



2021-2022 Dress Standards for Students in Grades Kindergarten - 8

General Appearance

All boys and girls in Kindergarten through Grade 8 should demonstrate the following standards of appearance while enrolled at Erie Day School to minimize distractions in the educational setting.

- Articles of clothing should fit properly, be clean, pressed and in good condition.
- Skirts, shorts and pants should be of appropriate length. Skirts and shorts should be no higher than three inches from the knee cap; pants should fall past the ankle bone.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed, out of the student's eyes and of appropriate length. If hair falls to a child's eyes, s/he will need to pull the hair back with a barrette, bobby pin or hair tie.
- A child's *natural color* should be reflected (i.e. blue, pink, gray, etc. are not "natural" colors of hair among children). Mohawk cuts or hairstyles/colors of distraction will not be permitted.
- Hair accessories such as ties, bands, and bows should align with school dress standards (i.e. blue, green, white, evergreen plaid).
- Nail polish should consist of muted colors (e.g. brown, white, pink, clear).

Middle School students are required to have 'dress attire' to wear on announced dates. Dress attire consists of a white or light blue oxford-style shirt, long or short-sleeved; a tie (hunter/classic navy plaid from Lands End, hunter green or navy blue); a khaki, navy blue or gray skirt or pants and dress standard shoes.

Shirt Options

White, navy blue or evergreen polo shirts, with or without logo, long- or short-sleeved.

White, navy blue or evergreen turtle neck shirts, long-sleeved.

White or light blue oxford-style shirts, long or short-sleeved are daily options for Middle School students and are noted as required 'dress attire' for specific events.

Shirts must be of acceptable width and length.

Shirts are to be tucked in and buttons buttoned, with the exception of the top button.

Cuffs on long sleeved shirts must be buttoned or rolled.

Shirts should be ironed or wrinkle free.

No manufacturer's logos (this includes Nautica, Lacoste, etc.).

Sweaters and Sweatshirts

Evergreen, white, navy blue, off-white cardigans, with or without logo.

Evergreen, navy, gray or white half-zip pullovers, with or without logo, long-sleeved.

Evergreen, navy, gray or white full-zip, with or without logo, no hood.

Erie Day School sweatshirts (as sold by Eighth Grade) with the three quarter-zip and logo are permitted.

Hoodies and Spirit Wear are subject to approval (e.g. participation in school trips or athletic events).

Pants

Khaki, navy blue or gray pants are to be worn at waist.

Leggings, stretch pants, cargo pants, bell-bottoms, wide-leg or low-riding pants are not acceptable (including dress down days).

Ripped pants are not acceptable, including dress down or jeans days.

Brands with rivet construction/design are not permitted.

Pants with excessive pockets (cargo style) are not permitted.

Shorts

Khaki, navy blue, or gray Bermuda or walking shorts are preferred.

Shorts with limited pockets are acceptable (no cargo shorts).

Short length must not be higher than 3" from the top of the knee.

Shorts may be worn April 1st through November 1st, weather pending.

Shorts must be worn at waist level and with a belt, if belt loops are present.

Skirts/Skorts

Khaki, navy blue, gray, hunter/classic navy plaid from Lands End skirts and skorts may be worn any day of the year.

Length must not be higher than 3" from the top of the knee.

Tight skirts are unacceptable.

Skirts and skorts may not be rolled at the waist.

Tights or knee socks should be worn November 2nd through March 31st in the following colors: white, off-white, gray, navy, khaki, nude, evergreen or brown.

All skirts and skorts are to be worn at waist.

Jumpers/Dresses

Jumpers are approved apparel items for girls in Grades K-4 and may be worn all year. Jumpers should be khaki, navy blue, gray, hunter/evergreen or hunter/classic navy plaid (available through Lands End, with or without logo).

Belts

Belts should be navy blue, brown, or black (or hunter/classic navy plaid from Lands End).

Where there are belt loops, a belt must be worn.

Belt loops may not be cut from pants or skirts.

Socks

Navy blue, black, white (girls only), off-white, gray, brown, evergreen or khaki socks (any print or pattern must be with the colors listed) should be worn.

Girls are required to wear foldable ankle or to-the-knee socks.

Boys are required to wear trouser socks.

Socks **must** be visible above the anklebone.

Socks cannot have manufacturers or athletic logos visible.

Shoes

Navy blue, black, or brown comfortable dress shoes are to be worn, Grades 3 – 8.

Kindergarten through Grade 2 students are encouraged to wear athletic sneakers of his/her color/style choice.

Any shoes with ties must be tied.

Heels must not exceed 1/2".

No shoes with wheels can be worn.

Sperry brand shoes may be worn in brown, gray, blue or black leather *but side patterns must be kept to a minimum distraction.*

Sneaker style shoes (such as Vans, Toms or Sketchers), hiking boots, Birkenstocks, ballet slippers, clogs, high heels or shoes with open-toes are **not** permitted among students in Grades 3 – 8.

Accessories

Ties may be worn appropriately in the colors of navy blue, evergreen or hunter/classic navy plaid from Lands End. Ties are considered dress attire for Middle School students.

Hair accessories may include barrettes, bobby pins, hair ties or head bands in the

following colors or color patterns: navy blue, white, off-white, gray, light blue, black, brown, khaki, and hunter/classic navy plaid from Lands End. *Hair accessories should NOT be of distraction (i.e. flowers, jewels, glitter, etc.).*

Jewelry may be worn in moderation. A watch, one ring, and one chain with a charm smaller than the size of a quarter may be worn. *One stud earring may be worn in each earlobe; otherwise accented piercings are not acceptable.*

Physical Education Attire

Physical Education classes require sneakers. **Students in Grades 4-8** wear athletic shorts and t-shirts. Socks are required. **Early Childhood and Lower School students through Grade 3** are not required to change into gym clothes, but are required to wear sneakers to physical education classes.

Dress Down/ Jeans Days

“Dress Down” or “Jeans Days” occur throughout the school year. Students are required to maintain appropriate dress standards, selecting conservative clothes for the school day (e.g. no tight or excessively baggy clothing, sweatpants, excessive jewelry, mid-drift exposure, excessive pockets, high shorts, heels, open-toed shoes, etc.).