

ECCHS and SMCMS DRESS-UP GUIDELINES for ALL SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

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All ECCHS and SMCMS 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 4 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. Send them an email!

ECCSS DRESS CODE “FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS”

**Parents, before you do any shopping,
be sure to check this list!**

1. What is the policy for “straps” for girls?

The strap policy means that any time a girl is wearing any type of top or dress with no straps, one strap, or spaghetti straps, she **MUST** wear a sweater or shrug while in the building or on school grounds.

T-shirts with the large arm holes cut out worn over sports bras are also not permitted at any time.

2. What is the policy regarding shorts for gym and on relaxed dress days?

ALL shorts **MUST** always be loose and knee length – not finger-tip length, regardless the time of the year. Gym shorts should be mesh or nylon, **BUT**, for all relaxed dress days, the shorts **MUST** be non-mesh, non-spandex materials. Cargo or traditional style, solid or prints other than camouflage, are acceptable.

3. What is the acceptable length for the girls’ skirts and dresses?

At all times, skirt/dress length must not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee. This is about the length of a standard playing card if a ruler is not available!

4. What are the issues with polo shirts?

Polos for both boys and girls must be tucked in at all times, so please plan on buying only a couple for the opening of school. When spring comes, the original polos generally are too short and become the source of dress code violations.

Polos for the girls need to be loose-fitting with only white layers worn underneath.

5. What should I know about sneakers purchased to be worn with the daily uniform?

Please check the specific dress code guidelines for your child’s school before purchasing new sneakers. If in doubt, conservative is always the best choice.