

DRESS CODE

Students at Elizabeth Forward High School are expected to take pride in their appearance. A student's appearance or mode of dress, or cleanliness, will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to health or safety. Parents and guardians, along with students, should make responsible decisions in the attire that is selected to wear to school.

Specific guidelines are as follows:

Shorts/Skirts: Shorts and skirts must extend closer to the knee than the hip. Specifically, shorts/skirts length must be no shorter than fingertip length when the student's arms are placed at his/her side. NO cheer shorts are to be worn to school.

Jeans/Pants: Jeans and pants may not have tears or holes above the knee and should not expose the body or underwear. Pants should be secured at the waist and cannot expose undergarments or boxers. "Sag style" is not permitted.

Miscellaneous Apparel: Sunglasses, hats, visors, berets, bandanas, athletic headbands, blankets, pajamas, and slippers are not permitted. Spiked jewelry, chains, or cords are not permitted to be worn or carried, including those attached to metal objects, wallets, belt loops, and clothing. Students are not permitted to wear a sweatshirt hood over their head during the school day.

Shirts: All sleeveless shirts must cover the shoulder area. Bare shoulders are not permitted, including bare midriff tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, and backless tops. Shirts with large armholes that expose the body are not appropriate.

Graphics, Photos, etc: Articles of clothing may not contain profane, blasphemous, provocative, or obscene photos, slogans, or other graphics. No article of clothing may be imprinted with slogans, photos, or graphics, which refer to alcohol, weapons, violence, drugs, sex, profanity, or tobacco.

*Any clothing or apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute, which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with a gang or secret society, is prohibited. Additionally, any clothing or apparel that causes a material or substantial disruption to the education environment or school operations - regardless of the wearer's intent - shall be prohibited. Extremely low-cut, tight-fitting, or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing shall not be permitted.

Students who report to school wearing articles of clothing that have been prohibited will be asked to change or call home for appropriate clothing. If this does not rectify the situation, students will not be allowed to return to the mainstream and will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Repeat offenders will be dealt with under the discipline policy. All decisions concerning dress code violations will be at the sole discretion of the administration.