**DRESS CODE**

Students should come to school dressed and groomed in accordance to the District School Board of Collier County guidelines. All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness; to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it.

Students who fail to comply with this dress code may be sent home or asked to call home for a change of clothing and may be subject to disciplinary action.

**Tops**
- Tops must be one solid color (any color is acceptable.) They may only be collared polo shirts (polo shirts must button from chest to neck and can have no more than 4 buttons.) Any logo on the shirts must be on the front. Logos, except for the EPE logo, must be smaller than a quarter. Tops worn at school must be at least 3 inches below the waist band. A student can also elect to wear a jumper with a top under it.
- Tops may not show midriff area when student raises their arms above their heads. No halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, midriff shirts, see-through blouses and/or mesh clothing shall be worn at any time on campus.
- During cold weather, a long-sleeved shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt. Only in this instance may an additional piece of clothing be added to the school uniform. Students are not permitted to enhance the uniform through the addition of leggings, colorful socks, etc.
- **EPE will sell T-shirts that students can purchase to wear on Fridays.**

**Bottoms**
- Khaki or navy blue bottoms. Bottoms can be pants/slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capri pants.
- Bottoms may not be jeans, skinny jeans, stretch denim or other stretch material, corduroy, or athletic wear.
- Pants and shorts will be worn at the waist. They may not be dropped low on the hips to show boxers or other pants or shorts.
- Shorts and skorts must be knee length. If a student’s fingertips touch skin when laid flat against his/her leg, the item is too short.
- Students are not permitted to enhance the uniform through the addition of leggings, colorful socks, etc.

**Footwear**
- No flip flops, backless sandals, or bedroom slippers are allowed. Sneakers or closed-toe shoes are the only approved footwear. Boots, regardless of height or whether they are sneaker boots are not permitted.
- Socks should be in neutral colors (not neon colors) and should not be higher than the ankle.

**Outerwear**
- Students may wear light jackets and sweaters with or without hoods, but hoods must remain down from the time students enter school gates in the morning until they exit school gates in the afternoon. Jackets, sweaters, and hoodies must follow the CCPS guidelines. Heavier jackets may only be worn when the outside temperature is lower than 40 degrees. All jackets must have a front zipper.

**Accessories**
- Acceptable accessories are: watches, earrings, rings, bracelets, and necklaces.
- Unacceptable accessories are: any body piercings other than earrings, gloves (including fingerless and netted), chokers, dog collars, chains that hang from clothing.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted and must be covered.
General Dress Code Rules

- All clothing (shirts and bottoms) must not be worn more than 1 size larger than the student's regular size.
- Intentionally altered clothing such as holes in pants, unbuttoned shirts and ill-fitted garments are not permitted.
- All clothing shall be free of inflammatory, satanic, suggestive or other inappropriate writing, advertisements or artwork.
- Heavy jackets, coats and sweaters should not be worn to school out of season and may not be used to cover dress code violations.
- Hats, caps and sunglasses should not be worn unless on a special occasion approved by the principal.
- Bandanas may not be worn. Any symbol, such as a gang symbol that would disrupt normal school functioning shall not be on any head covering or article of clothing.
- Body adornment (i.e., adornments which pierce flesh) in any visible body part other than the ears shall not be displayed if such display represents a health or safety issue or if such adornment interferes with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the principal or designee.
- Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair color and style shall not interfere with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the principal.
- Students are not permitted to enhance the uniform through the addition of leggings, colorful socks, etc.
- The administration reserves the right to prohibit any article of clothing or accessory that is not appropriate at school.