

Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School

2021-22 School Year Dress Code

Here at Erie Rise Leadership Academy charter School, we respect that an individual's dress and adornment/appearance is a matter of personal preference and choice. However, certain styles of dress/appearance are not appropriate in school for the health, safety, welfare of students and staff. We value our student's individuality as they are ambassadors to the school.

General Rules:

Suggested clothing includes but not limited to:

- **Tops:** Polos or t-Shirts (orange, black, or white)
- **Bottoms:** Short, Skirts, Skorts, (must be no shorter than two inches above the knee) and Pants (khaki, black, or jean)
- **Footwear:** Shoes must have a back.

At Erie Rise we also understand that school uniforms may not be available to all students. As long as dress code guidelines are followed no issues will be presented. However, students will be required to change inappropriate clothing or appearance or be sent home to do so and return.

Guidelines:

1. Wear clothes that are not revealing or suggestive, such as see through blouses, halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, cutoffs.
2. Wear clothing, jewelry, and other accessories which do not promote, encourage, or depict any form of drugs (including alcohol), obscene, lewd or vulgar language or action, or promote any illegal activity.
3. Wear pants which are secure around the waist. Pants may not be "distressed" (e.g. have rips or holes).
4. Wear clothing which cannot potentially cause harm to another person, damage to property, or create an unsafe environment.
5. Wear shorts and skirts, the hem of which must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
6. Outdoor clothing or accessories such as coats/- jackets, windbreakers and pants, hats, bandanas, scarves, and gloves, may not be worn inside the school building.
Outerwear must be placed in the assigned area from the arrival bell to dismissal bell and is not permitted to be worn during the school day.

7. Students must wear shoes or footwear appropriate for the school setting. Hard-soled shoes, including sneakers, are appropriate. Students may not wear slippers, high-heels, or flip-flops to school. All shoes must have a back.
8. Hoodies: Students may wear hoodies during the school day but only if the hoodie remains down. If a student pulls the hood up during the school day, it will be considered “insubordination” as defined in the Student Code of Conduct. Hoodies may be worn with Nurse permission.

The administration will make the final decision on whether or not dress is appropriate and what course of action will be taken.