

Electra Independent School District

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Elementary Student Dress Code

2015 – 2016

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety standards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Garments that detract from the learning process are unacceptable and are not to be worn. The school has the right to ask a student to change his or her apparel, whether or not it is listed in this dress code, if the apparel in question is a distraction to the educational process.

The following will serve as a guide to student dress and is not intended to be a complete listing of prohibited wear or appearance:

- Students must wear shorts and skirts that are deemed appropriate in length. This means the hem of the shorts or skirt must fall below the student's fingertips when the arms are at rest beside the body.
- Bicycle pants or shorts are prohibited.
- No cuts, holes, or shreds in jeans. Jeans and trousers shall not expose any skin above the knee.
- No lettering that is deemed inappropriate shall be displayed on any item of clothing. Any clothing with letters or decorations that distract from the learning process or that conjure any images that are not appropriate for school is not acceptable. Clothing or accessories shall not have any reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, the occult, violent or sexual symbolism, or any suggestive statements thereof.
- Articles of clothing worn as pants such as tights, leotards, etc. that could be deemed as too tight to be worn as an outer garment, must be worn as an ensemble underneath an appropriate outer garment.
- Sundresses and blouses that cover the shoulders may be worn. Prohibited items include:
 1. Halter tops, spaghetti strap or string-type tops, mesh shirts, or any see-through type of clothing unless they are worn over on under another garment. No tube tops or layering with spaghetti straps or halter tops is permitted.
 2. Form-fitting, stretch type clothing that exposes cleavage, midriff and/or back when raising hand or bending over is not permitted. All necklines should be modestly cut so as not to expose cleavage.
 3. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted. If there is a question regarding sleeveless tops for young girls, please check with the campus principal.

4. Open back sun tops are not permitted.
- Appropriate undergarments shall be worn at all times.
 - Any type of hat or cap, hair curlers, picks, sunglasses, spiked collar or studded jewelry, and heavy chains are not allowed in the building except by the principal's permission for special circumstances.
 - Pants or trousers must be fitted to the waist and worn to prevent their slipping down. Belt if needed. Belts should be worn so the entire waistband of the pants is above the top of the student's hip bone.
 - Shirts or blouses should be appropriately buttoned. No cleavage may be exposed. Pull-over windbreakers and over-size sweatshirts with hoods and pockets may not be worn as shirts. Excessively long or oversize tops will not be permitted unless properly tucked in.
 - Shoes are to be worn at school unless permission is given to remove shoes for a particular activity. Shoes designed for strings or buckles should be worn fully laced or buckled at all times. House shoes or slippers are not permitted without permission from the principal for certain circumstances. Flip-flops, "soccer slides," or shower shoes are not permitted. Sandals may be worn. Sandals may not be worn during PE class. Students must wear athletic or tennis type shoes for PE.
 - Female students may wear earrings or ear studs. Male students are not permitted to wear earrings or ear studs. No student may display any body piercings or associated jewelry at school.
 - Any permanent tattoos must be covered at all times at school.
 - Students' hair should be clean and cut often enough to ensure good grooming and styled so vision is not obstructed. Male students' hair should be trimmed above the collar line and trimmed around the ear. Disruptive hairstyles are not permitted. Coloring of hair for any student that does not resemble a natural hair color is prohibited. Any noticeable hair color in a design, other than the student's natural hair color is also prohibited.
 - Heavy outer wear, such as winter coats, hooded jackets, and rain wear are not to be worn to class. Students should keep these items in their lockers or homerooms.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to

school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.