

ACS Classes 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, cleanliness and **neatness** are key words with regard to dress at ACS.

- Parents, please be sure your student is in dress code before they leave home.
- 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 should be clean, neat, well-groomed, and non-distracting.
- 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.
- Boys' hair should not touch the collar. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and no longer than the bottom of the ear. Hair should be trimmed above the eyebrow. Boys are not allowed to wear ponytails or headbands. Young men seventeen or older, may have neatly trimmed mustaches and well-groomed beards or goatees.

Apparel

- Tee shirts may not be worn in class.
- Boys and girls may wear only shirts with collars.
- Polo shirts, and other shirts with collars are acceptable.
- All tops may be worn untucked; however, midriffs or underwear should never be exposed.
- For girls, tank tops, tops with straps less than 2 inches wide, sundresses, spaghetti straps, midriff, halter, tube, crop tops, sheer blouses, see-through blouses, low-cut tops are not permitted. Shirts and blouses must be appropriately buttoned, regardless of clothing underneath. Undergarments should not be visible. Tops worn with leggings should cover hips.
- 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.

- 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.
- Pants, shorts, and jeans should be clean, in good repair without holes, shreds, or rips, and with a finished, stitched hem.
- Pants and shorts should be made of a (twill-type, chino, or cotton-type) non-revealing fabric. Pants and shorts may not be excessively tight or baggy.
- Pants and shorts made of fleece and nylon are not allowed. Sweatpants, yoga pants, jeggings, and pajamas are not permitted.
- Shorts must allow students to sit, stand, and bend modestly. 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. Pants and shorts made of twill or chino fabric are appropriate. Athletic shorts are not allowed to be worn in class.
- Jogger-style pants made of a twill-type fabric and that are khaki or navy are acceptable. Jogger-style pants made of nylon or fleece or other colors besides navy or khaki are not acceptable.
- Girls' skirts/dresses and skorts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Slits in skirts may be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Modesty shorts or solid color tights or leggings should be worn under dresses or skirts.
- Girls are permitted to wear solid color, ankle or capri-length tights or leggings under tops that cover the hips, and may wear these under dress code length skirts, dresses, skirts or shorts.
- 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. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- 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, fleece jackets, or sweatshirts in class. A dress code-acceptable

shirt must be worn under a sweatshirt or sweater. Sweatshirts may not be excessively baggy or tight. The hood of a hoodie is not permitted to be worn at school or on campus. 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.

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