



DRESS CODE POLICIES

Every student of Elder is part of a community. A genuine Christian concern for his associates (parents, teachers, fellow students, and the community-at-large) will dictate that he takes a reasonable pride in his personal appearance.

The ordinary daily dress for students is a dress shirt, dress pants, and dress shoes with socks. Jackets and sweatshirts (except those that are approved) are not to be worn to class, rather to be kept in the student's locker. These regulations are in effect whenever school is in session, including exam days.

All students must be clean shaven (i.e. no beards, mustaches, or exaggerated sideburns that amount to quasi-beards). Exposed tattoos are not permitted nor is body piercing, except for one earring in each ear.

The purpose of the dress code is to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning. A businesslike attitude of work and study is encouraged. Clothing is to be in good repair. Any clothing, which promotes drugs, alcohol, and concerts or has inappropriate comments/pictures, is not permissible. Clothing with advertisements or writing is also unacceptable. Clothing such as this is not permitted at any time or in any circumstance.

SHOES – tan, brown, blue, gray, or black type of shoe, not above the ankle level, which is typically worn with dress pants. Shoestrings must be properly tied. These shoes may not be athletic shoes, nor may they resemble athletic shoes in such a way as to create any doubt as to their appropriateness for school (no brand names, logos, stripes, swooshes, stars, or any other characteristics associated with athletic shoes). Other unacceptable footwear would include backless slip-ons, boots, sandals, moccasins, and slippers.

- ☞ Please note: shoes, specifically TOP-SIDERS, are NOT to resemble athletic shoes!
- ☞ Visit www.elderhs.net (Dress Code) to view examples of acceptable/unacceptable shoes.

TROUSERS – dress pants with the waistband at the waist level. Pants with outside pockets and other styles such as cargo pants, nylon pants, Levi's, denims, or jeans are NOT acceptable. No ripped, torn, frayed, or tattered seams or hems. Dress shorts are not permitted.

SHIRTS – a shirt that buttons from the collar to the bottom of the shirt. Also acceptable are the golf shirts (with collar and buttons) that clearly have an Elder logo or name imprinted on it. Shirts are to be tucked into the trousers during school hours.

SWEATSHIRTS – crewneck sweatshirts imprinted with the Elder name or an Elder logo are acceptable if worn over a collared shirt. The only acceptable colors are purple, white, black, and gray. Hooded sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts, including thermals, are not acceptable apparel. Examples of the Elder name include such designations as the following:

"Elder Math Club", Elder Swimming", or other similar wording pertaining to valid Elder-sponsored organizations or clubs.

QUARTER-ZIP PULLOVERS – those imprinted with the Elder name or logo are acceptable if worn over a collared shirt. The only acceptable colors are purple, white, black, and gray. Hooded quarter-zips and pullovers without zippers are not acceptable apparel.

SWEATERS – dress or casual sweaters are acceptable if worn over a collared shirt. Such sweaters may not bear writing of any sort.

UNDERSHIRT – solid colored undershirt without print or pictures (including Elder shirts). Long-sleeve undershirts are not to be visible.

SOCKS – must be worn with shoes.

ALTERNATE DRESS CODE

DRESS DAYS – these will occur during the school year on special occasions when students will be required to wear ties (e.g. Memorial Mass in November & seniors for ElderFest mass).

PURPLE DAYS – these days are for the purpose of encouraging school spirit. Any deviation from the normal dress code would require the minimum of a shirt/sweatshirt/jacket (outermost piece of clothing) that is distinctly “ELDER” and purple, white, black, or gray in color. Gym shoes are permitted only if “ELDER” clothing is worn. All dress items are to be in good repair. The torso is to be covered (i.e. shirts with sleeves). Unacceptable dress would include cut-offs.

THEME DAYS – Acceptable dress must include all of the following: shoes, socks, pants, and a shirt. All dress items are to be in good repair (i.e. no holes, rips, etc.). The emphasis is on personal expression in order to benefit the organization sponsoring the theme day.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Special clothing is required for Physical Education. Each student must wear a pair of gym shorts and a t-shirt. Students are also encouraged to have a gym lock and gym carry-all bag which is in good condition. A locker is available to students during this physical education class for securing dress clothes and valuables with their own lock. Gym clothes may only be carried in the gym bag. Gym clothes may not be stored at school. The student is expected to take them home each time after use.

Please visit www.elderhs.net to view the *Student Handbook*.