STUDENT DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to clarify a standard of appearance that will encourage our students to bring glory to God (I Cor. 10:31). The dress code is not intended to measure spirituality, but to serve as a tool to accomplish these specific goals: (1) Create an atmosphere free from distractions; (2) Build character that exhibits self-discipline, modesty, cleanliness, and submission; (3) Inspire the making of responsible choices. The cooperation of the student and the parent is necessary in maintaining the standards of the dress code.

The INTENT or SPIRIT of Epworth Christian School's dress code is to ensure that the student body:

(1) Be decent and modest
(2) Be neat, not sloppy
(3) Be moderate, not excessive or extreme

GIRLS

Jumpers/Scooters/Shorts:

Grades K-4 may wear solid colored **black, navy, or tan** jumpers, scooters and shorts. Scooters (aka Skorts) are skirts with shorts built in which allows for the freedom to run and play. Jumpers, Scooters and Shorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the floor when kneeling. Shorts must be a fit that permits at least 1" of loose, un-stretched fabric to be pulled away from the leg at the hem. Slits may not be higher than 2 inches above the floor when kneeling. All scooters and shorts must be belted, if they have loops. Unacceptable Uniform shorts are cargos, stretchy fabrics such as spandex or Elastane, denim or corduroy and are not permitted. Shorts may be worn August to November 1st and April 1st to the end of the school year. Skirts & Skorts may be worn year round, but must be accompanied by leggings between November 1st and April 1st.

Blouses:

Grades K-4: Modest button-down the front blouses with collars and sleeves may be worn in **white** and with **jumpers** only. Unacceptable blouses include: extra long/baggy or sloppy shirts, tank tops, undershirt type, crop tops or shirts exposing the midriff, tops with little or no back, see through material, sweatshirts, fleece or hooded shirts, shirts with manufacturing or retail store name brand logos, sleeveless shirts, stripes, prints, denim, or corduroy. Shirts may not show visible cleavage. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Skirts/Scooters/Shorts:

Grades 5-8: Girls may wear **solid colored black, navy or tan** skirts, scooters or shorts. Skirts, Scooters and Shorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the floor when kneeling. Denim and corduroy are not permitted. Slits may not be higher than 2 inches above the floor when kneeling. All skirts can be worn year-round, with leggings. Unacceptable Uniform shorts are cargos, stretchy fabrics, denim or corduroy. Shorts may be worn August to November 1st and April 1st to the end of the school year. Skirts & Skorts may be worn year round, but must be accompanied by leggings between November 1st and April 1st.

Pants/*Belts*:

Grades K-8 may wear "Docker-like" dress pants composed of **97%-100% Cotton**, Twill, Chino, Wool Blend, Structured Polyester Woven fabrics, with **no more than 3% spandex or Elastane materials**, that are fit in a way that allows **at least 1" of loose, un-stretched fabric to be pulled from the middle of the thigh** in **solid black, navy or tan** only. **Unacceptable pants/shorts include: cargos, leggings (except worn under skirts - black, white, or navy blue only), capris, jeans (or look-a-like), sweat, stretchy fabrics (greater than 3% spandex or Elastane materials), and wind or athletic-looking pants. ABSOLUTELY NO skinny fit pants.** Pants must be worn long and not be rolled up. Denim and corduroy are not permitted. Pants are to be properly fitted and worn to the waist. A belt is optional, given that the pants fit comfortably and appropriately.

Polo Shirts:

ECS polo shirts with the school emblem may be worn in royal blue, navy blue and gray**. Polo shirts must have school emblem and must be ordered through ASAP Screenprinting. ASAP Screenprinting is located in Seaford, Delaware and can be reached with any questions at 302-262-3394. ASAP will keep a small inventory on hand.** A link for the online store can be found on our website, www.epworthcs.com, under the FAMILIES tab. All shirts worn under uniform shirts should not be seen. They must be solid white and must be tucked in. All polos must fit appropriately, meaning the hem must overlap the waistband by at least 2" when both arms are raised overhead. Also, a top counts as "tight" if any of the following are true:

- Horizontal tension lines or pulled stitching show across the chest, shoulders, or midsection.
- The student cannot pinch at least 1" of loose fabric at the side seam at the waist.
- Buttons or closures gap or pull open.

Sweaters:

White or navy sweaters may be worn. An approved polo must be worn under the sweater.

Footwear:

Dress Shoes & Boots are permitted in **Navy/Brown/Tan or Black**. Sneakers are permitted. All shoes must have enclosed heel or strap. Solid colored socks should be worn with shoes. Crocs must be a solid color, and should be worn with straps in "sport-mode" and not to be adorned with jibbitz. No sandals, no clogs or open-backed shoes, no flip-flops, and no rollers. Shoes with shoestrings must be tied at all times. Boots must be worn underneath pants.

Hair:

All hairstyles are to be neat, clean, and of natural color. Extreme hairstyles, cut lines, design marks or shaved heads are not permitted. In the case of questionable styles, length, color etc. School administration has the discretion to determine what is appropriate.

Other:

Dress down days – no inappropriate graphics or wording, i.e., crossbones, skulls, anything contradictory to God's Word, etc. No sheer material that you can see through. If you are able to see the bottom layer through the top layer, then it is inappropriate for school. The length of shirts should be long enough that the hem must overlap the waistband by at least 2" when both arms are raised overhead.

No jewelry in any pierced areas except ears is permitted.

Coats, jackets, sweatshirts or hats are not permitted in the classroom. EXCEPTIONS: Crew sweatshirts or fleece jackets with ECS logo professionally embroidered and/or screen printed may be worn inside the classroom. Sweatshirts with other logos MUST be taken off when you get to school. NOTE: Sweatshirts and jackets are for the purpose of keeping one warm, they are not to take the place of the dress code. Dress code must be maintained under sweatshirts and jackets. Sweatshirts can be ordered through ASAP screen-printing via the school store on the school website.

BOYS

Pants/Shorts/Belts:

Grades K-8 may wear Cotton/twill, "Docker-like" dress pants or shorts in solid black, navy or tan only. Unacceptable pants/shorts include: cargos, jeans (or look-a-like), sweat, wind or athletic-looking pants. Pants must be worn long and not be rolled up. Denim and corduroy are not permitted. (Grades 1-8) Plain color belts must be worn with pants. Kindergarten boys are exempt from wearing belts. Pants are to be properly fitted and

worn to the waist. All pants must be belted, with belt loops. Shorts may be worn August to November 1st and April 1st to the end of the school year.

Polo Shirts:

ECS polo shirts with the school emblem may be worn in royal blue, navy blue and gray**.** All shirts worn under uniform shirts should not be seen. They must be solid white and must be tucked in. All polos must fit appropriately, not tight or clingy.

Sweaters:

White and navy sweaters may be worn. An approved polo must be worn under the sweater.

Footwear:

Dress Shoes & Boots are permitted in Navy/Brown/Tan or Black. Sneakers are permitted. All shoes must have enclosed heel or strap. Solid colored socks should be worn with shoes. Crocs must be solid colors, and should be worn with straps in "sport-mode" and not to be adorned with jibbitz. No sandals, no clogs, no flip-flops, no rollers. Shoes with shoestrings must be tied at all times. Boots must be worn underneath pants.

Hair:

All hairstyles are to be neat, clean, and of natural color. Extreme hairstyles, cut lines, design marks or shaved heads are not permitted. Hair may only extend to mid ear on the sides, above the eyebrows in front, above the collar in the back. School administration has the discretion to determine what is appropriate. In the case of questionable styles, length, color etc., the student will have one (1) week to correct the offense before a VIOLATION is issued.

Other:

Dress down days – no inappropriate graphics or wording, i.e., crossbones, skulls, anything contradictory to God's Word, etc. No sheer material that you can see through. If you are able to see the bottom layer through the top layer, then it is inappropriate for school. The length of shirts should be long enough that when you raise your hands the bottom of your shirt does not come above the top of your pants.*

No earrings are permitted.

Coats, jackets, sweatshirts or hats are not permitted in the classroom. EXCEPTIONS: Crew sweatshirts or fleece jackets with ECS logo professionally embroidered and/or screen printed by ASAP may be worn inside the classroom. Sweatshirts with other logos MUST be taken off when you get to school. NOTE: Sweatshirts and jackets are for the purpose of keeping one warm, they are not to take the place of the dress code. Dress code must be maintained under sweatshirts and jackets. Sweatshirts can be ordered through ASAP screen-printing via the school store on the school website.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

1st Offense: Written warning given

2nd Offense: Student sent to the office with a Disciplinary Referral and a parent called to supply appropriate clothing.

If in doubt as to the appropriateness of the clothing, don't buy it or send your child to school in it. Consistent violations of any part of the dress code will result in a conference with the school administrator and possible additional consequences.

All final interpretations of the dress code rules will be the duty of the staff and faculty of ECS. Common sense and good discretion will be applied. Parents having questions are encouraged to call the administrator to have any rule clarified. The right is reserved to make adjustments to this code as necessary. In such cases, both students and parents will be notified.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students must wear socks and closed-toe shoes. No open sandals are permitted for your child's safety and comfort.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Kindergarten through 3rd grade students should wear tennis shoes to school on the day of their P.E. class; they do not change into a P.E. uniform. Grades 3-8 are required to wear school P.E. uniforms. Gray T-Shirts and royal blue cotton/poly shorts. Students may also wear school issued t-shirts (i.e.: run with the lions, Track & Field etc.) Students may wear sweat/warm-up suit pants in cold weather. P. E. shirts and shorts can be purchased through the ASAP Screenprinting link on the school website, www.epworthcs.com, under the FAMILIES tab.

TATOOS:

It would be our desire that our students not represent our school by having tattoos. Current students should not acquire tattoos. In the case of new students, tattoos that are considered objectionable by the school must be covered or removed.