

## **Dress Standards and Expectations**

Because the way that we dress often reflects and influences our feelings and attitudes, all work environments set appropriate dress standards to maximize productivity. Extremes in style and grooming are not appropriate for a learning environment because they seek or cause undue distraction from our purpose. Therefore, we believe that setting clear standards for how we dress for school influences the tone of our learning community.

Students are expected to abide by ECMS dress standards at all school functions unless otherwise specified. Administrators and teachers have the authority to judge whether or not students are in accordance with the EMCS Dress Standards.

- ***School clothing should be neat, clean and modest.***
- Clothing must be free of rips, holes, and frays including cut-offs of any sort.
- Clothing or accessories that promote things that are contrary to our core values will not be permitted; including offensive images, or unhealthy products, thoughts, sayings or ideas (alcohol, drugs, smoking, etc.)
- Boys pants must be worn above the hips, so as not to reveal underwear. If necessary, a belt may be required.
- Girls' tops must demonstrate modesty by overlapping with pants or skirts under all circumstances.
- Tops should not reveal undergarments or cleavage. Sleeveless tops covering the full shoulder are permitted. Halter-tops, tank tops, low-cut tops will not be permitted.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses, shorter than fingertip length will not be permitted.
- Leggings may not be worn on their own. Girls may wear leggings beneath a skirt, dress, or top that meets length requirements.
- Clothing that is see-through, made of fishnet or spandex materials, or excessively tight fitting will not be permitted.
- Sweatpants and athletic pants/shorts may be worn to school. Please be advised that pajama bottoms are not included in this policy.
- Students may not wear head coverings (hats, bandanas, hoods, etc.) or coats in the building between the hours of 8:15 and 3:00.
- Hair colors that are not natural, including tips and streaks, are not permitted.
- No earring(s) may be worn by boys. Body and facial piercing or tattoos will not be permitted.
  - Pre-existing tattoos must be covered at all times on campus and during all school sponsored trips.
- Any shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- Students should not write on themselves or any other student with pen, marker, or any other kind of writing utensil.

### ***For Upper Elementary School:***

- All above guidelines apply for 4th and 5th grade students.
- Students must wear closed-toe footwear. Flip-flops and sandals will not be permitted.

Students not adhering to the above dress standards will be asked to wear clothing provided by the school until appropriate clothing can be brought to school.

Students will be warned regarding improper dress by being given a red flag. The accumulation of 3 red flags will result in After School Solution Center. Repeated willful lack of adherence will result in additional discipline.