

## **Evansville Day School Dress Code (JPK–Grade 12)**

### **Purpose**

The Evansville Day School dress code is designed to promote a sense of belonging and unify our community. The dress code emphasizes a neat, professional appearance, and allows for some student choice and reasonable comfort. While we encourage personal expression through clothing after school hours and on weekends, we ask that students dress in a manner that is appropriate for a learning environment of all ages.

### **General Expectations**

- Students must be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed for school activities.
- Clothing must be in good condition (no design-related tears, holes, or fraying).
- Clothing or accessories may not display offensive, violent, illegal, or discriminatory language, images, or symbols. This includes—but is not limited to—allusions or references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, hate groups, profanity, or explicit content.
- Logos must not be more than three inches.
- Hats and hoods may never be worn inside the school building at any time.
- Students may wear religious attire that does not conform to dress code expectations with permission of their division head.

### **Tops**

- Solid-color polo shirts or button-down shirts are required Monday–Thursday.
- Evansville Day or college apparel may be worn on Fridays. This includes t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, and hoodies.
- Polo, button-down, and t-shirts may be short or long-sleeved.
- Solid-color or Evansville Day crewneck sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans, vests, fleeces, blazers, or zip-ups may be worn over collared shirts Monday–Friday.
- Solid color turtlenecks or long-sleeved shirts may be worn under dress code-compliant shirts.

### **Bottoms, Dresses, & Jumpers**

- Uniform-style pants, capris, shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, or jumpers in navy, black, brown, tan, or navy-and-gold plaid, or polo-style dresses in any solid color, must be worn on Monday – Thursday.
- Jeans, jean shorts, or jean skirts without holes, rips, or distressing may be worn on Fridays. Chambray, linen, and corduroy shorts, skirts, or pants may also be worn on Fridays.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, and jumpers must extend to mid-thigh.
- Jumpers must be worn over a solid-color, collared shirt or a turtleneck.

- Navy, black, brown, white, or tan tights or leggings may be worn underneath shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, or jumpers.
- JPK-grade 2 students may wear black, navy, brown or tan leggings without shorts, skorts, a skirt, dress, or jumper over them.
- Athletic bottoms (sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts, leggings without an appropriate dress/skirt over them) may only be worn as part of a designated team uniform.
- With Athletic Director or Division Head approval, teams/casts/groups may wear pre-approved attire on game days or special occasions.

### **Footwear**

- Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school activities.
- Shoes with enclosed toes and backs, including casual shoes, athletic shoes, dress shoes, or boots, must be worn.
- Socks and shoes may be of any school-appropriate design or color.
- Heels may not exceed two inches in height. Primary School students may not wear heels (except for a reasonable heel on a boot).

### **Outerwear**

- Solid-color or Evansville Day crewneck sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans, vests, fleeces, blazers, or zip-ups may be worn over collared shirts Monday–Friday.
- Evansville Day and college hoodies may be worn on Fridays.
- Hats and hoods may never be worn indoors.
- Outdoor jackets and coats may be of any color or design. Jackets and coats must be removed when inside the building.

### **Accountability and Enforcement**

All employees of Evansville Day School are expected to enforce dress code policies.

Students found to be out of dress code will be sent to the front office to call their families. If possible, dress code-compliant options will be provided for students out of dress code. If unavailable, a family representative will need to bring new attire for the student.

If a student in JPK – grade 5 regularly arrives at school out of dress code, the Head of Primary School will request an on-campus conference with their family.

For each subsequent dress code violation, students in grades 6–12 will be asked to call home and be required to serve a detention either that afternoon or the following morning. Detentions will take precedence over practices, games, rehearsals, and performances.