

EGMMS Dress Code Reminders

Appropriate dress is necessary in order to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and safety. WCPSS Board of Education policy states that students are “*expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive, obscene, or which endangers the health and safety of the student or others is prohibited....If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, distracts the attention of other students or staff from their work, or otherwise violates this dress code, the principal or principal's designee may require the student to change his or her dress or appearance.*” At EGMMS, teachers are expected to use their professional judgment when determining if a student’s clothing is likely to cause a distraction or a disruption in the learning environment.

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Policy:

I-5 Inappropriate Dress: Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to

- exposed undergarments;
- sagging pants;
- excessively short or tight garments;
- bare midriff shirts;
- strapless shirts;
- attire with messages or illustrations that are lewd, indecent or vulgar or that advertise any product or service not permitted by law to minors;
- head covering of any kind;
- see-through clothing;
- attire that exposes cleavage;
- any adornment such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as or used as a weapon; and
- any attire that is prohibited by rule III-2. Gang and Gang Related Activity:
 - i. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, visible tattoos and body markings, or other items, with the intent to convey or promote membership or affiliation in any gang;

Individual schools are free to specify additional examples of dress or appearance that are prohibited at that school under the terms of this policy:

EGMMS Standards: Additional examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Pants or shorts with any rips or tears, regardless of the location or size or wearing leggings underneath**
- Excessively short clothing. **No shorts or skirts should be more than 4 inches above the knee**
- Excessively tight clothing – Tights/leggings can only be worn if a shirt, shorts, dress, etc comes to 4” above the knee
- Males must wear shirts with sleeves.
- Female “sleeveless” tops must cover the shoulder (3” wide- from neck to shoulder edge)
- Attire that exposes cleavage

Spandex, Tights, or Leggings are allowed if they are worn under dress, skirt, or shorts that are dress code appropriate (finger-tip length).



No



If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, distracts the attention of other students or staff from their work or otherwise violates this dress code, the student will be required to change his or her dress or appearance. Procedural for Inappropriate Student Dress include:

- Teachers are asked to address dress code violations in the morning.
- Students will be sent to the main office to call and wait for clothing.
- Depending on the severity of the violation, students who fail to get a change of clothing may be assigned ICS for the remainder of the day.
- Repeat violations are considered non-compliance and will result in a behavior referral