

## Dress Code

Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401 believes that students' dress and appearance should be appropriate for a serious academic setting and should support and enhance the total learning environment and encourage students' pride in themselves and their school.

Certain types of clothing are inappropriate in a serious academic setting. To assist parents in guiding the choice of clothing made by students to be worn during the school day, the following parameters have been established.

Clothing designed for outerwear such as coats, jackets, gloves, and sunglasses must be kept in lockers during the school day.	Shorts and skirts must extend down the leg at least far enough that the student's fingertips touch the bottom of the garment.
Clothing and accessories displaying inappropriate words or illustrations, including weapons, references to gangs, drugs, alcohol or tobacco products; or displaying any subject matter that may be considered distasteful are not appropriate.	Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops, low cut blouses or shirts, see through or mesh tops and shirts, belly tops and over-sized pants and shorts are prohibited.
Clothing and accessories that are judged to be unsafe or extremely disruptive, such as chains and fishhook earrings, are not appropriate.	Shirts must cover the abdomen and back at all times. Tops such as basketball jerseys must be worn over a shirt with sleeves.
Pants, shorts and skirts must be worn around the waist.	Any object that is disruptive or affects the safety of others is prohibited.