

DRESS CODE

In establishing standards of school dress, it is not the intention of the District to regulate fashion or determine what is or is not stylish, but to enhance the high quality of the Elkhart student body by encouraging the development of good grooming habits. The Elkhart I.S.D. Dress Code promotes the effective personal presentation skills which contribute significantly to successful living in adult society. The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following guidelines:

Students are expected to attend school and school-related functions neatly groomed and wearing clothing and accessories which will not be distracting, draw inordinate attention to the individual student, attract improper attention, or present a health or safety hazard to themselves or to others.

The principal in connection with the student's teacher, sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an instructional or extracurricular activity shall determine whether the student's dress meets the district dress code policy.

Instructional or extracurricular activities may require special standards of dress which shall be determined by the teacher, coach, or other sponsor in charge of the activity. The principal may suspend the usual code of dress for special school functions such as homecoming week activities or class projects requiring costumes.

The following policy has been adopted by the District:

Boys

Hair: Cannot touch bottom of shirt collar, below eyebrows, or below ear lobes (including sideburns.)

Hair length may not exceed 3 ½ inches.

No lines/designs.

No hair dye of any color.

No distracting hair styles (pony-tails, man-buns, mohawks, fauxhawks, etc.)

All hair rules apply when wearing braids as well.

The only facial hair allowed is a mustache that does not extend below top of lower lip.

No hats, headbands, hoods, or combing devices in any area of the building.

No sleeveless shirts/tank tops/muscle shirts.

No inappropriate slogans/designs/ads or any handwriting on clothing.

Pants or shorts must be pulled up to waist at all times.

No unrepaired holes or tears in pants or any other clothing. Any small holes must be repaired with permanent patch or have appropriate clothing underneath to cover skin. Undergarments will not be considered appropriate.

All pants and shorts must be hemmed.

Shorts not to extend beyond 5 inches above bottom of kneecap while standing.

Tights/compression shirts may be worn as long as outer garment worn with them. Outerwear must comply with dress code.

No see-through or sheer material unless worn over other dress code-compliant clothing.

No visible undergarments.

No sleepwear (pajama pants, etc.)

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. No house shoes/slippers.

No piercings in any part of body.

No visible tattoos.

No make-up or nail polish.

No bandanas or anything that could be considered gang-related.

No items that could be considered racially insensitive, controversial, or that depict a weapon.

No sunglasses in any area of the building.

No jewelry (chain necklace, medallion, etc.) that could be considered to be used as weapon.

Girls

Hair: Must be of natural color. No shades of red, blonde, etc. that are not of natural color.

No. lines/designs.

No visibly shaved parts of head. If any hair is shaved, must be covered by longer hair.

No distracting hair styles (mohawks, fauxhawks, etc.)

No hats, hoods, or combing devices in any area of the building. Headbands are allowed, but no bandanas.

Any shirts or dresses worn must cover the tops of the shoulders and entire backs. Sleeveless are allowed, but must reach the tip of the shoulder.

No visible cleavage or midriffs, including when arms are raised above the head.

No inappropriate slogans/designs/ads or any handwriting on clothing.

Pants, shorts, or skirts must be pulled up to the waist at all times.

No unrepaired holes or tears in pants or any other clothing. Any small holes must be repaired with permanent patch or have appropriate clothing underneath to cover skin. Undergarments will not be considered appropriate.

All pants and shorts must be hemmed.

Dresses, skirts, and shorts not to extend beyond 5 inches (7 inches for splits in skirts/dresses) above bottom of kneecap while standing. Tights/yoga pants/compression shirts may be worn as long as outer garment worn with them. Outerwear must comply with dress code. No see-through or sheer material unless worn over other dress code-compliant clothing.

No visible undergarments.

No sleepwear (pajama pants, etc.)

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. No house shoes/slippers.

The only piercings allowed are ear piercings. No gauges are allowed. No tongue, nose, or lip pins or any other object allowed.

No visible tattoos.

No bandanas or anything that could be considered gang-related.

No items that could be considered racially insensitive, controversial, or that depict a weapon.

No sunglasses in any area of the building.

No jewelry (chain necklace, medallion, etc.) that could be considered to be used as weapon.

Teachers are required to refer questionable dress and/or clear dress code violations to the office. Questionable dress is considered any attire that draws undue attention and is questionable to good taste and modesty. A parent conference is mandatory for students upon receiving his/her third violation. Exception to the dress code may be made only by the principal or superintendent of school when provided certification by a medical doctor stating that student has a physical deformity or abnormality and that compliance with the code would be detrimental to the physical health of the student.

FIRST OFFENSE –

- * The student will be assigned to detention for the remainder of the school day.

SECOND OFFENSE –

- * The student will be placed in ISS.

THIRD OFFENSE-

- * The student will be placed in ISS for a minimum of 2 days or suspended from school.
- * A parent conference shall be required.

REPEATED OFFENSE -

* Repeated violations will be considered as an act of insubordination and appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken. Disciplinary action will draw on the

professional judgment of administrators and on a range of discipline management techniques.

- * A parent conference shall be required.

Additions or deletions to, or clarification of, the dress code policy may be made as deemed necessary by the faculty council and the administration.