

Student Dress & Grooming Guidelines

In order to assure a healthy and safe school environment for students, the following student dress code guidelines will be enforced:

- No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing or jewelry that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, illegal drugs and/or gangs. Clothing items that cause intimidation or disrupt the learning of others are prohibited. Students will not wear clothing that defames, insults, threatens, harasses or injures any racial or cultural groups or individuals.
- Special requirements may be necessary to assure safety in certain areas such as physical education, art, band, science labs, kitchens, and technology education work areas; i.e. safety glasses, aprons, hair nets, etc.

All students in kindergarten through the 12th grade may be required to wear masks/face coverings, gloves, or other protective equipment. Due to the current COVID-19 health emergency, all students shall be required to wear a mask or face covering while attending school or at a school function in any District building, facility, or other District-controlled area, and when riding in District-provided transportation. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. Masks and face coverings must be worn by students regardless of the ability to maintain six feet of distancing.

"Face covering" means a piece of cloth (e.g., cotton, linen, etc.) or other similar material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. Examples of acceptable face coverings include a cloth face mask, a disposable or paper mask, or a religious face covering. Face covering does NOT include face shields, neck gaiters, bandanas, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or masks with vents. The ECASD will provide face coverings to students. However, students may bring their own face coverings to school, provided they satisfy the above-definition. The ECASD reserves the right to require students to wear a District-provided face covering if the District determines that a student's face covering does not satisfy the above-definition.

Students shall wear masks and face coverings at all times except for the following limited exceptions:

- Students may remove masks and face coverings when eating or drinking;
- Students may remove masks and face coverings when engaged in physical educational activities, as determined by the physical education instructor;
- Students may be exempted from wearing masks and face coverings by the school principal due to a documented medical condition of the student;
- Students may be exempted from wearing masks and face coverings due to special behavioral or individualized needs as determined by the Director of Special Education.
- Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent for good cause.

All other rules of the District related to student dress (e.g., prohibitions against clothing or jewelry containing messages related to sexual references, profanity, drugs, etc.) apply equally to masks and face coverings. Students who refuse to wear masks or face coverings shall be subject to discipline consistent with other school attire rules violations.

Students who violate the rules for school attire shall be asked to change or further disciplinary action will be taken, which may include suspension.

This code is not intended to limit the right of the building and/or district administration to establish rules or restrictions regarding other paraphernalia or dress that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the learning environment of any school. If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents/guardians and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing or other paraphernalia, the principal will use his/her discretion to make the final decision.