

## **DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE**

In order to maintain an atmosphere most conducive to high Christian academic and spiritual training, the following rules for clothing and appearance have been formulated. This dress uniform is standardized so that competition between students is minimized and internal values are maximized.

Uniform clothing may be purchased at many area retail stores. In addition, uniforms may be purchased through *Lands' End* clothing company as well as *Schoolbelles*. **(All girls' plaid uniform items must be purchased through Schoolbelles.)** NOTE: Some stores may have other clothing displayed among school uniforms that are NOT uniform and do NOT qualify. (For instance, some stores may advertise "uniform" pants featuring side cargo pockets that are NOT approved by ERCS; some skirts/skorts advertised as "uniform" are NOT to the knee in length and are NOT approved.

IT IS THE PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THEIR STUDENT(S) COME TO SCHOOL IN PROPER ATTIRE. TEACHERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO CORRECT YOUR CHILD CONCERNING THE DRESS CODE. IF THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT THE DRESS CODE, CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PURCHASING THE ITEM IN QUESTION.

### **BOYS UNIFORM GUIDELINES - ELEMENTARY**

**\*\*Please note: beginning the 2020-2021 school year, the 4th-6th grade may choose to follow either the following elementary uniform guidelines or the 7-12 dress code.**

#### **SHIRT:**

- Boys uniform shirts (long or short sleeve) – Solid colors: white, red, or navy blue. Button front polo, turtleneck or Oxford dress style shirts. No t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

#### **TROUSERS:**

- Boys navy blue or tan uniform pants, no jeans or corduroy; no elastic bottoms.

#### **SHORTS (UNIFORM DRESS ):**

- Navy blue or tan uniform dress shorts – can be worn in August, September, October, March, April, May and June only. (no sweat material)

#### **SOCKS:** (must be worn)

- Solid colors: white, red, tan, black, or navy blue.

#### **SHOES:**

- Conservative style and color. Must have enclosed heel and toe. **NO workboots, flip flops, crocs or shoes of similar styles that do not meet the approval of principal/administrator.**

#### **SWEATER:**

- Solid color: red, white or navy blue. Long-sleeve, v-neck or crew-neck pullover, v-neck or crew-neck button front cardigan, or vest-style, if desired. (No hooded or faux layered sweaters.)

#### **SWEATSHIRTS & HOODIES:**

- All students are encouraged to have the Official East Richland Christian School sweatshirt (a red, pull-over sweatshirt with the school crest, which is available through the school office, **ONLY**) for uniform use, both in the classroom and on field trips as requested. Zippered East Richland Christian School hoodies (red or gray, fund- raising items sold by the high school) may *not* be worn in the classroom except on dress down days. Zippered hoodies may, however, be used as outerwear for recess, etc.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

P.E. clothes may be requested for P.E. classes (Grades 5/6) at the discretion of the P.E. teacher. Advance notice will be given to the student/family.

- Shirt – East Richland Christian School t-shirt or any solid colored t-shirt (not sleeveless or see through)
- Shorts – Long, to the knee, loose-fitting basketball gym shorts, any color – **MODESTY MUST PREVAIL!**
- Shoes – Athletic shoes *with* athletic socks

### **OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS:**

WEDNESDAY IS CHAPEL DAY – THE OFFICIAL DRESS UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN.

- Navy blue dress pants
- White oxford shirt
- Navy blue tie
- Navy blue or black socks
- Dress shoes
- Navy blue or red. Long-sleeve, v-neck or crew-neck pullover, v-neck or crew-neck button front cardigan, or vest-style, if desired. (No East Richland Christian School sweatshirts permitted on official Chapel dress days.)

### **ADDITIONAL:**

- Boys should be clean-shaven.
- Hair should be a conservative, standard contemporary cut and of naturally occurring hair color. Hair length should be above the collar in the back, and no longer than the bottom of the ears in the front; sideburns should not be longer than the lower opening of the ear.
- Shoes should be polished and in good repair and properly tied. NO FLIP FLOPS, for safety concerns.
- Pants should not be torn.
- Outerwear will be properly stored during inside activities.
- *Child's overall appearance should avoid extremes and reflect a positive Christian testimony.*

## **GIRLS UNIFORM GUIDELINES - ELEMENTARY**

**\*\*Please note: beginning the 2020-2021 school year, the 4th-6th grade may choose to follow either the following elementary uniform guidelines or the 7-12 dress code.**

### **BLOUSES/POLOS:**

- Blouses with buttons and collars, polos or turtlenecks (long or short sleeve) (plain, no logos) - Solid colors: white, red, or navy blue. Polo shirts must have at least two buttons.
- Layers are permitted under blouses or polos, however, no print or design should show through the shirt. Only the approved colors of polo shirts are permitted in the under layers.

### **JUMPERS:**

- East Richland School plaid (must be knee-length, or below)

### **SKIRTS / SKORTS:**

- East Richland School plaid, navy blue or tan (must be knee-length, or below)

### **SLACKS / PANTS:**

- Navy blue or tan uniform pants (can be worn throughout the school year)

### **SHORTS (UNIFORM DRESS ):**

- Navy blue or tan (khaki) uniform *dress* shorts (knee length) - can be worn in August, September, October, March, April, May and June only. (no sweat material)

**SOCKS:** (must be worn)

- Solid colors: white, red, tan, black, or navy blue (knee-hi socks, short socks, or tights). Grades 3rd - 6th may also wear neutral hose.

### **SHOES:**

- Conservative style and color. Must have enclosed heel and toe. **NO workboots, flip flops, crocs or shoes of similar styles that do not meet the approval of principal/administrator.**

### **SWEATER:**

- Solid color: red, white or navy blue. Long-sleeve, v-neck or crew-neck pullover, v-neck or crew-neck button front cardigan, or vest-style, if desired. (No hooded or faux layered sweaters.)

### **SWEATSHIRTS & HOODIES:**

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### **OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS:**

WEDNESDAY IS CHAPEL DAY – THE OFFICIAL DRESS UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN.

- (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): Plaid jumper, white uniform blouse
- (3-6<sup>th</sup> Grade): Plaid jumper or skirt, white uniform blouse, button-on plaid bow (A plain, white undershirt can be worn under a blouse for warmth and modesty, tucked into the skirt.)
- Navy blue knee socks or navy tights; grades 3rd - 6th may also wear neutral hose.
- Dress shoes
- Navy blue or red. Long-sleeve, v-neck or crew-neck pullover, v-neck or crew-neck button front cardigan, or vest-style, if desired. (No East Richland Christian School sweatshirts permitted on official Chapel dress days.)

### **ADDITIONAL**

- Growing room should be allowed in choosing skorts, skirts, or jumpers to maintain proper length.
- Jewelry should be minimized.
- Makeup should be limited and not obvious.
- Outerwear will be properly stored during inside activities.
- Only naturally occurring hair colors, including hair attachments, are permissible.
- NO FLIP FLOPS, for safety concerns.
- Child's overall appearance should avoid extremes and reflect a positive Christian testimony.

### **DRESS DOWN DAYS**

East Richland Christian School will occasionally designate certain days as student dress down days. These generally occur once or twice a month and students and parents are notified ahead of time. Students are allowed to wear street clothes (jeans, t-shirts – provided they have no offensive language or pictures on them; shorts, during shorts season only, etc.) to school provided they are modest and not offensive in any way. During shorts season, shorts / skorts must be to the knee. No short-shorts are permitted. At no time should any midriff area be visible while standing, sitting, or bending. No spaghetti-strap tops. Skin tight leggings or pants are not acceptable.

Policy #4130 – Scriptural basis: I Timothy 2:9-10, Proverbs 12:1