

8. Students are not to show physical affection in any form at school or during school-related activities. Conversation centering on the topic of sex is not appropriate at the academy. Private or personal notes are not to be written nor passed during class time.

9. Stealing or cheating will result in immediate disciplinary action.

10. Absolutely, no "MySpace," or any other form of personal internet account is permitted of any child enrolled in Elmwood Baptist Academy, excluding e-mail accounts. If a child has any such account, they are required to remove it immediately. If not, the child will be expelled from the academy.

11. Our most important rule is that students maintain a Christ-like attitude at all times. Students must maintain a good witness while away from campus if Elmwood is to present a good reputation in the community. Behavior of any kind that may damage this testimony or the testimony of the individual while at or away from the school shall be subject to disciplinary action.

12. Other age appropriate rules may be enforced by the administration and teachers of the academy as needed.

## **DRESS CODE**

School of Tomorrow has promoted uniforms and/or a dress code for students using School of Tomorrow curriculum for many years. It is amazing that educators and even politicians nationwide are now saying some of the very things we have been saying about the value of uniforms or a dress code.

Each student's appearance should be such that Christ would be pleased and honored. It is vital that each student wholeheartedly support the dress standards. No immodest dress is allowed. Clothing is immodest if, by its style, cut, coloration, or fit, hinders others from looking at your face. Some fads violate God's warning to keep male and female dress distinctly different. (Deut. 22:5) School dress code items are to be worn all week for academic work, for official school functions, on or off-campus. PLEASE, No outdated, dirty, wrinkled, or ragged clothing. The Bible only lays out three general principles for our dress.

(1) Modesty is essential. (2) Offending others is a sin. (3) We need to dress in a way that honors and glorifies God and avoids the appearance of something evil.

These principles work wonderfully; however, problems arise when opinions differ as to what is modest, offends, or is honoring to God. Therefore, the following guidelines have been researched and determined as good, safe regulations on how our students should dress.

The following guidelines will be enforced...

### **K-4 through 12th Level Boys**

- Navy Blue, Black, Dark Grey or Khaki pants in good condition. A solid black or brown belt must be worn with pants.
- Collared, loose-fitting, two to four-button, solid color polo shirt of any color. No logos other than the Elmwood Baptist Church or Academy logos will be permitted on the polo shirts.
  - Shirt must be buttoned up excluding the top button at all times.
  - No undershirt or undergarment can be revealed in anyway, excluding turtle-necks and long-sleeve shirts.
  - Turtle-necks and long-sleeve undershirts must be the exact same color as the outer shirt.
  - Sleeve length should be no shorter than 4 inches from the shoulder
- Shirt must be buttoned up excluding the top button at all times.
- No faded, dirty, wrinkled, or unprofessional clothing may be worn at any time.
- Solid colored jackets and coats with no logos or emblems may be worn in the classroom.
  - No pullover jackets are permitted.
- Dress shoes or solid black, brown, or navy blue casual shoes must be worn in the classroom. Boys' shoes that reflect a feminine style and heel will not be permitted. Athletic shoes may be worn to P.E. only.
  - No boots are permitted to be worn in the classrooms.
- No jewelry (necklace, bracelet, earrings) or apparel that might suggest a feminine appearance may be worn.
- Hair is to be cut and neatly groomed at all times.
  - Long hair that comes down over the ears or collar will not be permitted.
  - Hair is not to fall down over the eyebrows or eyes.
  - Haircuts should be tapered.
  - No trendish cuts, such as bowl cut, Mohawks, "fauxhawks, spiked hair" etc. are permissible.
- Boys are not to wear sunglasses, hats, or caps in the school /church buildings.
- No facial hair or sideburns
- Backpacks must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items. All backpacks must fit inside the locker.

- Lunch boxes or pails must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items.
- **Boy's P.E. Uniform (4th-12th level):**
  - Grey t-shirt
  - Loose-fitting sweat pants or athletic pants or loose-fitting shorts that fall below the knee.
  - White ankle socks
  - Non-marking athletic shoes

*\*\*Please bring an extra set of school dress code clothing for the teacher to keep on hand in the event of any accident at school.*

### **K-4 through 12th Level Girls**

- A modest, loose-fitting skirt (no culottes), the length needs to be to mid-calf.
  - No denim material is permitted. No jean skirts of any sort.
  - Loose-fitting jumpers may be worn in lieu of a skirt.
- Collared, loose-fitting, two to four-button, solid color polo shirt of any color. No logos other than the Elmwood Baptist Academy logo will be permitted on the polo shirts.
  - Shirt must be buttoned up excluding the top button at all times.
  - No undershirt or undergarment can be revealed in anyway, excluding turtle-necks and long-sleeve shirts.
  - Turtle-necks and long-sleeve undershirts must be the exact same color as the outer shirt.
  - Sleeve length should be no shorter than 4 inches from the shoulder
- T-shirts, form-fitting clothing, see-through shirts, and dresses or skirts with slits above the bottom of the knee are not allowed.
- No faded, dirty, wrinkled, or unprofessional clothing may be worn at any time.
- Solid colored jackets and coats with no logos or emblems may be worn in the classroom.
  - No pullover jackets are permitted.
- Dress shoes or solid black, brown, or navy blue casual shoes must be worn in the classroom. Athletic shoes may be worn to P.E. only.
  - No boots, sandals or open-toed shoes are permitted to be worn in the classrooms.
- No excessive amount of make-up.
  - Makeup must be lightly applied and must match the natural skin tone.
  - No bright colors of any makeup may be worn as this draws attention to oneself and not to God.
  - No makeup may be worn by any student under the age of 14 years old.
- Only one earring is permitted in each ear on the lobe of the ear. No dangling earrings, or earrings in locations that are outside of the lobe.
- Hairstyles are to be such as is becoming to a Christian girl. All hair colors and styles must be natural, no streaking or un-natural colors will be permitted. Hair should not hang over the face.

- Backpacks must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items. Backpacks must fit inside the locker.
- Lunch boxes or pails must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items.
- No hats are to be worn inside the building at anytime.

#### **Girl's P.E. Uniform (4th-12th level)**

- Grey t-shirt
- Loose-fitting sweat pants or athletic pants or loose-fitting shorts that fall below the knee.
- White ankle socks
- Non-marking athletic shoes

#### **Preschool (2-3 yrs) Boys**

- Navy Blue, Black, Dark Grey or Khaki pants in good condition.
- Collared, loose-fitting, two to four-button, solid color polo shirt of any color. No logos other than the Elmwood Baptist Church or Academy logos will be permitted on the polo shirts.
  - Shirt must be buttoned up excluding the top button at all times.
  - No undershirt or undergarment can be revealed in anyway, excluding turtle-necks and long-sleeve shirts.
  - Sleeve length should be no shorter than 4 inches from the shoulder
- Solid colored jackets and coats with no logos or emblems may be worn in the classroom.
  - No pullover jackets are permitted.
- Dress shoes or solid black, brown, or navy blue casual shoes as well as athletic shoes may be worn in the classroom. Boys' shoes that reflect a feminine style and heel will not be permitted. No boots are permitted to be worn in the classrooms.
- No jewelry (necklace, bracelet, earrings) or apparel that might suggest a feminine appearance may be worn.
- Hair is to be cut and neatly groomed at all times.
  - Long hair that comes down over the ears or collar will not be permitted.
  - Hair is not to fall down over the eyebrows or eyes.
  - Haircuts should be tapered.
  - No trendish cuts, such as bowl cut, Mohawks, "fauxhawks," etc. are permissible.
- Backpacks must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items.
- Lunch boxes or pails must not promote any movies, music groups, actors, teen or adult icons or other worldly influential items.

*\*\*Please bring an extra set of school dress code clothing for the teacher to keep on hand in the event of any accident at school.*

## **Preschool (2-3 yrs) Girls**

- A modest, loose-fitting skirt (no culottes), the length needs to be to mid-calf. Jumpers that extend to mid-calf are acceptable.
- Collared, loose-fitting, two to four-button, polo shirt of any color(s). No logos other than the Elmwood Baptist Academy logo will be permitted on the polo shirts.
  - Shirt must be buttoned up excluding the top button at all times.
  - No undershirt or undergarment can be revealed in anyway, excluding turtle-necks and long-sleeve shirts.
  - Sleeve length should be no shorter than 4 inches from the shoulder
- Dresses that cover the shoulders and fall at least 3 inches on the arm as well as below the knees can be used in place of the polo shirt.
- Solid colored jackets and coats with no logos or emblems may be worn in the classroom.
  - No pullover jackets are permitted.
- Dress shoes or solid black, brown, or navy blue casual shoes must be worn in the classroom. Athletic shoes may be worn to P.E. only. No boots are permitted to be worn in the classrooms.
  - No open-toed shoes or sandals may be worn.
- No makeup may be worn at anytime.
- Only one earring is permitted in the lobe of each ear. No dangling earrings, studs only.
- Hairstyles are to be such as is becoming to a Christian girl. All hair colors and styles must be natural, no streaking or un-natural colors will be permitted. Hair should not hang over the face.
- Parents, your child will be wearing a dress or a skirt, please have them wear shorts underneath.

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## DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Teachers will note violations of dress code standards with a demerit (see demerit system explained in detail on pages 40-43) and provide counsel as necessary for students. Students in our Early Enrichment Program will have a note sent home for the parents regarding the dress code violation. Obvious violations of the dress code may necessitate that a student remain in the school office until the parent(s)/guardian(s) bring a change of clothing or the student in violation will be sent home to correct the situation until the dress code is met. Any resulting absences will be unexcused. Areas of subjectivity are left to the discretion of the supervisors and administration.

The administration of Elmwood Baptist Academy has the right to deem clothing unacceptable. If a student comes to school wearing unacceptable clothing, the student will be required to go home. The student will not be permitted back on campus until he/she is wearing proper attire.

### Summary

The dress code is presented in detail so that our school families will have a clear understanding of the standards agreed to when students are enrolled in the academy. The standards are not meant to be divisive or depict a pseudo-righteousness. The school does not impose rules for students outside of school, rather the school recognizes parental authority and depends on parents to support the dress code by checking their children before school each day.

## DISCIPLINE

This is not a reform school or corrective institution; consequently, we ask that a child not be enrolled with the idea that he will be reformed. We are here to work with the home, but **NOT** to take the place of parents who have experienced difficulty in fulfilling their roles.

**All new students are admitted on probation for the first six weeks.**

The student must at all times conduct himself or herself in a manner becoming a lady or gentleman. **Gripping is not tolerated!**