

2023-2024 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.
- ❖ Modest and Conservative: We want our students to adorn the Raggant uniform in such a way as not to draw attention to themselves as individuals; the wearers of the ECS uniform are a part of something bigger than themselves. Like athletes wearing the same uniform, we want for our students to distinguish themselves not by their attire, but by their attitudes and actions.
- ❖ 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.

2023-2024 ECS 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	Low top shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No glitter/bling/drip, but patent or shiny leather is allowed • No heels, boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes	Dress shoes (flats), all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No glitter/bling/drip, but patent or shiny leather is allowed • No tennis shoes, heels, boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes	

¹ECS signifies items that must be purchased through ECS - contact Aisha Bone in the school office for more information - abone@evangelcs.org - 360-502-6950.

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

2023-2024 ECS 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	Low top shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No boots or sandals 	Dress shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tennis shoes, boots or sandals

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2023-2024 ECS 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	Low top shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No glitter/bling/drip, but patent or shiny leather is allowed • 2" heel or less, no boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes	Dress shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No glitter/bling/drip, but patent or shiny leather is allowed • 2" heel or less, no tennis shoes, boots/booties, sandals, open-backed or open-toed shoes	

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2023-2024 ECS 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	Low top shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No boots or sandals	Dress shoes, all-black (including visible sole, laces, and/or any other trimmings) • No tennis shoes, boots or sandals

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2023-2024 ECS Uniform Notes

General

- This Policy exists *for* people, not the other way around. If reasonable exceptions are necessary, please ask a teacher or the administration.
- Uniforms should be clean and neat (e.g., wrinkle-free, not soiled or stained, etc.).
- 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.
- Undershirts, camisoles, and undergarments must be as discreet as possible in pursuit of modesty.
- Outerwear (including hats, scarves, and gloves) 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 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

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times; purchasing a longer-tailed shirt will help with this.
- Pants length must be below the ankle. If necessary, pants should be altered throughout the school year to adhere to this.
- Pants must fit at the waist and be worn at the natural waistline (no saggy or droopy pants).
- 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...unless they win the Shaving Games and are awarded special permission from administration.
- Boys may not dye, bleach, or highlight their hair.
- Boys may not wear piercings of any kind.

Girls

- For 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.
- 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. Skirt samples for size and fit are available in the school office.
- Girls are allowed to wear hair ornaments as long as they are conservative in a neutral color or a color found in the uniforms.
- Girls' hair may be dyed or highlighted, but a natural color only.
- Makeup is allowed for secondary girls and should be modest.
- Girls may wear a single stud earring in each ear (non-dangling, modest). No other piercings may be worn. Jewelry should be modest and minimal.
- Nail polish is welcome, but should not be eye-catching. Use a natural color palette (think French manicure colors...but not the ones with neon or tiger orange tips).