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7-12th Dress Code Guidelines

Dress Code

In order to maintain an atmosphere most conducive to high Christian academic and spiritual training, the following rules for clothing and appearance have been formulated. This dress code is standardized so that competition between students is minimized and internal values are maximized. It is the parents' responsibility to see that their student(s) come to school in proper attire. Teachers should not have to correct your student concerning the dress code. If there is a question about the dress code, call the office before purchasing the item in question. Parents will be called to bring in proper attire if a student comes to school improperly dressed.

The following dress code and official dress uniform requirements will be reviewed and signed by each student, their parents, and the administrator to signify the unity and commitment to upholding these standards for appearance. Consistent failure to follow these standards for clothing and appearance will result in disciplinary action.

SHIRT:

- Boys/Girls: Plain – Button front, polo (long or short sleeve), or turtleneck. **Solid colors:** white, green, blue, red, purple, yellow, pink, gray, maroon, brown, black or orange. Must have collar and buttons (except for turtlenecks)
 - Layers are permitted under the polo; however, no print or design should show through the polo shirt. Only the approved colors of polo shirts are permitted in the under layers. The polo must be long enough not to expose the waistline. Girls' polo shirts are to be buttoned above any cleavage. Polo may contain a small emblem, but it should follow Christian-life guidelines and be God-honoring. (no larger than 2").

TROUSERS:

- Boys: Solid color: navy blue, tan, black, or gray dress pants or khakis only.
- Girls: Trousers or Capri pants: (Calf length, no tight or tattered pants.) Solid color: navy blue, tan, black, or gray.
- Boys/Girls: **NO jeans, bell-bottoms, or corduroy pants. NO labels.**

SKIRTS:

- Girls: Solid color: navy blue, tan, black, or gray. **NO jeans or corduroys.** Skirt length must be to the knee; slits in the skirt must not go above the knee.

SOCKS:

- Boys: Must be worn. **Solid colors:** white, green, blue, red, purple, yellow, pink, gray, maroon, brown, orange, tan, or black.
- Girls: Socks or hose must be worn. **Solid colors:** white, green, blue, red, purple, yellow, pink, gray, maroon, brown, orange, tan, or black. Socks need not be worn with open heels/toes in August, September, October, April, May, and June.

SHOES:

- Boys/Girls: Conservative style and color – must have a proper sole, enclosed heel and toe. They may slide on as long as they cover the toes and a lip at the back to keep the shoe on the foot. November through March. Open heels and toes may be worn in August, September, October, April, May, and June. **NO work boots, flip flops, slides, slippers, shoes with holes, or shoes of similar styles that do not meet the approval of the principal/administrator.**

SWEATERS:

- Boys/Girls: Conservative style, solid color – white, green, blue, red, purple, yellow, pink, black, and gray **NO LOGO.**

SWEATSHIRTS & HOODIES:

- Boys/Girls: East Richland Christian High School sweatshirts and East Richland Christian High School zip-up front hoodies are permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear hoodies with the official ERCS crest. The official crest could be displayed on the front or back of the hoodie. A small school logo or school lettering can be displayed on the upper left breast if the ERCS Crest is on the back.
- Hoods are not to be worn on the head.
- Solid color sweatshirts and hoodies are permitted following the sweater colors above. **NO LOGO.**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Boys/Girls:
 - Shirt: East Richland Christian School t-shirt
 - Shoes: Athletic or gym shoes
 - Shorts: Standard, to the knee, basketball-type shorts; no tear-away shorts
 - Socks: Athletic socks

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS (on & off campus)

- Boys:

- Dress pants – tan
- Shirt – white Oxford/dress shirt
- Tie – conservative design/color
- Blazer/Cardigan – solid, navy blue
- Socks – tan, navy blue, or black
- Shoes – dress shoes
- Girls:
 - Dress skirt – tan, below-knee length (any slit in skirt must not go above the knee)
 - Shirt – white Oxford dress blouse
 - Cardigan/Blazer –solid, navy blue
 - Hose – conservative style/color (no design)
 - Socks – knee highs, navy blue, tan, or white
 - Shoes – dress shoes

ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE STANDARDS:

- Boys/Girls:
 - Shoes polished &/or in good repair.
 - Pants are not torn.
 - Outerwear properly stored.
 - Long, knee-length dress shorts may be worn August, September, October, March, April, May & June. Solid colors: navy blue, tan, black, or gray.
 - No monochromatic outfits, shirt and pants must be different colors.
 - Hair color must be naturally occurring.
 - At no time should any midriff area be visible while standing, sitting, or bending.
 - Visible tattoos are not permitted.
 - Modesty must prevail at all times.
 - Nothing should be worn that contradicts our Biblical principles and beliefs such as profanity or explicit language, sexual content, violent imagery, references to drugs, alcohol, or illegal activities, or any symbols or messages that promote harmful behavior. No clothing should have a picture or spelling of the devil (even if it is a school mascot). No tails, ears, bracelets or other jewelry that symbolize any lifestyle outside of Biblical description. (Refer to our policy on Biblical standards).
- Boys:
 - Clean shaven
 - Socks are to be worn
 - No hats are worn during the school day
 - Conservative-style haircut
 - Hair length should not be over the collar and should be no longer than the bottom of the ears. (Hair must not be in your eyes)
 - Sideburns no longer than the lower ear opening
 - Conservative mustache, not below the corners of the mouth, straight across the lip, no “handlebars.”
 - No Gauges Allowed. All other piercings are not permitted.
- Girls:
 - Allow growing room when choosing skirts
 - Make-up: limited but not obvious
 - Hair must not be in your eyes
 - Hair color or hair attachments must be naturally occurring colors
 - Jewelry is to be minimized.
 - Piercings:
 - Conservative-style jewelry must be worn in ear piercings.
 - No Gauges Allowed.
 - Nose piercing - No more than 1 tiny post allowed, no hoop/ring, no piercing in septum.
 - All other piercings are not permitted.

These dress code expectations have been explained and reviewed with me. As a student of East Richland Christian School, I agree to abide by these clearly stated dress code standards. I understand that if I do not follow these dress code standards, disciplinary actions will be taken.

Policy #4130 – Scriptural basis: I Timothy 2:9-10, Proverbs 12:1