

Eagle Ridge Academy

Dress Code Policy

This policy reflects the school's effort to recognize that the school, like most organizations, will have policy as it relates to dress for the "work place." Students will dress appropriately and groom themselves for school attendance in a way that reflects personal willingness and commitment to participate in their education at Eagle Ridge Academy. Therefore, clothing should be neat, clean, tasteful and modest. Modest will be defined as that which does not bring undue attention to one's self. Students should consider the special safety and hygiene requirements of class, such as science, art and physical education. Shoes or sandals must be worn for health and safety reasons at all times. Because Eagle Ridge Academy is attempting to create an educational culture that is consistent with state and district guidelines, the following will apply:

Not Appropriate/Unacceptable Dress

The following dress is not appropriate and is considered unacceptable at Eagle Ridge Academy:

- Hats, caps, scarves, sunglasses or bandanas worn in the building
- Ripped clothing which becomes revealing or a distraction
- Clothing that is overly revealing or sexually suggestive. Exposed midriffs or exposed backs. Includes boys showing chests through enlarged armholes in shirts
- Gang attire, symbols, or colors
- Trench coats or dusters
- Chains or pointed studs that are distracting or could be utilized as a weapon. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Clothing, hats, body markings or jewelry that display offensive words, phrases and text, profanity, or advertise illegal or restricted substances. (i.e. alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.)
- Costumes (unless connected to a school activity)
- Clothing displaying text or graphics (overt or implied) of a sexual nature
- Immodest clothing – as indicated by the following guidelines:
 - Tube tops, halter-tops and strapless tops.
 - Bare skin exposed between the shirt and pants – either sitting or standing
 - Shorts and skirts need to be of appropriate length. Shorts and skirts should extend to the length beyond the tip of the middle finger when arms are relaxed at your side.
 - Appropriate undergarments should be worn at all times and not be visible when in normal posture (sitting or standing). This includes boys' boxer shorts and girls' bra straps.
 - Any clothing that is inappropriate or potentially disruptive.

If a student's dress or appearance is judged to be disruptive, unsafe, immodest or unhealthy, the students will be asked to correct the situation immediately. This will take place in one of two ways: Students will be asked to contact their parents to resolve the situation by changing into appropriate clothing or the school will provide alternative clothing for the duration of the day (this will usually mean sweats and/or plain T-shirts). Disciplinary action for violation of the student dress code shall include notifying the student and/or parents of the violation and a requirement that the dress or appearance be corrected before the student reenters the classroom, school environment, and/or school-sanctioned activity or event. At the discretion of the building-level administrator, a parental conference may be held. More serious consequences, including suspension or expulsion, may result from repeated or serious violations.