

Excerpt beginning on page 11 of the **2016-17 ECS Student Handbook**.

The handbook is available to all students and parents in the office and on the school's web site.

Elfers Christian School K-12 Dress Code

It is the belief of Elfers Christian School that developing Christian character includes being disciplined in the areas of clothing, hair, jewelry and makeup. We believe that the dress of a student has direct influence and relation to their conduct. Student appearance must be conservative, neat and modest, reflecting the highest standards of a Christian school environment. We ask that parents, when visiting the campus, dress in a conservative manner as well.

Clothing

- **School clothing** should be neat, clean and modest. Clothing that is form fitting is not acceptable. Clothing must not be ripped, torn or frayed. Any questions, please feel free to call the school office. Target, Bealls, Old Navy or Wal-Mart are just some of the stores where school clothing, even a variety of standard school uniform styles, are available.
- **Bottoms** – Pants, shorts, capris and skirts must be navy blue, black or khaki (all shades; brown, tan, olive, grey etc.) Plaid is acceptable for girls only, when in a uniform style skirt or jumper. No hip huggers, low riders or stretch pants. Pants, shorts and skirts must be worn around the waist and not around the hips. Cargo and Carpenter style pants and shorts are acceptable. Shorts may not come more than 3 inches above the knee. (A helpful “rule of thumb” to check at home is the hem falls clearly below the finger tips.)
- **Jeans** – Elementary (K-5) students are permitted to wear jeans, jean shorts or jean skirts on all school days. Middle and High School students are allowed to wear jeans on **Friday only (“Blue Jean Friday”)**, **ONLY IF the student pays \$1.00 into their class fund**. *(All proceeds will go towards their class fund, normally used for their end of year field trip.)*
- **Tops** – Solid colored or striped polo shirts with collar. ECS logo or small unobtrusive logo is acceptable. Girls need to wear a camisole under their shirt if you can see through the polo. All polos need to be loose fitting in style and modest. Shirts must be tucked in if they are longer than one hand length below the belt line. ECS T-shirts or a Christian T-shirt may be worn on Friday only. (Middle and High may only wear a T-shirt if they are participating in “Blue Jean Friday”).
- **Blue Jean Friday** – Optional: Students in Middle and High may participate by paying \$1.00 on Fridays. The proceeds will go towards their class fund. The following combinations may be worn if paying \$1.00.
 - * Blue jean shorts, pants or skirt with polo, ECS T- shirt or Christian T-shirt.
 - * Uniform bottoms with ECS T-shirt or Christian T-shirt.

Hair

- **Boys** – Hair must be well groomed, out of the eyes and must not extend below the top of the collar or the bottom of the ear. Shaved or partially shaved hairstyles are not acceptable. Students must be clean shaven with no facial hair. Sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the ear.
- **Girls** – Hair must be well groomed, out of eyes, and must not obstruct vision.
- Extreme, distracting or non-traditional hairstyles are to be avoided by all students. Extreme, unnatural hair color for boys and girls will not be allowed.

Jewelry

- Boys and girls may wear appropriate jewelry (nothing overstated, questionable or anti-Christian). Ear lobe “gauges” are not appropriate or permissible for ECS students.
- **Boys** - Bracelets and necklaces are acceptable for boys, to a minimum. Earrings or body piercing of any kind are not acceptable for boys.
- **Girls** - May wear earrings, only two (2) in each ear at a time. Any body piercing, other than for ears, is not acceptable for girls.

Makeup

- Girls may wear makeup in moderation; use common sense.
- If makeup is very obvious or excessive, it will be considered inappropriate and the student will be required to remove it.

Tattoos

- Tattoos are not acceptable. If a student has a tattoo prior to enrolling, the tattoo must not be visible during school hours, at school events or school functions.
- ECS Administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding tattoos.

Accessories

- **Shoes** – Clean and neat sneakers, dress shoes or boots. All shoes must have non-marking soles. Sneakers are required on PE day. No open toe shoes.
- **Girls** – Hose or socks, when worn, should be matching and coordinated with clothing.
- **Boys** – Must wear matching socks.
- **Belts** – Must be worn if pants have belt loops. Anything other than traditional style belts must be approved by Administration.
- **Hats** – Must not be worn while in the building or in common areas.
- **Dark Glasses** – Are not to be worn in the building.
- **Scarves** – Used as headbands are not acceptable.
- **Sweater and Jackets** – All outerwear must be appropriate for a Christian environment. Only lightweight sweaters and jackets are allowed to be worn while in the classroom. We encourage students to wear ECS logo outerwear.

An ECS dress code is required for all school activities. (effective 8/1/13) A modified or event appropriate school dress code may be approved for certain school activities or functions, either on or off campus. A modest and appropriate dress is always expected and required at ECS events or activities by both students and adults. Designated staff members or administrators may ask those not in compliance to leave the event. This includes games and all other after-school activities. Standards of modesty and dress requirements will be designated by the staff or person in charge for the different activities (homecoming, award programs, music programs, sporting events, field trips, etc.). Students, teachers and parents are to adhere to the required dress.

OFFENSIVE SLOGANS, WRITING OF ANY KIND, SYMBOLS OR PICTURES

ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ANY TIME!

Professional Dress Outfit

- Middle and High School students will be required to have a Professional Dress Outfit. This outfit will be worn at special events and prior notice will be given. Professional Dress entails the following:
- **Boys** – Dress slacks, button shirt (short sleeves OK), dress shoes, tie (if required).
- **Girls** – Dresses or skirts (must not be more than 3 inches above the knee) or dress slacks that fit in a modest way. Shoes must be neat and clean and have a strap around the back of the heel or closed in a dress shoe style.

Any student found to be violating the school dress code will be given a warning. Parents will be contacted to bring proper attire or student may be sent home for the day.

ECS administration reserves the right to make final decisions regarding any areas not covered in the dress code.

Wednesday Chapel Day

7th – 12th Grade “Dress-up” Option

Gentlemen:

1. Dress pants (not jeans). If belt loops, belt required. No shorts.
2. Dress shirt, button down, collared, maybe tucked or un-tucked. (No t-shirts on Wed.)
3. Top two buttons (above middle of chest) of dress shirt unbuttoned would be appropriate
4. Ties are encouraged, but not required. Sport coats or suits maybe worn

Ladies:

1. Dresses and skirts may be worn as long as the hemlines, both back and front, including slits, are not more than 3” above the knee when standing. The preference is to the knee or lower, therefore a stricter staff interpretation and student’s self-measuring expectation is expected
2. Dresses and skirts must be loose fitting, not form fitting.
3. Dresses and tops must cover the shoulder. With or without collars, neckline is not to be lower than four closed fingers from the base of the neck. (no visible cleavage.)
4. Dress pants (not jeans) must be loose fitting. No shorts.
5. Leg wear may not be worn in substitution of proper dress or skirt length (No fishnets).

The purpose of this is not to enact further rules on the student body, in contrast, it is to free the students to go above and beyond the required code. Due to the fact that some students do not wish to, or cannot afford to dress to a higher standard we respectfully request that this demonstration of a higher example remain optional on Wednesdays.

As the Student Body, we understand one or the other “dress code” must be followed on Wednesdays. Blending and cross-over items (*such as Khaki shorts and a dress shirt*) do not meet the spirit or letter of the dress code option policy.

With all respect, after conferring with members of the student body in each class, we submit these changes and ask that you consider them as you determine the final outcome.

Thank you, on behalf of the ECS 7th – 12th Gr. Student Body.

Sincerely,

Changes to Gentlemen: Matthew T. Connolly ‘15 and Casey A. Pryor ‘15

Changes to Ladies: Alexis G. Larkin ‘16 and Salyn K. Garrett ‘15

Closing Summarization and Message: Matthew T. Connolly ‘15 and Salyn K. Garrett ‘15

Approved for The ECS Student Body in 2014-15.

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