

Elk County Catholic High School

DRESS CODE

Note to Parents and Students:

There are many details and styles of clothing that cannot be covered in the dress code. It is hoped that students and parents understand not only the “letter” but the “spirit” of the dress code and choose clothing that is appropriate for students attending Elk County Catholic High School.

All pants, polos, shirts, blouses, weskits, sweaters and vests must be of the conventional uniform style so as to match those available from Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company.

The administration maintains the right to make the final determination concerning the appropriateness of any student's attire.

ECCHS Girls' Dress Code

Skirt: Maroon plaid kilt skirt available now from Flynn & O'Hara. The “old” (School Bells) plaid multi-pleat skirt may still be worn. The length shall be no more than 6” above the knee.

Blouse: Solid white short or long-sleeve front button-down blouse. Blouses may be worn with skirts or pants. Blouses must be tucked in at all times. Anything worn under the uniform blouse must be white. Blouses are required from October 16 through April 14 and must be worn with the uniform weskit, vest, sweater, or sweatshirt.

Weskit: Gray weskit. The weskit or sweater vest must be worn with the blouse; it may be worn with the polo.

Pants: Khaki or black “Dockers” style dress pants. No lycra or stretch material. No outside sewn or cargo pockets, heavy seams, rivets, or form-fitting styles. No corduroys or denim material. Slacks must be conventional fit, worn at or above the hips

Polo: Solid white short or long-sleeve polos may be worn from April 15 through October 15. They must be loose fitting and long enough to be able to stay tucked in at all times.

Belt: Black, brown, navy or other neutral color belt. Belts must be worn with pants. Belts shall not have more than a few inches of excess length.

Vest: Gray pullover vest.

Sweater: Maroon sweater.

Sweatshirt: Maroon crew neck sweatshirt with ECCSS logo. It will be available for sale from the ECCSS PTO. It may not be worn from April 15 through October 15.

Socks: Solid white, black, maroon, gray socks, tights, or hose. Socks or hose may not have any designs.

Shoes: Solid color black, brown or gray shoes that are cut below the ankle and have a heel or platform height of no more than 2½", measured at the back of the shoe. (Plaid/print shoes are not permitted; metallic colors are not permitted). Boots, clogs, crocs, sandals, etc. are not permitted. Open-toed or open-heeled footwear may not be worn. Spike heels are unacceptable. Moccasins or moccasin-style shoes may not be worn.

Hair: Hair color must be complementary to your natural color; absolutely no unnatural hair colors or outlandish hair styles. Eyes must be visible. Students may not make drastic changes to hair color (extremely light to dark or the reverse). Highlights, lowlights or streaks that drastically differ from your primary hair color are not permitted. Small feathers, bows, clips, and headbands that do not cause a distraction are permitted.

In addition to the above guidelines, students may not have any unnatural colors layered under their normal color, such as pink or red. Highlights also may not be extreme and/or bleached in contrast to the normal hair color. The new "ombre" look is also not acceptable. Ombre is defined as hair color fading from dark to light, or vice versa.

If a student chooses to be creative with her hair color and/or style over the summer, there is no acceptable "grow out" period. All hair color and/or styles must be restored to a natural look and follow the guidelines presented in the Handbook before the first day of school.

Please note that if a student participates in a fall sport, the Handbook guidelines begin with the first official day of fall sports season. All athletes must report to practice with the appropriate hair styles and colors.

Jewelry: Only accepted earrings are posts or 1" long hoops or dangles. Bars or gages are not permitted. There is a maximum of two earrings per ear. A silver or gold dress necklace that is at least 16" in length is permitted. One bracelet per arm - including message bracelets. Only gold and silver jewelry is permissible. Plastic, leather, hemp/jute, beads and other materials other than gold or silver are not permitted. No anklets. No excessive jewelry. No visible tattoos. Any facial or visible body piercing is not acceptable. Tongue piercing is unacceptable. Band-aids worn over piercings are unacceptable. Plastic spacers worn in facial piercings are unacceptable.

Nails: Nail polish may be worn, but black is not permitted.

Make-Up: Daytime make-up may be worn, but not in excess. Only natural colors are permitted. Glitter eye shadow may be worn conservatively.

Grooming: Keep a neat and clean appearance at all times. Visible tattoos (fake or real) are not acceptable. Writing or drawing on the skin is not permitted. No stickers, pins or buttons may be worn on the uniform – permission for certain items may be granted by the administration.

ECCHS Boys' Dress Code

Shirt: Solid white short-sleeve or long-sleeve front button-down dress shirt (Oxford type collar). Shirts must be buttoned all the way and tucked in at all times. Dress shirts are required from October 16 through April 14 and must be worn with the uniform vest, sweater, or sweatshirt and a tie.

Polo: Solid white short- or long-sleeve polo. Polos must be long enough to stay tucked in at all times. Polo shirts may be worn from April 15 through October 15.

Belt: Black or brown solid color belt must be worn at all times. Belts must be worn with pants that have belt loops. Belts shall not have more than a few inches of excess length.

Pants: Khaki, black, gray or navy dress pants. Only "Dockers" style dress pants are permitted – no outside sewn or cargo pockets, heavy seams, rivets, or form-fitting styles. No corduroys or denim material. Slacks must be conventional fit, worn at or above the hips.

Sweater: Maroon v-neck vest or sweater.

Sweatshirt: Maroon crew-neck sweatshirt with ECCSS logo. It will be available for sale from the ECCSS PTO. It may not be worn from April 15 through October 15.

Necktie: Traditional ties that are of good taste. Ties should be snug to the collar, with the shirt's top button buttoned. The length of the tie shall be to the belt, give or take an inch. Ties must be properly tied. Ties are required from October 16 through April 14.

Socks: Solid white, black, navy, gray, tan or brown socks. No designs are permitted.

Shoes: Solid black or brown shoes that are cut below the ankle and have a heel or platform height of no more than 1½". Boots or sandals are not permitted. Moccasins or moccasin-style shoes may not be worn. Shoes should be tied snugly, using all eyelets.

Hair: Hair should be kept neat and clean at all times. Hair must be cut above the collar, ears, and above the brow. Hair is not permitted to be "greased or slicked" back. No outlandish hairstyles – shaving of the head shorter than ¼", designs, steps or visible lines are not permitted. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. Students must be clean-shaven. Students may not make drastic changes to hair color (extremely light to dark or the reverse). Highlights, lowlights or streaks that drastically differ from your primary hair color are not permitted.

In addition to the above guidelines, students may not have any unnatural colors layered under their normal color, such as pink or red. Highlights also may not be extreme and/or bleached in contrast to the normal hair color. The new "ombre" look is also not acceptable. Ombre is defined as hair color fading from dark to light, or vice versa.

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Please note that if a student participates in a fall sport, the Handbook guidelines begin with the first official day of fall sports season. Male athletes must report to practice clean shaven and all athletes must report with appropriate hair styles and colors.

Jewelry: Earrings, bars or gages are not permitted. A silver or gold dress chain that is at least 16" in length is permitted but must be worn under the uniform. One bracelet per arm - including message bracelets. Only gold and silver jewelry is permissible. Plastic, leather, hemp/jute, beads and other materials other than gold or silver are not permitted. No anklets. No excessive jewelry. No visible tattoos. Any facial or visible body piercing is not acceptable. Tongue piercing is unacceptable. Band-aids worn over piercings are unacceptable. Plastic spacers worn in facial piercings are unacceptable.

Hats: Hats are to be removed in the building.

Grooming: Must be clean-shaven at all times. No visible tattoos; no nail polish. Keep a neat and clean appearance at all times. Visible tattoos (fake or real) are not acceptable. Writing or drawing on the skin is not permitted. No stickers, pins or buttons may be worn on the uniform – permission for certain items may be granted by the administration.

ECCHS Gym Uniform (Boys and Girls)

Shirts: Any Crusader T-Shirt (a shirt that has ECC, be., or Crusaders written on it), not necessarily maroon or gold. (Example: a gray T-shirt that says Crusader Basketball on it would be acceptable.)

For new students – T-shirts are provided to new students upon enrollment, courtesy of the ECCSS Advancement Office. Dave's Pro Shop on Erie Avenue also has Crusader t-shirts available for purchase.

Shorts/Pants: Black loose-fitting and long shorts, wind pants or sweatpants. Shorts, wind pants or sweatpants may have stripes along the side. No snaps or zippers on the wind pants. No wording of any kind across the seat of the wind pants.

Sneakers: Non-marking soles.

ECCHS Relaxed Dress Code

The following are the guidelines for relaxed dress days:

In an attempt to alleviate "grey" areas concerning appropriate dress for these specially designated days, the policy for shirts for both the boys and the girls is now a **standard**, loose-fitting T-shirt or a **standard** sweatshirt. Flannel shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be permitted on relaxed dress days from October 15 through April 14 only. Any printing or logos must be

consistent with our Catholic school environment. Additional directives for relaxed dress days are:

- Dark colored or khaki colored jeans, casual pants, or knee-length shorts that are in good repair and fit properly. Capri pants are acceptable for girls. Shorts and Capri pants are only acceptable from April 15 through October 15. No sweats, mesh, yoga pants, spandex, camouflage, pleather or mini-skirts.
- No beach sandals or flip-flops. Sandals are acceptable as long as they have a strap around the heel of your foot. Moccasins with hard soles and work boots may be worn.
- All clothing must be appropriate and in good taste.
- The hair, make-up, and jewelry code remains in effect for the duration of the relaxed dress code.

The Administration reserves the right to make the final determination whether any item of clothing is acceptable for relaxed dress. The alternative to the above guidelines is the regular school uniform. If a student is unsure about something, it is best if he/she asks the Principal or Vice Principal personally before wearing it to school.

Students who do not comply with these guidelines could lose all dress down privileges for the school year.

ECCHS Dress-Up Guidelines for All School Sponsored Events

All ECCHS activities and functions are intended to be very impressive yet morally upright and respectable, resulting in a notable collection of memories over the student's years with ECCSS. With this philosophy at the forefront of all our decisions, all students need to be aware of the following guidelines that will be enforced for ALL school sponsored events – day or night. This includes, but is not limited to: National Honor Society, all Sports Awards Ceremonies, Band and Choir Concerts, Matriculation and any designated Dress-up Day.

Any student who does not follow the guidelines below **will be subject to appropriate consequences** for a dress code violation.

Ladies: a modest style dress or skirt no shorter than 6 inches above the knee; dress slacks (no leggings, yoga, or skinny pants); no bare shoulders – strapless, one strap, or spaghetti strap tops **MUST BE COVERED** with a sweater or jacket; no cut-outs in the dress anywhere; no bare midriffs; no plunging necklines; for footwear – dress shoes, dress boots, or dress sandals with normal dark-colored soles (Uggs or Ugg-style boots or moccasins are not dress shoes!)

Gentlemen: dress pants (no shorts); a white or colored dress shirt and tie; calf high dress socks (no short “athletic” length socks); and dress shoes with normal black or brown soles (Any style boots, sneakers, or moccasins are not acceptable.) Sport coats or sweaters are optional.

All: ECCSS hair, jewelry, and shaving rules remain in effect. No flip-flops or any variation are permitted, regardless of the height of the sole.

NOTE: *The only current exceptions to the guidelines presented here are the high school sponsored dances – Homecoming, Christmas Dance, and the Prom. Students are expected to use good judgment when choosing attire for these dances, and any extreme attire, as determined by the administration, **will prevent the student from being admitted** into the dance. If students are in doubt they should ask before wearing a questionable item.*

NOTE: **If students are in doubt about any aspect of the dress code they should check with the administration prior to wearing a questionable item. (You can send your principal a description of the item in an email.**