

# ADVENTURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE GRADES 6TH - 8TH



The purpose of our dress code is to encourage modest, neat, clean, and appropriate dress to promote a positive learning environment. Our desire is to teach our students to “Dress for Success.” Scripture teaches in John 15:19, “If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.” To prepare students for life after ACS, our dress code policy gradually releases responsibility to students for their appearance, moving from a casual uniform in elementary to a modified uniform in middle school, and finally an age-appropriate dress code for high school.

**School Colors: Navy and Silver**

### Guidelines for Dress and Appearance:

- General
  - All clothing must fit well, look neat, and can not be baggy or excessively tight.
  - All clothing and/or accessories may not depict violence, drugs, disrespectful language, political stances, anything not Biblically aligned, etc. – any images depicting behaviors that would not be acceptable by a student while at school may not be worn to school.
  - No see-through and/or stretch material (I.e. lycra, spandex, etc.).
- Tops:
  - ACS approved-color polo shirt or plain polo shirt in navy blue, light blue, white, grey, or red. Any ACS shirt (T-shirt or long sleeve) will be allowed. Examples include Camp Shirt, Spirit wear, Jog-A-Thon, etc.
  - Must cover the entirety of the torso at all times and must cover undergarments completely (i.e. no spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, see-through material, revealing tank tops, etc.)
  - No sleeveless shirts or tank tops.
  - Necklines must be modest and fully cover the chest.
  - Long sleeve shirts may be worn under collared shirts if they are navy blue, white, or grey.
- Bottoms:
  - Jeans may be worn any day of the week except on chapel days. Jeans may be blue, grey or black.
  - Jeans must be clean, without tears, frays, or decoration and fit modestly. “Jeggings” are not considered modest fit.
  - All bottoms must be neatly hemmed, without frays, and no holes.
  - Khakis, corduroys, and other dockers style bottoms may be worn any day of the week.
  - Must sit at the student’s natural hips or higher and must cover undergarments completely (i.e. no sagging, low rise, etc.)
  - All bottoms may not be shorter than four inches from the bended knee.

- Shorts must be hemmed (not cut and rolled).
- Athletic wear or pajamas (sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, athletic shorts, etc.) are not considered appropriate for the classroom setting.
- Girls: Shorts, leggings or tights must be worn under skirts or dresses.
- Footwear:
  - Footwear must be worn at all times.
  - All shoes must have a back strap.
  - Some classes may require a closed-toe shoe be worn during that period (P.E., lab sciences, etc.).
  - Footwear not permitted: shoes with skates, heeled shoes, slides, flip-flops.
- Outerwear:
  - Outerwear includes sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, coats, etc.
  - All outerwear must be 1) ACS Spirit Apparel or 2) plain in either navy blue, grey, black or white.
- Accessories and appearance:
  - Jewelry must be conservative and not detrimental to the student's or others' safety.
  - Hats and gloves may be worn outside only.
  - Hair color must be a natural color and should be neatly groomed.
  - Girls: Minimal makeup is allowed.
  - Boys: May not wear earrings or nail polish at school.

#### **Chapel Dress:**

- Tops: White or navy-blue collared shirt with an ACS logo.
- Bottoms: Navy, grey or khaki bottoms. No jeans.
- Girls: Navy dresses may be worn as long as they have a collar and an ACS logo. Dresses without a collar and/or sleeves must have a collared white or navy blue shirt underneath.

#### **Warrior Days:**

- Students are encouraged to show their school spirit the first Friday of the month by wearing layers of ACS gear, navy and grey/silver.
- School logo hats may be worn in class on Warrior Days only.
- Face paint and hair color are reserved for Spirit Week only.

#### **Free Dress Guidelines:**

- May be worn on minimum days or when a student has a free dress pass.
- Cannot be worn on chapel days.
- All general guidelines listed above must be adhered to.
- No pajama pants, leggings, yoga pants.
- Athletic pants and shorts may be worn if they fit length, modesty, and material requirements listed above.
- Pants may not have rips, tears or holes.
- Tops may not be sleeveless.
- Tops must fit modesty requirements listed above: no sleeveless or tank tops, must cover entire torso, and neckline must be modest and cover whole chest.

