Thomas Edison Charter School Dress Code Clarifications

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a neat, appropriate and acceptable fashion reflecting pride in themselves and in their school. The dress code is established to help ensure an atmosphere conducive to study and prevent drawing attention to self. Pride in student dress and grooming as an observable difference at Thomas Edison Charter School. It is the responsibility of parents and children to ensure compliance with the dress code. If there are any questions, keep it simple and err on the conservative side.

All clothing should fit properly and be in good repair. All students must wear closed toe shoes. Neither denim/jeans (or their likeness) nor athletic wear (sweats or athletic shorts) are allowed. No logos, designs, lettering, etc. of any kind are allowed, except approved Thomas Edison Charter School logos.

Shirts
- One of three styles—polo, oxford (button down), or turtleneck
- Must have a collar
- Short or long sleeves
- Any solid color
- No logos (except approved school logos)
- Long enough to remain tucked in

Pants, Capris & Knee-Length Shorts
- One of three styles—slacks, cargo, or Docker (the style, not the brand)
- Solid color: Khaki (an appropriate shade of brown, tan, or green), navy, black or gray
- Pants in good repair (no holes or frayed edges)
- Shorts should reach the knee
- No denim/jeans or athletic wear such as sweats or athletic shorts
- No joggers (elastic at ankle)

Skirts, Skorts & Jumpers
- Solid color: Khaki (an appropriate shade of brown, tan, or green), navy, black or gray
- May also be approved school plaid:
  1. “Green Plaid” from French Toast Clothing Company
  2. “Hunter Classic Navy Plaid” from Land’s End Clothing Company
- Should reach the knee
- Leggings or tights may not be used as a substitute for proper length

Dresses
- Should reach the knee, solid-color polo dresses (any color) are permitted

Leggings, Tights & Visible Socks
• Any solid color when worn with skirts, jumpers, or shorts
• Free of logos

**Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Cardigans & Vests**
• When inside the building, these may be worn over a dress code shirt for warmth
• Must fit all dress code standards except a collar
  • Any solid color
  • No logos

**Shoes**
• Closed-toe
• No light-up shoes

**Hair**
• Hairstyles should be conservative
• No modified hair colors or styles that draw attention to self, such as: mohawks, fauxhawks, steppes or shaved designs, etc.
• Simple/conservative hair accessories (avoid trends that call attention to self)

**Outerwear**
• Any outerwear worn inside must be dress code solid color with no patterns or logos

**Note:** If K-1 students wear snow pants to school, they should plan to wear them all day; changing in/out of snow pants is a time-consuming task for students this age. Students in 2nd and 3rd grades may wear snow pants throughout the day, if desired.

**Additional Administrative Interpretations**
• No additional décor on the clothing, such as beads and sequins, even if the same color as the solid color clothing.
• No excessive and/or non-essential accessories (multiple earrings, scarves, etc.)
• Clothing must not be form fitting or excessively baggy

Occasional exceptions, consistent with the intent of the dress code for special events (such as Boy or Girl Scout uniforms), may be approved by the principal. **The principal will interpret and resolve all issues regarding the dress code.**

Optional dress up days for special circumstances may be approved in advance. For such occasions, the standard will always be higher with the traditional dress code standards continuing to apply.