

# **Estero Student Dress Code**

## **2022-2023**

The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming, as well as developing good habits that will lead to “dressing for success” in college and career. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times.

The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

If any of the following dress code issues are noticed, it may result in disciplinary action.

### **Shirts & Tops:**

- ❖ Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accord with the design of that shirt or blouse.
  - No midriff shall be exposed.
  - Back and stomach must be covered at all times.
  - Shirts may not be tied up to reveal midriff.
- ❖ Sleeveless shirts and blouses must cover the shoulder.
- ❖ Transparent or see-through tops, tops that bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
  - Sleeved t-shirts must be worn under sleeveless or transparent jerseys.

### **Jeans, Shorts, Leggings, Skirts & Dresses:**

- ❖ Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
  - Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length (to the side of the leg)
- ❖ Pants with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn if, in the principal's judgment, they may cause a disruption to the school environment.
  - Any holes, tears, etc. may not be above fingertip length per individual.
  - Transparent or sheer leggings above fingertip length cannot be worn as pants.
- ❖ Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.

### **General Apparel:**

- ❖ Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury, such as chains, bracelets, rings, and chokers, with or without spikes or studs, are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
- ❖ Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
  - This includes a depiction of a weapon.
- ❖ Apparel or symbols which may be gang related may not be displayed on a student's person, vehicle or in the student's possession.
- ❖ Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.

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- ❖ The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies), bandanas or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities are prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions, religious observation and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
  - Estero High School permits the wearing of headgear and sunglasses while outside during school hours.
- ❖ Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, sex, weapons or any other illegal activity are prohibited, including ads or slogans that may have a double meaning. (i.e. "Shooter" brand attire; "Playboy" brand attire)
- ❖ Long/oversized coats, jackets or jerseys are not permitted inside the building.

### **Other:**

- ❖ Shoes shall be worn at all times. Shower shoes and/or bedroom slippers with soft soles are not permitted.
- ❖ Gang related tattoos or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the administration, are prohibited.
- ❖ Adornments that, in the principal's judgment could cause injury, be a safety risk or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn. Examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks, or lips.
- ❖ Pajamas or any clothing intended for sleepwear is not permitted unless approved for a designated dress-up day. Blankets, pillows, gloves and/or stuffed animals are not to be on campus at any time during school hours.
- ❖ Any method or public display (including clothing, nail polish, and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene or illegal activities on a person may not be worn if, in the principal's judgment, they may cause a substantial disruption to the school environment.
- ❖ Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited.

Ensure all clothing items are appropriate and that the dress code is followed at all times. If you are unsure about any of the standards listed above, ask an administrator prior to wearing it at school. Violations may result in disciplinary consequences or students being asked/required to change their attire prior to returning to class. It is our goal to correct the problem as quickly as possible to avoid missed instructional time.

THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPRAISE ANY CURRENT FASHION OR FAD AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL.