

ACS Dress Code

Recognizing that modesty, cleanliness, and neatness contribute to an atmosphere conducive to learning, students in classes at ACS are expected to come to school neatly groomed, in clean clothing, and appropriately dressed. Students are also expected to observe good personal hygiene practices at home and at school.

Modesty and **neatness** are key words with regard to dress at ACS.

- **Parents, please make sure your student is in dress code before they leave home.**
- **Only students in proper dress code may attend classes.**
- Parents of a student in violation of the Dress Code will be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing to their student.
- The Dress Code will be strictly enforced.

Hair

- Hair shall be clean, neat, and well groomed.
- Hair must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
- Out of the ordinary or extreme hairstyles (Mohawks, spikes, designs in hair) and unnatural hair coloring (pink, red, blue, green, etc.) are not permitted.
- Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and no longer than the bottom of the ear. Neatly trimmed mustaches and beards are allowed for young men who are seventeen and older.

Apparel

- Clothing or belts with improper fit are not allowed. Exceptionally tight-fitting or baggy clothing is not permitted. The waist of pants should be worn at the proper place, not low on the hips.
- Clothing should be in good repair without holes, shreds, or rips, and with a finished, stitched hem. Sweatpants are not appropriate for class.
- Tee shirts are not appropriate for class; knit shirts with collars are appropriate. Clothing, accessories, and belongings may not promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or inappropriate subjects (racism, death, occult). Messages that are offensive, suggestive, or vulgar are inappropriate and not allowed.
- Shorts must allow students to sit, stand, and bend modestly. Bermuda length shorts may be worn. Shorts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee; they must be hemmed. Shorts must be of a non-revealing fabric and style. Basketball shorts are not allowed to be worn in class.
- Girls' skirts/dresses may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Slits in skirts

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- Girls are permitted to wear solid color, ankle or capri length tights or leggings under tops that cover the hips, dress code length skirts, dresses, or shorts.
- Tank tops, tops with straps less than 2 inches wide, sundresses, spaghetti straps, midriff, halter, tube, crop tops, sheer blouses, or see-through blouses are not permitted. Pajamas and sleepwear are not allowed.
- Clothing with a low neckline is not allowed. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. Clothing that exposes undergarments or breast cleavage is prohibited. Shirts and blouses must be appropriately buttoned, regardless of clothing underneath.
- Shoes, boots, or sandals must be worn. House shoes/slippers, steel-toed boots, cleats, skates, shoes with rollers, spikes, taps, or studs are not allowed. For safety, Elementary girls should wear low-heeled shoes; Secondary girls may wear heels of 2.5 inches or less.

Accessories

- Jewelry or trinkets should not be distracting.
- Girls may wear earrings in ears only. Boys may not wear earrings. Gauges and other body piercings are prohibited.
- Chains, spiked jewelry, mouth grillz, and hair curlers are not permitted.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, sweat bands, or other head coverings, may not be worn in class or in the building.
- Coats and other outerwear are not to be worn in class. Parents are encouraged to see that students are dressed appropriately for the various seasons. Students who are cold may wear sweaters or sweatshirts without hoods. Trench coats and dusters are not permitted.

ACS reserves the right to modify the dress code throughout the year if necessary. The ACS administrator has the final word as to whether or not a student is in compliance with the dress code.

Parents are urged to make sure that students are in dress code before they leave home. Help students avoid the embarrassment of not being able to attend class and having to be sent home to change.