



## EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### DRESS CODE

The purpose for implementing this student dress code policy for all students in grades Kindergarten through 12 is to strengthen the learning environment for classroom instruction and academic performance; prevent disruption to the educational process; prevent distraction to students, staff and the educational process; facilitate learning; increase the atmosphere for school pride and personal appearance; and enhance the image of students and the school in the community. While requiring a specific type of clothing, it is not the district's purpose to interfere with student decisions or freedom of expression. However, the safety of all students, the security of the building, and the environment in which our students learn must be the foremost objective of the district.

This dress code policy shall be in effect during the regular school year.

#### Dress Code for Grades 7 to 12

##### **BOYS-**

1. Tops - Shirts with a collar and sleeve, in solids, stripes, or plaids, are required. Pictures or wording on the shirt are prohibited. Solid color, striped or patterned sweaters including crew neck, v-neck, full length zipper, half-zipper pullover, boat neck, vest/sweater vest, and cardigan can be worn as part of a layered outfit with a collared shirt or turtleneck. Button down dress shirts, with a collar and long or short sleeves, which have patterns.

No more than the top two (2) buttons may be unbuttoned on any style of a collared shirt.

A manufacturer's logo/emblem is permitted on the upper front corner of the shirt or on the sleeve.

All shirts must have finished seams, including sleeves, collars, and shirt sides.

Clothing that is torn, revealing, or tight is inappropriate school attire. Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, weapons or is offensive either by racial or sexual reference is prohibited.

2. Bottoms - Bottoms are permitted in the following colors: shades of **black, blue, and brown/tan** and must be solid in color. Pants can be pleated or straight. Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor. The width of the pant bottom should be no larger than the shoe size. Shorts that are near the knee are permitted.

It is recommended that students wear a belt with bottoms. All bottoms must be worn at the waist. *The waist is defined as the area between the bottom of the rib cage and top of the hip bone.*

All bottoms must have a finished hem.

3. Shoes - Dress shoes, boots, sneakers, and sandals are permitted. **Slippers, flip-flops, and sneakers with wheels are not permitted.**

4. All clothing must be sized appropriately; therefore clothing must be no more than one (1) regular size larger or smaller than the student actually measures.

### **GIRLS-**

1. Tops - Shirts with a collar and sleeve, in solids, stripes, or plaids, are required. Pictures or wording on the shirt are prohibited. Solid color, striped or patterned sweaters including crew neck, v-neck, full length zipper, half-zipper pullover, boat neck, vest/sweater vest, and cardigan can be worn as part of a layered outfit with a collared shirt or turtleneck. Button down dress shirts, with a collar and long or short sleeves, which have patterns.

No more than the top two (2) buttons may be unbuttoned on any style of a collared shirt.

A manufacturer's logo/emblem is permitted on the upper front corner of the shirt or on the sleeve.

All shirts must have finished seams, including sleeves, collars, and shirt sides.

Clothing that is torn, revealing, or tight is considered to be inappropriate school attire. Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, weapons, or is offensive either by racial or sexual reference is prohibited.

2. Bottoms - Bottoms are permitted in the following colors: shades of **black, blue, and brown/tan** and must be solid in color. Pants can be pleated or straight Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor. The width of the pant bottom should be no larger than the shoe size. In addition to these choices, capri pants, jumpers, skirts, shorts, and skorts are also permitted but limited in colors to those outlined above. The hemline must be near the knee.

It is recommended that students wear a belt with bottoms. **All** bottoms must be worn at the waist. *The waist is defined as the area between the bottom of the rib cage and top of the hip bone.*

All bottoms must have a finished hem.

3. Dresses - All dresses must have a collar and sleeves. All jumpers must be worn with an approved collared top. Dresses and jumpers must be a solid color, the appropriate length and have a finished hem. Dresses with collar and long or short sleeves, with patterns or plaids.

4. Socks - Any color sock is permitted. Leggings, tights, leotards, etc. are recommended under dresses, skirts, and skorts and must be in a solid color.

5. Shoes - Dress shoes, boots, sneakers, and sandals are permitted. Slippers, flip-flops, and sneakers with wheels are not permitted.

6. All clothing must be sized appropriately; therefore clothing must be no more than one (1) regular size larger or smaller than the student actually measures.

### **PROHIBITED**

Hooded tops or "hoodies" are prohibited. Hooded tops or "hoodies" may be worn as outerwear but must be placed in lockers upon arrival to school.

Outerwear/Outdoor clothing is not permitted once classes begin.

Wearing an oversize/draping shirt hanging at the knee area, touching the knee, or below the knee is strictly prohibited.

Draping articles of clothing, towels, or other objects out of pant pockets are not permitted.

Tops which expose cleavage, undergarments, or waist/belly button /stomach area are strictly prohibited.

Denim (Jeans) of any type is prohibited. Cut-offs or holes of any kind are not permitted in bottoms. Students are not permitted to wear leggings/jeggings as pants, pajama bottoms, yoga pants, athletic style pants and shorts, or sweat pants/jogging pants and sweat shorts, which includes fleece, stretch knits, cotton, nylon, spandex and velour.

Wearing bottoms which expose skin or undergarments or wearing oversized, draping baggy style pants to create a “sag” look is strictly prohibited.

Fishnet or ripped-up stockings are not permitted.

No head coverings are permitted. This includes but is not limited to caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sweatbands, skull caps, sunglasses, headsets, or any other head covering. Combs, rakes, or picks should not be worn in the hair

Any gang attire, symbols, signs, tattoos, hairstyles, or other evidence of membership in, or affiliation with, recruitment of, or desire to be affiliated with any gang is prohibited.

### **JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES**

Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons are not to be worn to school. This includes but is not limited to jewelry such as spiked rings, spiked bracelets, spiked dog collars, chained wallets, two (2) or three (3) finger rings that are connected, and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist.

Chains and sharp objects such as spikes are not allowed on clothing or book bags.

Students may not wear tinted glasses or sunglasses. Gold teeth or grills of any type are strictly prohibited.

### **RELIGIOUS/OTHER EXEMPTIONS**

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student. This may be determined by the building principal.

Requests for exemptions from the dress code based upon one’s religion or religious beliefs must be made at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance in writing to the Principal. The letter must include an explanation of why the religion/religious belief prevents compliance with the dress code.

Other exceptions will require approval from the Building Principal. Such exception requests must be made in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance and must include a reason/explanation for the request.

## **GENERAL**

All clothing is to be clean and neat.

Attire that is not in compliance with this dress code policy is not permitted. In addition to the clothing items expressly prohibited under this policy, Principals and District Administration have discretion to address any attire/body art that is offensive, degrading, vulgar, contrary to the educational mission of the school, disrupting the learning environment, or infringing upon the rights of others.

## **Transfer Students**

Transfer students must be in compliance with the dress code policy by the first attended day of school.

## **VIOLATIONS**

**\*TBA by building**

Repercussions for dress code violations will be determined by the building principals. Infractions could result in:

- Notification to parents
- Detentions
- In-school suspensions
- Out-of-school suspensions