

4.0 DRESS AND GROOMING

Modesty in clothing (tightness and/or length of certain pieces) and grooming should be taken into consideration by all students attending ACS. This is required to foster a positive educational environment and encourage a Christ-like attitude and behavior. Both parents and students should take an active role in determining what visually presents appropriate dress and grooming.

Clothing must be purchased from Dennis Uniform and should follow the prescribed uniform dress code. Information is available in the office and on their website. Uniforms are to be worn during the official school day, Monday through Friday. Administration may declare certain days throughout the school year “spirit wear” days. These days will require uniform bottoms (shorts, skirts, pants, etc.) and an ACS shirt/sweatshirt.

4.1 Young Men

Hair is to be maintained so that it is not extreme. Hair should be neat and well groomed.

No stripes, designs or letters cut in hair.

Hair should be no longer in the back than the bottom of the collar, nor be longer than the bottom of the ear on the sides. Hair should not fall below the eyebrows.

Hair color and any highlights must be of a natural hair color.

Students must be clean shaven with sideburns worn no lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.

All shirts (with the exception of the dri-fit shirt) must be tucked (not rolled) into pants or shorts.

A black, brown, royal blue, grey, white, or khaki belt must be worn with shirts that are required to be tucked in to pants or shorts (3rd -12th).

Casual shoes, including cowboy boots, should be neutral or school colors that coordinate with the uniform. Dress shoes should be traditional black or brown.

All shoes should have closed toes and closed heels (i.e. no crocs). Cowboy boots may only be worn with long pants, and students are not allowed to tuck the pants into the boots. Cowboy boots are the only boots that meet the ACS dress code.

White, black, grey or royal blue socks are to be worn with shorts.

All undershirts must be solid white, grey, royal blue, or black.

Tears, rips, embellishments, and “bling” do not meet the ACS dress code.

All pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Shorts may not be rolled at the cuff.

Hats, toboggans, headgear, and hoods may not be worn indoors. Bandanas, headbands, and sunglasses are not allowed.

No visible tattoos will be allowed.

No earrings, clips, studs, spacers, protectors, wire, or anything in a piercing may be worn to school or school-sponsored activities.

4.2 Young Women

Hair color and any highlights must be of a natural hair color.

Length of dress or skirt must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the floor when student is in kneeling position. This includes both the front and back of the skirt.

Modesty shorts (black, grey, or royal blue) should be worn underneath all skirts.

All shirts and blouses are to be tucked (not rolled) into shorts, pants, and skirts.

The exception to this is the women's dri-fit shirt.

Casual shoes, including cowboy boots, should be neutral or school colors that coordinate with the uniform. Dress shoes should be traditional black or brown.

All shoes should have closed toes and closed heels (i.e. no crocs). Cowboy boots may only be worn with pants, and students are not allowed to tuck the pants into the boots. Cowboy boots are the only boots that meet the ACS dress code.

A black, brown, royal blue, grey or khaki belt must be worn with shorts and pants (3rd-12th).

White, black, grey, or royal blue socks are to be worn with shorts, pants, or skirts.

Solid color tights or leggings in white, grey, royal blue, or black may be worn with skirts. The tights and leggings should be devoid of lace and/or designs.

All undershirts must be solid white, grey, royal blue, or black.

Tears, rips, embellishments, and "bling" do not meet the ACS dress code.

Hats, toboggans, headgear, hoods, bandanas, and sunglasses are not allowed.

No visible tattoos will be allowed.

Visible body piercings, with the exception of the ears, is not allowed.

Accessories should be neutral or school colors that coordinate with the uniform.

4.3 Outerwear and PE Uniforms

Only outerwear and PE uniforms purchased from Dennis Uniform will be allowed.

Accessories should be neutral or school colors that coordinate with the uniform.

Solid white, grey, royal blue, or black undershirts may be worn underneath the sweatshirts and sweaters. Students choosing this option must keep the sweatshirt or sweater on during the course of the school day. One of the uniform polo shirts must be worn underneath the sweater vest.

Students are allowed to wear ACS letter jackets and jackets purchased for a specific team/sport (i.e. cheerleading team jacket) as approved by administration.

PE uniforms must be worn for PE, for off-season, and for practice for any sports that do not provide their own practice gear. Students not in uniform may be subject to a daily grade reduction.

CFj tops will be grandfathered into the school uniform program. All khaki pieces have been discontinued from the school uniform and are no longer clothing options with the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

4.4 Backpacks

No rolling backpacks are allowed.

4.5 Consequences for Dress Code Violations

Students violating dress code policies may be removed from class (with loss of credit during time missed) until the standards are met. Multiple infractions will result in progressively serious consequences at the discretion of the responsible administrator.

If a student is in doubt about wearing something that may not meet the dress code standards, he/she should not wear it. Administrators are happy to discuss, in advance, what is acceptable attire for school and school-related activities.

As with all discipline policies, these dress and grooming regulations cannot define the entire scope of these complicated issues. Administrative discretion will be used where policy statements are not definitive.