



## CES DRESS CODE

### FOR GRADES PRE-K – 2

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Commerce Independent School District believes that students should learn to dress for success in order to be successful and lead productive lives. Students should dress in a way that is appropriate for a teaching and learning environment. Maintaining a school atmosphere suitable for academic study will help students focus on learning. The Dress Policy is an important step toward furthering excellence and better preparing students for future educational opportunities, careers, and successful living as adults.

**Parent & Student Responsibility:** The parent and student shall be responsible for ensuring that the student is in compliance with all aspects of this policy when the student enters the school premises and during the time the student is on school premises during the regular school day.

**Principal is Final Authority:** The Board delegates to the building principal the authority to make final determination as to whether clothing or grooming is/is not within this Code.

#### Pants, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, Capri Pants & Jumpers

- Pants, shorts, capri pants and jeans will always be allowed, as long as they have no holes in them and are worn at the waist.
- Shorts, skirts or skorts must be fingertip length or longer; skirt slits may not exceed above knee.
- Jumpers may be fingertip length or longer and must be worn over a dress approved shirt.

#### **Not Allowed:**

- Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants, warm-ups, athletic wear, overalls, or coveralls.

#### Shirts

- School spirit shirts, in acceptable styles, will be allowed as approved by campus principals.
- Shirts with Long or Short sleeves

#### **Not Allowed:**

- Sleeveless shirts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, backless shirts
- Tight, extremely form-fitting shirts
- Low cut shirts

#### Shoes, Shoestrings, Socks & Hosiery

- Footwear must be closed toe and heel
- Tights, hosiery or leggings can be worn under appropriate shorts or dresses only

#### Outer and Winter Wear

- Coats, jackets and scarves shall be removed when entering the building and placed in a designated area
- Lightweight jackets and school approved spirit or letter jackets are allowed in the classroom to accommodate for classroom temperature variances. Clothing underneath must meet dress guidelines.

### **Spirit Wear & School Organization**

- Spirit wear must have a principal approved school related logo

### **Other Guidelines**

- No clothing or other articles with inappropriate pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, immodest, gang related or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, weapons, or any other substance prohibited by board policy.
- No clothing that reveals skin at midriff or undergarments
- Startling, unusual or immodest attire of any sort shall not be permitted. Fads in hairstyles, clothing or anything designed to attract attention to the individual or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the classroom is not permitted.
- Hair should be neat and well groomed at all times and shall not obstruct vision. No streaks shaved in eyebrows.
- Hats, caps, hoods, wave caps, headbands, bandanas, rollers or any other head coverings/accessories are not acceptable attire and may not be worn in the building.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed and cuffed; torn, ripped, frayed or cut clothing will not be allowed.
- Clothing and other articles that are considered “gang related” are not allowed.
- Spandex or nylon materials are not allowed
- Tattoos and body art, fake or real, are not allowed
- “Grillz” or temporary decorations on teeth are not to be worn. Orthodontic approved mouth wear is acceptable.

**Exemptions:** Exemptions are granted for specific items or circumstances rather than for the entire dress guidelines. Exemptions will be based on a specific student’s need rather than a desire to not follow the dress guidelines. Exemptions should be reviewed each year to determine if the need still exists.

**Extracurricular Activities:** The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary actions, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

**Dress for Special Occasions:** The principal at any campus has the authority to allow all or part of the student body of the campus to vary from the standard mode of dress; establish a particular mode of attire for special occasion days; or for particular school-sponsored or school-related activities.

Students in violation of the student dress and grooming code will be expected to change to appropriate when violations are brought to their attention. Students will not be allowed to leave campus for the purpose of changing clothes. Students who fail to meet this requirement of compliance with the Dress and Grooming Code may spend the remainder of the day in IN-School Suspension.