

Dress Code

Experience leads us to believe that a child's attitude about school and about himself/herself is directly influenced by the way he/she is dressed. Since school might be thought of as the child's place of work, the way he/she dresses will reflect those attitudes. Here at ELS we acknowledge our bodies to be the temple of the Holy Spirit and thus expect that good dress habits and appropriate hygiene should also reflect that belief.

As many jobs require a variety of clothing, so too our varied activities at school may require different types of dress. Guidelines for dress must consider the nature of these activities. Special modes of dress may be acceptable or required as the faculty and staff indicates during the course of the school year.

Bottoms - Black, Brown, Khaki, Gray, Navy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shorts & Capris (Only Worn August - October and March - May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uniform style, dress or cargo, straight leg or boot-cut twill, dress or cargo. ○ Length no higher than 4 inches from knee as measured when kneeling. ○ Denim may be worn on Fridays only for Spirit Wear. ● Skirts & Skorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uniform style, straight or pleated ○ Length no higher than 4 inches from knee as measured when kneeling. ○ Solid Leggings must be worn underneath during winter months (November - February) ● Pants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uniform style, straight leg or boot-cut twill, dress or cargo. ○ Denim may be worn on Fridays only for Spirit Wear. <p><i>Pants and when allowed, jeans/denim (see Exceptions to Dress Policy) must fit properly and must not drag on the ground, nor shall they have any rips, cuts, or tears. No form fitting, "skinny/jegging" style pants.</i></p>
Tops - Any solid color
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Polos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collared or polo shirt, long or short sleeved ○ Solid-colored undershirt may be worn <u>under</u> approved shirt. ○ All shirts must have sleeves. No cap sleeves allowed. ● Dresses & Jumpers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collared or polo, long or short sleeved ○ Length no higher than 4 inches from knee as measured when kneeling. ○ Solid Leggings must be worn underneath during winter months (November - February) ● Logo: small logo acceptable (up to 2 inches)
Sweatshirts, Cardigans, ELS Quarter-Zips - solid color
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crewneck sweatshirts (no hoodies), ELS quarter-zips (available on online store), or cardigans must have a collared shirt or polo worn under all items. ● Logo: small logo acceptable (up to 2 inches) <p><i>Hooded sweatshirts including hooded Spiritwear and other such items are appropriate for outdoor use only.</i></p>

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Belt - Black or Brown	Footwear
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommended for 3rd grade and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any closed toe and closed back shoeShoelaces must be tied

Other Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hats and bandanas are not to be worn indoors.Hair should not be dyed an unnatural color (purple, pink, green, etc).No Tattoos (Temporary or otherwise)Excessively large dangling earrings or other jewelry are dangerous and may not be worn to school. No jewelry may be worn in any piercing except the ears. No ear piercing will be allowed on boys. All jewelry is to be removed for participation in gym class and athletic activities.Make-up, if worn at all, should be moderate at best.

Exceptions to Dress Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeans/denim and spirit wear permitted on designated spirit days.Exceptions may be made for specific events and/or trips. The school or teacher will notify student(s) of these exceptions.

ELS Administration has the discretion to make final judgment on ill-fitting, worn, and inappropriate clothing.

Violations

The consequences for dress code violations will include one or all of the following:

- Warning
- Sent to the office for appropriate clothing, if available
- Sent to the office to call parents to bring a change of clothes
- A referral

Repeated violations will be considered defiant behavior and treated as such. See “Discipline” for more information.