



Essential Learning Dress Code Guidelines

2024–2025 School Year

At Essential Learning, we believe that how students dress should support a respectful, inclusive, and distraction-free learning environment—while allowing for personal expression, cultural identity, and comfort. We do not require school uniforms, but we do ask families to follow the guidelines below.



General Expectations

Students should come to school each day:

- **Neat, clean, and dressed appropriately for learning**
 - **Wearing clothing that allows them to participate safely in all activities**, including recess, PE, and art
 - **Dressed in a way that does not distract from the learning environment** or violate others' rights
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Clothing Guidelines

Tops

- T-shirts, polos, blouses, long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts are allowed
- Sleeveless tops must have wide straps and cover undergarments
- Crop tops, low-cut shirts, and see-through clothing are **not allowed**

Bottoms

- Jeans, joggers, leggings, khakis, and appropriate-length shorts or skirts are permitted
- Shorts and skirts should extend to at least **mid-thigh**
- Pajama pants, excessively ripped clothing, and sagging pants are **not permitted**

Footwear

- Closed-toe shoes or sneakers are **required daily** for safety
 - Crocs (with straps), boots, and athletic sandals are okay if secure
 - Flip-flops, slides, and high heels are **not allowed**
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Additional Notes

- **Hats and hoods** may be worn outside but should be removed during class unless for religious or medical reasons
 - **Outerwear** (jackets, hoodies) is allowed but must follow general guidelines (no offensive language, symbols, etc.)
 - **Makeup and accessories** must be appropriate for a school setting and not disruptive
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Not Allowed at School

- Clothing with profanity, violence, drug/alcohol references, or inappropriate graphics
- Items promoting hate speech, discrimination, or gang affiliations