

Dress and Appearance

The wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited. If a school/council chooses to develop a dress code, it shall be consistent with Board standards set out in the District's Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.

REFERENCES:

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 393 U.S. 502 (1969)

Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)

[KRS 160.345](#)

[OAG 73-233](#)

[OAG 73-284](#)

RELATED POLICY:

09.434

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**Dress Code Policy
 Elizabethtown High School
 Council Policy**

POLICY NUMBER: 6.02

POLICY TOPIC: DISCIPLINE AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

STUDENT DRESS CODE:

To promote a better educational environment, students are expected to arrive dressed appropriately for the school day. Further, other school related events are at the discretion of the supervising teacher, sponsor, coach, or administrator.

The student's complete attire, including clothes, ornaments, or jewelry shall conform to proper school standards. The faculty and administration at EHS, along with the SBDM council, establish these standards. Students should avoid attire that would tend to cause any distraction, disturbance, disruption, or disorder that could in any way inhibit the educational process.

The educational process of all students at EHS comes before any one students' individual right to freedom of expression.

No clothing, jewelry or accessories shall display offensive graphics or messages, which include writings, or logos promoting racism, intolerance, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, vulgarity, violence, sexual suggestions, or offensive wording in any language.

A dress code policy cannot be written to address every situation presented. This policy is not intended to be an exclusive list of permitted or prohibited items of dress. If a student's attire and appearance is, in the opinion of school authorities, inappropriate for our school environment, the student will be instructed to correct the problem before attending class.

If a teacher, staff member, or administrator feels that a clothing style is in violation of dress code policy, or substantially disruptive to the education process, he/she will follow the procedures outlined under the discipline policies of Elizabethtown High School. This will involve having the student alter the style or call the parents for a change of clothing. The right to wear particular types of clothing may be taken away from students who violate the dress code policy. Our dress code is based on common sense and reason. If you are in doubt concerning what may or may not be worn to school, as a teacher, a counselor or an administrator and they will be glad to help.

Administration reserves the final right to determine the appropriateness of clothing/apparel or body modifications.

Dress Code Policy is currently under review.

Clothing Item	Males	Females
Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants are worn at waist level. • No sagging/bagging, wide legs or hanging on the floor • Undergarments may not be exposed. • No holes or rips, exposing skin • Not more than one size too big or too small and must fit appropriately. • No sweat pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants are to be worn at waist level • Leggings/jeggings may only be worn with appropriate length tops/dresses • No bagging, sagging, wide legs or hanging on the floor • Undergarments may not be exposed • No holes or rips, exposing skin • Yoga pants/spandex are not acceptable

Clothing Item	Males	Females
<p align="center">Shirts, Tops & Blouses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than one size too big and fit appropriately! • Shirts must have full sleeves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tank tops/shells may be worn under shirts; however, only the bottom face/trim may be visible • No halter tops • No tops that show cleavage • Full bodied sleeveless shirts are acceptable (i.e. Sleeveless shirts that come out to the shoulder) • No shirt that exposes any back or stomach area • Tunic/baby doll style shirts are acceptable • Undergarments may not be exposed • No visible bra straps
<p align="center">Skirts & Dresses</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirts and dresses must fall between the knee and lower thigh in the front and in the back • Full bodied sleeveless dresses are acceptable (i.e. Sleeveless shirts that come out to the shoulder)
<p align="center">Shorts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts must be between the knee and lower thigh in length in the front and in the back • No boxers, mesh shorts, soccer shorts, athletic shorts, cutoffs, nylon shorts, or swim shorts • Dress shorts, jean shorts, khaki shorts, or other similar shorts are acceptable • No sagging or bagging • No holes or rips exposing skin 	
<p align="center">Warm-Ups & Team Jerseys</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHS warm-ups are acceptable only when approved by the team coach and the administration in advance • Nylon, cotton, terry cloth, or velour sweatpants are to be worn to school only with administrative approval. 	
<p align="center">Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-distracting piercings are acceptable. No visible lip, face, or eyebrow piercings • No unnatural or extreme colored eye contacts • Ear piercings and Ear Gauges are not to exceed 1/8 of an inch diameter • No wallet chains or choker chains are to be worn • No spiked accessories • Trench coats are not to be worn in school. Any such coat is to be placed in the student's locker during the school day. • No head coverings such as hats, caps, do-rags or bandannas. • No unnatural hair colorings. • No Mohawks • House shoes and lounge shoes are not acceptable • Attire promoting only Elizabethtown High School, or schools within the Elizabethtown Independent District, is acceptable (College and professional attire is acceptable) 	

T.K. STONE MIDDLE SCHOOL SBDM DRESS CODE POLICY

This policy is not intended to be an exclusive list of permitted or prohibited items of dress. If a student's dress and appearance is, in the opinion of school authorities, inappropriate for our school environment, the student will be instructed to correct the problem. Following PBIS guidelines, dress code violations are generally considered to be minor violations and our primary goal is to keep students in class during valuable instructional time. **1st Offense: Warning/Parent Contact; 2nd Offense: Detention; 3rd or Greater Offense: ISS full day.**

Regardless of the offense, every effort is made to correct the violation before returning the student to class; students may need to contact a parent to correct the offense.

The following are the dress code guidelines for TK Stone Middle School:

Individual expression should not be disruptive to the educational process.

(Possible examples: clothing, piercings, hairstyle, hair color, tattoos, and temporary or permanent body art)

All clothing is to be free of holes, tears and fraying and no items may promote drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, violence, gangs, or vulgarity.

Hair should be a natural color. Hairstyles should be maintained by what the staff feels is clean and a non-disruptive style.

Earrings may be worn, but other facial or body piercings are not allowed.

TOPS: All students must wear shirts and tops with sleeves. Bare midriffs, sheer or see through clothing, bare backs, and off the shoulder tops as well as tank tops, jerseys and shirts with cutout sleeves are not allowed. Tops revealing cleavage or undergarments are not permitted.

BOTTOMS: Shorts, skirts, and dresses are to be knee length or longer. Shorts and pants should be worn at the waistline (no sagging). Leggings or jeggings may not be worn in the same way as pants or jeans. Leggings or Jeggings (typically have pockets and or snap/button closure) may be worn to school **only** with a shirt that reaches well past the hips to mid-thigh. Opaque tights are not permitted to be worn as leggings. Sweat pants, joggers made from sweat pant type fabric, wind suits, athletic pants/shorts, or pajama attire may be worn only on special days designated by the school.

Hats may be worn during the school day only on special days designated by the school. This includes bandanas. Bandanas are not to be worn at all.

All heavy coats worn to school must be placed in the student's locker at the beginning of the school day.

Wristlets may be worn in school, however purses, sports/ball bags, and backpacks are not allowed in the classroom and are to be placed in the student's locker at all times.

Gum is not permitted to be chewed at school.

If a teacher feels that a dress code issue is in violation of the policy or substantially disruptive to the educational process, the teacher will follow the procedures outlined under T.K. Stone's discipline policies. Our dress code is based upon *common sense* and *reason*. If you are in doubt concerning what may or may not be worn to school, ask your teacher, the counselor, or the principal, they will be glad to help.

Amended: February 2016

**MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY
Elizabethtown Independent Schools**

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Dress Code

POLICY STATEMENT

Morningside Elementary School follows the Dress Code Policy #09.427 and the Student Code of Conduct #09.438 of the Elizabethtown Independent Schools.

In addition, this policy specifies that the student's complete attire, including clothes, ornaments, or jewelry shall conform to proper school standards as established by the faculty, administration and SBDM council.

Additional clarification of this policy may be found in the expectations listed below:

1. Students are expected to wear appropriately sized clothing. The chest area should be adequately covered and the mid-section of the body should be completely covered.
2. Students are expected to wear clothing that is non-transparent and contain appropriate pictures, graphics and language for the school environment.
3. Students are expected to wear a shirt with sleeves or a sleeveless shirt that comes to the edge of the shoulder.
4. When students wear shorts, skorts, dresses or jumpers, they are expected to be at least finger tip in length when the student is standing.
5. Students are expected to wear shoes that enable them to safely participate in school activities.
6. Students are expected to remove caps, hats and hoods in the building.

A clothing closet will be provided so that students with inappropriate clothing can change. Any issues concerning dress expectations will be resolved at the discretion of the building principal.

A primary purpose of the listed expectations is to teach students how to dress appropriately for success in a school/work environment. The dress code expectations will be taught in conjunction with the school's instructional discipline program at the beginning of the school year with additional refreshers throughout the year as appropriate and/or necessary.

PANTHER ACADEMY

Dress Code

Based upon the established Dress Code Policies at Morningside Elementary School and Helmwood Heights Elementary School and based upon District Policies 09.427 and 09.438, the students at Panther Academy will follow the following Dress Code. This Dress Code will be reviewed and edited by the Panther Academy Site-Based Council, which is yet to be established.

Per District Policy 09.427, "The wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited. "

Panther Academy students' complete attire, including clothes, ornaments, or jewelry shall conform to proper school standards as established by the faculty and administration.

Additional clarification:

1. Students are expected to wear appropriately sized clothing. (No sagging, bagging, excessively tight or exposing mid-section or chest area of the body when raising arms.)
2. Students are expected to wear clothing that is non-transparent and contain appropriate picture, graphics, and language. (Should not be negative, sarcastic, or offensive in nature.)
3. Students are expected to wear shirts with sleeves. (No tank tops or spaghetti straps without sleeved overshirt or sleeved shirt underneath; no jerseys without a sleeved shirt underneath.)
4. Students are expected to wear shorts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers that are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee in length or longer. Jeans, khakis, capris, and other pants are also acceptable.
5. Students are expected to wear shoes that enable them to safely participate in school activities. (Heels no higher than one-inch, no flip-flops.)
6. Students are expected to remove caps, hats, and hoods in the building.
7. Any jewelry worn by students must be safe for students and not a distraction to the educational process.

Any other issues concerning dress expectations will be resolved at the discretion of the building administration.