

Edmond Municipal Court
Edmond Municipal Juvenile Court
101 E 1st - Edmond OK 73034 - 405/359-4360

COURTROOM DRESS CODE & CONDUCT

It is the duty of the Court to promote respect for the judicial system and to require that court proceedings be conducted in a serious, respectful and dignified manner.

Standards of Appearance

Appearance should reflect neatness, cleanliness and self-respect. A person who is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which is detrimental and/or distracting to the Court environment shall be required to make arrangements for more suitable or appropriate appearance. The Judge may reset a case to another court date and require compliance with the dress code.

Standards of Dress

Unacceptable attire includes, but is not limited to:

Clothing

- **NO** clothing too tight or too short
- **NO** "baggin" or "saggin" pants or shorts
- **NO** midriff tops, muscle shirts, fishnet shirts
- **NO** biking or spandex shorts
- **NO** transparent or revealing clothing
- **NO** dirty torn or ragged clothing
- **NO** clothing with pictures or that advertises substances that are illegal by law for minors
- **NO** clothing that is offensive, violent, vulgar, racist, sexist, or suggestive in nature, or indicates gang activity and involvement

Headwear

- **NO** caps, hats, or bandannas

Body Tattoos & Piercing

- **NO** visible tattoos - any tattoos must be covered with clothing
- **NO** body piercing jewelry to be worn on eyebrows, noses, lips, tongues other than earrings on ear lobes
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Eyewear

- **NO** "wild eyes" contacts- snake eyes; bull's eye; cat; star; whiteout/all white black center; 8-ball; red hot/red white center; zoomin'/whirly looking.

Standards of Behavior

- Be on time; do not enter and depart the courtroom excessively.
- **DO NOT** approach the Judge's bench without permission. **DO NOT** rest arms or hands on the bench.
- Rise when the Judge enters and remain standing until the Judge or bailiff announces, "Be seated" or until the Judge is seated. Rise when the Judge exits the courtroom.
- Address the Court as "Judge" or "Your Honor"; address opposing parties, counsel, witnesses, and Court staff or officers as "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Miss", "Officer". Responses should be answered "Yes, sir" or "Yes, mam".
- **DO NOT** argue with the Court; do not talk at the same time as the Court, opposing counsels, or witnesses.
- **NO** eating, drinking, gum chewing or smoking are not permitted.
- **NO** weapons, pagers or cell phones allowed.
- Racist, sexist, obscene, or profane language or gestures are prohibited unless it is pertinent to a case and is elicited and quoting from facts in the case.
- Do nothing to disturb or distract the court, counsels, witnesses or other Court personnel. Children must not create a disturbance in the courtroom or in the court building foyer.
- Consider leaving small children outside the courtroom with a guardian due to lengthy Court sessions. Children must not create a disturbance.