirit Wear	Yes	Yes
Collared dress shirts, crew neck, turtlenecks & solid t-shirts	Yes	Yes
Shorts or skirts that come to within 3 inches of the top of the knee.	Yes	Yes
Shirts or sweatshirts w/athletic team, college, student clubs, or team logos.	Yes	Yes
Athletic shorts that go to within 3 inches of the top the knee.	Gym Class Only	Gym Class Only
Dresses, skirts, skorts- must come to the top of the knee.	Yes	Yes
Leggings can be worn with a knee length skirt only (not alone).	Yes	Yes
Cotton/Twill or denim jean pants- not too loose or too tight. Seek a good fit for range of motion activities. Capri pants are acceptable.	Yes Staff-only on jean days	Yes Staff-only on jean days
Safe shoes including athletic shoes and sandals with back straps.	Yes	Yes
Caps, hat, or dark sunglasses inside the school	No	No
Undergarments showing. (Ex. Bra strap or underwear)	No	No

Clothing with holes, rips, tears.	No	No
Overly tight or overly loose clothing.	No	No
Tube tops, halters, tank tops, spaghetti straps, racerback , back revealing tops or low-cut necklines.	No	No
Outerwear with large advertising/brand names logos	No	No
Flip flops	No	No
Clothing with any messages, words. Pictures, graphics, or fashion logos.	No	No
Camouflage clothing	No	No
Sweat pants, short athletic shorts, spandex pants or shorts, wind pants, jogging suits, yoga pants, leggings, and pajama pants. (Leggings can be worn under a knee length skirt).	No	No
Sheer shirts & skirts that expose undergarments.	No	No
Jewelry that pierces the body other than the ear.	No	No

**If a student is in violation of the Student Dress Policy:**

1. A student in violation of the dress code is first asked to correct their attire immediately. Some supplementary clothing is available through the administration.
2. For middle school students, repeated offenses of the dress code will result in a written violation. Teachers may ask for administrative assistance with this.
3. If a student is persistent in dress code violations, the teacher will notify the parent or guardian in writing, phone or personal contact of the specific infractions.
4. On liturgy days, if appropriate dress up clothing is not worn, the teacher reserves the right to have the student call for proper attire. Students in grades 6 through 8 automatically receive a violation if they come to school without appropriate dress.

**Note: It is imperative that all teachers follow these procedures if a student is in violation of the code.**

**Dress Policy for Staff**

Teachers are expected to dress as a professional role model every school day. Appearance should be a sign of professionalism. Wearing blue jeans is reserved for outdoor field trips, other designated casual days, and the maintenance staff. Staff should follow, with an additional level of professionalism, the same dress code guidelines as the students.