



EAST RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dress Code and Grooming

The Dress Code discourages unsuitable clothing in the school and all clothing that is dirty and unsightly. It stresses that there is a difference between school clothes and play clothes, and the latter has no place in school. The Dress Code encourages clothing that is neat and clean, that will make students aware of their social responsibility, that will promote high standards of personal conduct and that will not only bring credit to our school and community, but also, instill a sense of pride. Parents will be called to bring an appropriate change of clothes when necessary and as determined by the Principal.

The following Dress Code has been developed in accordance with Policy No. 5511:

A. General Rules

1. Pupils are expected to be clean and well-groomed in their appearance.
2. Pupils are expected to avoid dress and grooming that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
3. Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

B. Prohibited Clothing and Articles

The following garments and articles are prohibited in school and at school-sponsored indoor events:

1. Extremely low-cut, tight fitting or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing
2. Skirts, dresses, and pants that end higher than mid-thigh
3. Outdoor jackets, coats, or hats except when entering or leaving the building and when there is a defect in the heating system;
4. Bare feet, flip-flops, unsafe footwear, shoes with cleats, roller-blades and footwear intended for the beach;
5. Patches and decorations that are offensive or obscene;
6. Undershirts (underwear) worn without an outer shirt;
7. In the classroom, clothing required for physical education classes;
8. Clothing that is overly soiled, torn, worn, or defaced;
9. Nonprescription sunglasses, glazed, and tinted glasses, except as prescribed by the pupil's doctor;
10. Electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, iPod), except as permitted in Policy No. 2360;
11. Clothing, apparel and/or accessories which indicate affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity or have references to alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, or tobacco;
12. Clothing containing profanity or sexual references or innuendoes;
13. Clothing which includes racial or ethnic violence;
14. Hats, hoods, visors, headbands and other headgear;
15. Any clothing that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
16. Tank tops are permitted but straps must be at least 1 ½" width. CAMISOLE style tops are NOT permitted.
17. Pajama/lounge pants are not permitted unless designated "spirit day" allowing such attire.

BASIC PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE FOR ALL GRADES:

- **NO STUDENT WILL CHANGE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION.**
- Children must wear sneakers with a separate tongue. The sneakers can be laced, Velcro, elastic or a combination across the tongue. A sneaker with an arch support is recommended and must be secure on the child's feet. Please no cut-outs in the sneakers showing the child's socks. Children must also wear socks with their sneakers. White socks are recommended.

Children may not wear any type of jewelry in Physical Education class, i.e., stud earrings, large or looped earrings, bracelets, watches, rings, etc. Children who wear this type of jewelry to school and are unable to remove it will not be allowed to participate in Physical Education class or Field Day. Please do not send your child to school with jewelry on days when Physical Education class is held.