

## **DRESS CODE**

A uniform dress code was adopted in order to contribute in a positive way to instruction and learning. Dress code checks will be done on a consistent basis. Please refer to the dress code violation policy below. The uniform consists of:

### **Elementary- Grades K-4**

#### *TOPS*

- Maroon, black, or gray with school logo (purchased from school).
- Spirit Shirts may be worn on Late Arrival Days and Early Release Days with proper uniform bottoms.
- Shirts worn underneath the polo shirt must be school colors.

#### *BOTTOMS*

- Black-, gray- or khaki-colored bottoms
- Pants, capris, jumper, skirt and shorts
- Shorts, jumper and skirt length must be shorts and skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Skirt slits should not be more than 2 inches long. no shorter than the tip of the child's middle finger when arms are extended down by their sides.
- Bottom must be "uniform" style (may be found in the uniform section of most retail outlets) or denim. They must be neat, clean, and free of holes and tears.
- Athletic, nylon, leggings or knitted type bottoms are not permitted.
- Tight and/or leggings worn under skirt/dress/shorts must be solid school colors.

#### *OUTERWEAR*

- School color jackets will be allowed inside school buildings. Outerwear in non-school colors or with prints are limited to outside only.
- Only ACA logo hoodies are allowed. Shirts worn under sweatshirts must be school colors.

#### *FOOTWEAR*

- Proper shoes must be worn at all times. Closed toed shoes only.

## **Middle School - Grades 5-8**

***School colors referenced throughout the 5-8 Dress Code refer only to maroon, black, khaki, gray or white.***

### *POLOS*

- Maroon, black, or gray with school logo (purchased from school).
- Polos must fit neatly and not be oversized.
- Shirts worn underneath the polo shirt must be school colors.
- No cleavage or midriff may be exposed, shoulder straps should be no less than 2 inches wide.
- Undergarments must not be visible.

### *DRESS SHIRTS*

- Collared shirts, dress shirts, and dress blouses in a school color. Striped shirts are allowed if using school colors only.
- T-shirt material is not allowed.
- Tops must be button up or dressy style, fit neatly, and not be oversized or undersized.
- Tops worn underneath the dress shirt must be school colors.
- No cleavage or midriff may be exposed.
- School color sweaters or sweater vests can be worn.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- Shoulder straps should be no less than 2 inches wide.

### *OUTERWEAR*

- School color jackets will be allowed inside school buildings. Outerwear in non-school colors or with prints are limited to outside only.
- Only ACA logo hoodies are allowed. Shirts worn under sweatshirts must be school colors.

### *BOTTOMS*

- Solid black, gray or khaki capris, dress pants, or walking shorts (cotton twill and denim only).
- Black pants can include 5 pockets, no embellishments.
- Shorts and skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Skirt slits should not be more than 2 inches long.
- Athletic, nylon, leggings or knitted type bottoms are not permitted.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- These items must be "uniform" or denim. They must be neat, clean, and free of holes and tears.

- Tight and/or leggings worn under skirt/dress/shorts must be solid school colors.

#### *DRESSES*

- Solid khaki, black, gray, maroon, or white. Striped or print dresses/skirts are allowed for school colors only.
- No athletic jersey knit materials.
- Must fit neatly and not overly tight.
- Dresses must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. No cleavage may be exposed.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- Shoulder straps should be no less than 2 inches wide.

#### *FOOTWEAR*

- Shoes of choice, but no slippers are allowed.
- Socks/shoelaces must be school colors.
- Same color for both socks, only solid color, striped or argyle.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.

#### *PE/HEALTH & WELLNESS CLOTHING*

- Tennis shoes are required.
- Dress out with sweats/shorts and a T-shirt.
- Shirts may not expose midriffs, nor be cut low in the front, back or under the arms, and see-through clothing is not allowed.
- Clothing must cover the entire buttocks and be no shorter than the tip of the child's middle finger when arms are extended down by their sides.
- No cleavage may be exposed.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- PE clothing cannot be worn under regular school clothes.

#### *ACCESSORIES & MISCELLANEOUS (K-8)*

- Students will not be permitted to wear the following: spiked jewelry, wallet chains, chain belts and extremely long belts or suspenders.
- Piercings – Spikes protruding from the face or the ear are not permitted. Piercings displaying defamatory writing, obscene language or any symbols are not permitted.
- Only natural eye color contacts may be worn.
- Hats, sunglasses and hoods are permitted to be worn outside only.
- Hats may be worn inside only for religious, medical, or safety purposes.
- Tattoos displaying defamatory writing, obscene language or symbols, or symbols of gangs, drugs, sex or alcohol must be covered.
- Appearance must be clean and neat.

## **DRESS DOWN/DOLLAR FOR DUDS**

Every last day of the week is called Dollar for Duds. On Dollar for Duds days, students have the option to pay a dollar to wear non-uniform clothing. On Dollar for Duds days, students who dress down are under the following dress code guidelines:

- Shoulder straps should be no less than 2 inches wide.
- Shirts may not expose midriffs, nor be cut low in the front, back or under the arms, and see-through clothing is not allowed.
- Halter tops and strapless tops are not acceptable, No visible undergarments.
- Clothing must cover the entire buttocks and be no shorter than the tip of the child's middle finger when arms are extended down by their sides.
- Inappropriate wording, pictures, or logos will not be permitted.
- Sweatpants and pajamas are not allowed.
- Leggings should be covered by a top that covers the entire buttocks.
- Clothing must be neat, clean, and free of holes and tears; ripped jeans are only allowed if leggings are worn underneath.
- No cleavage may be exposed.

Students who choose not to participate in Dollar for Duds must wear a regular school uniform. If a student dresses down and does not pay a dollar, the cost will be billed to the parents/guardians.

The final decision in determining appropriate dress and appearance shall rest with administration.