

ELLERHORST UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODES 2022-23

UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODES CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We are enlisting our parents and students in our efforts to reinforce the district's dress code and uniform policies. Following the rules is the right thing to do. Please review the following dress code and uniform information as a family. Thank you.

Uniform Policy

The district's policy is that elementary students are to wear the district chosen uniforms to school. We encourage uniforms, however we will not require an opt out form if a family decides not to have their child wear a school uniform.

What are the uniform specifics for Ellerhorst?

Uniform Colors:

Tops: Navy Blue, Light Blue or White

Bottoms: Navy Blue or Khaki

Tops: All shirts must have collars and sleeves. Sleeves may be long or short. All shirts must be solid with no logos or stripes. Shirt types include polo (pull-over/golf style), or oxford (buttons in the front).

Bottoms: All clothing must fit properly; it should not be loose, baggy or saggy. Bottoms include pants, shorts, 'skorts', jumpers, capris and 'shirt dresses'. Slit or welt type pockets are allowed. No jean-style sewn-on patch pockets or cargo style pockets.

Shoes: Appropriate closed-toed shoes must be worn. Shoes with laces must be laced at all times. No open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, roller shoes or high heels may be worn. Socks, tights and leggings are allowed in the school palette.

Hats and Sun Protection

Encouraged for recess and outdoor class activities

Hats must be removed inside rooms/buildings, unless such items are a cultural or religious requirement.

Beanie style hats and ear protection may be worn on cold or chilly days during the colder months.

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Where can parents get uniforms? Where can parents share uniforms?

Target, Wal-Mart, and Old Navy each have school uniform sections, to name a few. There are other options on line.

Ellerhorst has a clothes closet called the Uniform Swap which allows parents to browse through bins with folded, laundered clothes for both boys and girls. If you have gently used clothing that your children have outgrown, you may bring laundered 'hand-me-downs' to the office for inclusion in the collection. In this way, we can help each other to keep costs down for clothing and be compliant with the uniform rules.

Reasons for the District's Policy on Uniforms and Dress Codes:

Uniform/Dress Code Policies:

- Promote safe, focused learning environments.
- Build positive school climates.
- Reduce ethnic and racial tensions.
- Bridge socio-economic differences between children.
- Promote positive student behavior.
- Make students feel part of an organization and less isolated.
- Improve self-respect and self-esteem.
- Decrease school violence.
- Minimize the loss or damage to costly student clothing.
- Improve morale and school pride.
- Produce cost-savings for families.
- Increase academic scores, according to many studies.

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for the complete Uniform Policy.

District Uniform Waiver Process

The district has a uniform waivers process. However, Ellerhorst will not enforce the waiver process, and waivers will not be required for the 2022-23 school year. No child will be sent home if they do not come in uniform.

However, students are expected to dress in school appropriate clothes at all times. Clothing needs to cover the body from the shoulders to at least mid-thigh, with no exposed skin between. Shoulders should be covered. Any images or messages on clothes must be appropriate for an elementary school.

For the full district dress code, please see www.wccusd.net.