



DRESS CODE

We believe that a correlation exists between the way one perceives the world and himself/herself and the way one dresses. Clothing fashions and styles do, to varying degrees, affect personal behavior. In the educational setting at Emmanuel Lutheran School, standards of appearance and modesty need to be consistent with Christian thought and values. Likewise, the following factors apply to the school dress code:

- 1) School dress must be safe for school activities in and out of the classroom.
- 2) A school dress code is a learning experience in the sense that it helps students become more responsible and accountable.
- 3) It is the student's responsibility to know, understand and follow the dress code of the school.
- 4) It is the parents' responsibility to educate their children as to appropriate dress for different occasions, to support the school's dress code, and to be aware of the clothing the student wears to school.
- 5) It is the school's responsibility to enforce the code. Emmanuel Lutheran School reserves the right to reject any clothing article worn to school by students if the article is inappropriate or does not conform to the dress code standard. **The principal has the final word in this determination, including questions which may arise that are not specifically addressed by this Handbook.**

Approved ELS Clothing Styles/Standards

Emmanuel has a Uniform dress code. We stipulate the attire that students in K-8 must wear while on campus. We allow parents to purchase school attire only from approved vendors, which include **Read's Uniforms**, located on Sweeten Creek Road, and **Lands' End**, available through Sears. The list of approved items and vendors is available from the school website or the school office.

A chapel uniform is to be worn when chapel is conducted (typically Wednesdays), for field trips into the community, and on special occasions. Non-chapel apparel is to be worn on all other school days, unless otherwise specified. Please note that items marked with * are required and must be purchased from Read's Uniforms.

Chapel Uniform for Girls (K-4)~plaid jumper with white Peter Pan blouse (does not need the school logo), white knee socks or white tights, black "Mary Jane" dress shoes (with non-marking sole)

Chapel Uniform for Girls (5-8)~plaid skirt with white Oxford blouse **with logo**, white knee socks or white tights, **solid black dress shoes** (closed toe and heel; heel not greater than 1-inch-high; athletic shoes and dance shoes not permitted) Note: skirt length must be 2" or less from the knee

Chapel Uniform for Boys (K-8)~navy slacks, light blue oxford shirt with logo, tie*, black belt, black socks, and solid-colored black shoes (with non-marking sole)

Every Day Wear Apparel (Boys and Girls) (except on Chapel days)

- Bottoms - Various styles of pants, shorts, skirts, etc. are available; these must be purchased from an approved vendor
- Shirts - All shirts must be purchased from an approved vendor and must include the school logo. Students may wear ANY approved solid color polo shirt.
Outerwear - The school does not specify what clothing is to be worn outdoors; however, outerwear worn inside is limited to items on the approved vendor list. This includes a half zip fleece pullover that can be

purchased from Read's Uniforms. Must have school logo.

- Shoes - ALL shoes must have a non-marking sole and a closed toe and heel; Sneakers or tennis shoes should not detract from the uniform (neon colors not permitted on the uppers; no lighted shoes); all dress shoes heel must be less than 1"; No platforms, CROC style shoes, sandals, **or boots** For physical education classes, socks and sneakers with backs are required. Parents are free to choose their own vendor for footwear.
- Socks - All socks must be a solid color and match the uniform; socks must be worn at all times; socks may be purchased from any vendor.
- Tights- Solid colored tights only; must match uniform (white, khaki, navy, black); may be purchased from any vendor
- Belts - A belt must be worn with the uniform if belt loops are present; it must be a standard black belt.

General Dress Code Guidelines for All Students

Shirts must be tucked in at all times. When wearing a tie, the top button of the shirt must be buttoned.

- All clothing must be properly sized and worn modestly.
- Students in middle school have **required attire for physical education classes**. These articles are available from Lands' End – the p.e. shirt is listed as “essential t-shirt” this also serves as our “**spirit shirt**” that students wear on Fridays along with appropriate jeans (no holes, rips, or tears allowed.)
- All pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be worn at the waist. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be at least two inches or less from the knee. This standard also applies to any apparel worn on special non- uniform days, such as spirit days.
- Moderate, age-appropriate jewelry may be worn as long as it does not distract from the learning environment or cause potential hazards.
- Hair should be neat, groomed and appropriate for all activities. Unnatural hair coloring is not permitted. Mohawks of any kind are prohibited.
- Hats may be worn outside only, unless expressly allowed for special occasions.
- For extra-curricular activities outside of school hours, students are expected to maintain standards of appearance and modesty which are consistent with Christian thought and values and that reflect positively upon our school.
- The principal shall determine appropriate apparel to be worn on field trips and special days.
- The principal has the final word in determining the appropriateness of a student's appearance, including questions which may arise that are not specifically addressed by this Handbook.

Inappropriate Dress

If a student chooses to wear clothing other than specified in the dress code, or fails to follow the general dress code guidelines, the administration will seek to remedy the problem by outfitting the child with articles from the Used Uniform Rack and charged to the parents account. Parents will be notified of any administrative actions taken. Upon the fourth violation, and for each violation thereafter, the student will receive a detention, in addition to the invoice from the Used Uniform Rack. The school principal reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any apparel and/or accessories, hairstyle, or use of make-up.