

BOARD APPROVED DRESS CODE

JULY 6, 2021

APPENDIX II

EL CAMPO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPONENT DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

As a matter of policy, the District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LOCAL).

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set in this document with the student dress code outlined in the student handbook.

STANDARDS FOR APPAREL (Appropriate Attire)

BOTTOMS

- Acceptable lower body clothing includes jeans or slacks (khakis), and shorts and skirts.
- Skin above the knee should NOT be visible. If pants, have rips, frays, or holes, a legging or skin covering must be worn under the pants to hide skin exposed by the hole, rip, or fray.
- Bottoms should be appropriately sized with no undergarments visible; not sagging or low on the hips. Baggy pants will not be permitted.
- Appropriate undergarments will be worn and must not be visible.
- Shorts may not be shorter than the longer of: (1) three inches above the knee; or (2) fingertip length.
- Leggings, tights, mesh, yoga pants, or other similar apparel items shall not be worn as the primary bottom clothing.

TOPS

- Shirts may be single-color and collared, or Ricebird spirit, college spirit, or military branch t-shirts.
- Emblems or logos on shirts should be 3" x 3" or smaller.
- Tops should not expose midriffs, shoulders, or torso and are not permitted.

STANDARDS FOR HAIR PRE-K - 12

- Hair and hairstyles shall not impede the learning of yourself or others.
- A student's eyes and vision will not be obstructed by their hair style.
- Male students may not have hair that extends below the top of the shirt collar.
- Male students may not wear mustaches and beards. Sideburns are not to be lower than the ear lobes.

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- Hair must be a natural color.
- No designs or notches are to be shaved into the hair or eyebrows.

OUTERWEAR

- Sweatshirts, sweaters, sweater vests, coats and jackets must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length.
- Outerwear must be a solid color or small pattern and may not have an emblem larger than 3" x 3", except students may wear Ricebird, college, or military branch outerwear (including hoodies).
- Trench coats may not exceed knee length.

STANDARDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS APPAREL

- Earrings worn anywhere except the ears are prohibited for all students. Female students may wear earrings in the ears.
- Studded/spiked jewelry and pocket chains are not to be worn.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized.
- Clothing should be worn as it is designed to be worn. (Example: Not backward)
- Dark glasses are not allowed in the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
- "Wild Eye" contacts are prohibited.
- No head coverings of any kind, including hoodies, shall be worn inside the school district buildings.
- Mouth-grills worn over a student's teeth are not permitted.

SHOES

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Unacceptable shoe styles include flip-flops, cleats, and open-toed shoes without a back strap. (For safety reasons, only ECHS students may wear backless shoes.)
- Shoes must be tied or fastened at all times.
- **To ensure safe participation in physical education activities, students must wear shoes that enclose the foot. Acceptable styles include leather-like or canvas lace-up, loafers, tennis shoes, sandals with a back strap, or boots.**

Additional dress and grooming guidelines can be established by club, activity, or sports sponsor/coach.

Exceptions to these rules may be left to the discretion of the school principal in any unusual situations or circumstances.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal shall request that the student make appropriate corrections. Principals will use acceptable discipline management techniques in accordance with the age of the student to ascertain compliance. Parents will be notified if their child refuses to comply, and appropriate due process will be followed prior to disciplinary action.

Students who violate provisions of the dress code at co-curricular activities may be removed or excluded from the co-curricular activity for such period as the principal may determine.