

ECS Uniform Policy

At Evangel Classical School, our uniform policy and implementation seek *harmony* versus uniformity. We love to sing at ECS, and we likewise love all our individual students with their quirks and strengths. We have strong singers who need to learn to harmonize so everyone makes beautiful music *together*; likewise, we have students gifted in mathematics or geared towards social brilliance, but our students are part of one school. As they learn and are equipped, they are in it together, encouraging and edifying and even teaching one another. Our harmonizing of gifts and talents are liturgized in our uniform policy, which has grown out of the following principles:

- ❖ Our goal is to honor God in everything we do, acknowledging the lordship of Jesus Christ in all we do.
- ❖ Close-Knit Unity: We may not be seeking the same uniformity of the military, but we are in a fight, and there are a lot of arrows being whittled around here. Good education equips students to be winsome, deep-souled worshippers of the triune God. This is squire-academy for valiant fighters-in-training. We are part of the same squad - this is the training ground for future battle, and as such, we come dressed for the occasion. It is to remind the students that this is their people - this is their fight, and they are all in it. Little or big, fast or slow, older or younger, a uniform presents a physical, instant recognition of inclusion and solidarity.
- ❖ Practicality and Logistics: at a pragmatic level, uniforms save money, lessen social pressure and impact on dress, and help students focus on the task at hand and their vocation as a student. It also assists faculty during field trips and recess in quickly identifying students. Accordingly, students are expected to be in uniform during school hours unless specified otherwise by the administration or teachers.
- ❖ The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Uniforms carry the force of tradition and weight of history - from the slums of Haiti, where students without enough food still get dressed in crisp uniforms on school days, to the robes and jester-hats of medieval professors, we stand with them. Uniforms are, in the end, just exterior. But like a squire who finally proves himself worthy of knighthood, as our graduates lay aside navy cardigans and white button-up shirts, our hope is that they will do so with a sense of fondness - a thankfulness for the training they received in those uniforms, training which now well equips them to don new uniforms in new adventures.

Grammar Girls Uniform Summary

	Daily	Dress / Event	
Shirt	Polo or dress shirt in white or light blue	Dress shirt in white (long sleeve)	
Tie	<i>Not required</i>	Cross tie in Clear Blue Plaid - ECS ¹	
Sweater	<i>Not required</i>	V-neck vest in heather gray - ECS ¹ (w/ECS logo) or Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater in Pewter Gray - LE ² (w/ECS logo)	
Jacket	<i>Not required, may be worn in class for warmth</i> Mid-weight Fleece Jacket in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)		
Skirt or Jumper	Plaid Box Pleat Skirt Top of the Knee or Plaid A-line Skirt Below the Knee or <i>K-2 ONLY</i> - Uniform Plaid Jumper - <i>K-2 ONLY</i> in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ² worn with bike shorts in a color found in the ECS uniforms	Plaid Box Pleat Skirt Top of the Knee or Plaid A-line Skirt Below the Knee in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ² worn with bike shorts in a color found in the ECS uniforms	
Hosiery	Tights, knee-high or bobby socks in white, gray, or navy (cabled/ribbed/plain)	Dress Tights, knee-high or bobby socks in <u>navy</u> (cabled/ribbed/plain)	Event Tights in <u>white</u> (cabled/ribbed/plain)
Shoes	Shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glitter, patent/shiny leather is okay • No tennis shoes except all-black (including visible sole) Converse or Vans (no high-tops) • Minimal (if any) heels, no boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes 	Dress shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glitter, patent/shiny leather is okay • Minimal (if any) heels, no tennis shoes, boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes 	

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²LE signifies items that must be purchased through the ECS Lands' End school uniform program. Our preferred school number is 900159773.

Grammar Boys Uniform Summary

	Daily	Dress / Event
Shirt	Polo or dress shirt in white or light blue	Dress shirt in white (long sleeve)
Tie	<i>Not required</i>	Pre Tied Tie in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ² or Plaid To Be Tied Tie in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ²
Sweater	<i>Not required</i>	V-neck vest in heather gray - ECS ¹ (w/ECS logo) or Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater in Pewter Gray - LE ² (w/ECS logo)
Jacket	<i>Not required, may be worn in class for warmth</i> Mid-weight Fleece Jacket in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)	
Pants	Chinos in navy with black belt	
Socks	Crew length socks in black or navy	
Shoes	Shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tennis shoes except all-black (including visible sole) Converse or Vans (no high-tops) • No boots or sandals 	Dress shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tennis shoes, boots or sandals

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Secondary Ladies Uniform Summary

	Daily	Dress / Event	
Shirt	Polo or dress shirt in white or light blue	Dress shirt in white (long sleeve)	
Tie	<i>Not required</i>	Cross tie in Clear Blue Plaid - ECS ¹	
Sweater	<i>Not required</i>	Cotton Modal Sweater Vest in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo) or Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)	
Jacket	<i>Not required, may be worn in class for warmth</i> Mid-weight Fleece Jacket in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)		
Skirt	Plaid Box Pleat Skirt Top of the Knee in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ² or Plaid A-line Skirt Below the Knee in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ²		
Hosiery	Tights, knee-high or bobby socks in white, gray, or navy (cabled/ribbed/plain)	Dress Tights, knee-high or bobby socks in <u>navy</u> (cabled/ribbed/plain)	Event Tights in <u>white</u> (cabled/ribbed/plain)
Shoes	Shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glitter, patent/shiny leather is okay • No tennis shoes except all-black (including visible sole) Converse or Vans (no high-tops) • 2" heel or less, no boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes 	Dress shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glitter, patent/shiny leather is okay • 2" heel or less, no tennis shoes, boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes 	

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Secondary Men Uniform Summary

	Daily	Dress / Event
Shirt	Polo or dress shirt in white or light blue	Dress shirt in white (long sleeve)
Tie	<i>Not required</i>	Plaid To Be Tied Tie in Clear Blue Plaid - LE ²
Sweater	<i>Not required</i>	Cotton Modal Sweater Vest in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo) or Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)
Jacket	<i>Not required, may be worn in class for warmth</i> Mid-weight Fleece Jacket in Classic Navy - LE ² (w/ECS logo)	
Pants	Chinos in khaki with black belt	
Socks	Crew length socks in black or navy	
Shoes	Shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tennis shoes except all-black (including visible sole) Converse or Vans (no high-tops) • No boots or sandals 	Dress shoes in black <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tennis shoes, boots or sandals

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Uniform Notes

General

- Modesty is expected.
- Please label all uniform items with your last name.
- Any part of the dress uniform may be worn on non-dress days, but the clear blue plaid ties may only be worn with an oxford or dress shirt.
- Girls may roll up their sleeves on non-dress days.
- No logos on any shirts.
- Undershirts and camisoles are optional but must be white or nude in color and free of logos.
- Pants length must be below the ankle. If necessary, pants should be altered throughout the school year to adhere to this.
- Skirt length must be at the knee. Lands' End offers two skirt lengths that, combined with hemming efforts, should help accommodate different needs based on height - tall girls will benefit from the "below the knee" A-line skirt and petite girls will appreciate the "top of the knee" box-pleat skirt. If necessary, skirts should be altered throughout the school year to adhere to the "at the knee" requirement.
- For all boys and grammar school girls, shirts must be tucked in at all times; purchasing a longer-tailed shirt will help with this. For secondary girls, a shirt may be worn untucked as long as it does not show below the sweater/cardigan.
- Pants must fit at the waist and be worn at the natural waistline (no saggy or droopy pants).
- Outerwear other than uniform sweaters or uniform microfleece jackets may not be worn in the school or classroom but may be worn outside at recess.
- Any items previously purchased through Dennis Uniform are still welcomed as part of the uniform!

Hair

- Hair for all students should be clean, neat and modest in style and appearance. We know that this could seem abstract and vague; we also think most people know what it means. If there are questions, please see Mr. Sarr for his savvy beauty tips. *Risus est bellum!*
- Boys' hair must be cut to be off the ear and off the collar. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear. Hairstyle must be conservative (e.g., no faux hawks).
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- Boys may not dye or highlight their hair.
- Girls are allowed to wear hair ornaments as long as they are conservative and are a color found in the uniforms.
- Girls' hair may be dyed or highlighted, but a natural color only.

Jewelry

- Necklaces are allowed if tucked inside the student's shirt.
- Girls may have a single stud or post earring per ear. No other piercings may be worn.
- Boys may not wear piercings of any kind.

Exclusions from the dress code: embroidery (other than the ECS logo), corduroy, cargo pants, footless tights or leggings, hats, scarves, bandanas or distracting styles (e.g. no-show socks, torn or soiled clothes, overdone makeup or jewelry, tattoos, immodesty, visible undergarments or camisoles, long hair or facial hair for boys, etc.).