

AAE UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Research has shown that schools that have adopted a uniform policy show improved academics and fewer behavioral violations. The purpose of a uniform dress code is to ensure student safety, assist students in wearing modest clothing, and protect the academic integrity of the school. In keeping with our status as a research based laboratory school, the School Site Council has approved a uniform dress code policy.

The following colors and styles have been approved for the AAE:

SHIRTS

Shirt colors – white, navy, black and gray (solid colors only)

Shirt styles – polo shirts (solid color or AAE logo only)

button-down, oxford style shirts (solid color/no designs, jewels, studs, etc.)

All shirts must be tucked in **or** worn at a length that prevents underclothing or midriff from showing. Underclothing must be of a solid color (white, navy, black, gray). Button shirts must be buttoned from the third top button to the waist. Shirts may **not** be a sheer material (see-through). **Non-uniform shirts cannot be worn over the school uniform.**

PANTS

Pants colors – khaki, navy, black (solid colors only)

Pants styles – pants, shorts, skorts, skirts. Skirts must be made of a uniform fabric. Fabric types inconsistent with AAE uniform expectations would include, but not be limited to corduroy, jersey, sheer, shiny, laced or patterned fabrics.

Leggings worn under the aforementioned styles must be of a solid uniform color for grades 6-12. Leggings cannot be worn separately as pants in any grade.

Jeggings are not permitted.

Overalls are not permitted.

Pants must fit snugly at the waist, utilizing a belt to keep pants at waist level.

Belts must be worn properly, tucked into belt loops and may not hang down. **Pants shall be unaltered, not faded, and free of holes or decorations and hemmed at the bottom.**

Blue jeans are allowed only on Fridays, minimum days, and designated spirit days; (**Excludes Wednesday early release days.**)

Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers may be no shorter than **five (5) inches** above the knee.

TK-5 Distinctives

- Uniform style jumpers and polo dresses are allowed in khaki, navy, black and gray.
- Solid color sweatpants in navy or black are allowed.
- Tights and leggings have no color restrictions.

AFJROTC

All AFJROTC uniforms are considered AAE school uniforms.

OUTERWEAR

Jackets, coats, sweatshirts, sweaters and windbreakers (and any other items considered outerwear) shall reflect the chosen uniform colors only and cannot contain additional, non-uniform colors as accents, excluding zippers or interior linings. They must be free of decorations that are immodest, reflect gang affiliations or the occult. Lightweight shirts such as long-sleeved T-shirts or flannel shirts are not considered outerwear. The only sports jackets permitted are those representing AAE school athletics. Trench coats are not permitted. Uniform shirts must be worn under outerwear and students are subject to verification checks.

OTHER GUIDELINES

Shoes-Shoes are based on individual taste but may not reflect the occult or gang affiliations. All shoes, including sandals, are permitted provided they have a strap on the back and shoelaces are tied securely and snugly. **Open-toed shoes are not allowed in grades TK-5.** Students may not wear sandals during PE/Athletic classes, or other classes that involve outdoor physical activity. **Slippers and flip-flops are not permitted.**

Hair-Hair must be of a natural born color. It may not be worn or styled in a manner that distracts from the educational process (i.e. Mohawk, fauxhawk, striped, engraved styles, or anything deemed distracting by school administration). A single, narrow part is permitted.

Tattoos & piercings - Tattoos or drawings on the body may not be visible while on campus. Facial piercings are not allowed at the AAE. Ear piercings are permitted, but gauges are not allowed.

Other -Clothing accessories (belts, buckles, hats, beanies, scarves, ties, etc.) must reflect the chosen uniform dress code colors and be free of embellishments that are immodest, reflect gang affiliations or the occult (skulls, crossbones, knives, symbols of death, etc.). All hats must be removed indoors. Hats must be worn properly with the bill of the cap straightforward. Bandanas, doo-rags or sweatbands are not permitted.

Metal chains and studs may not be worn as necklaces, on belts or as a bracelet. Safety pins are not permitted.

Backpacks are to be kept neat and free from excessive/distracting writing, drawings, buttons, indicative of gang affiliation or other decorations.

Gang affiliated clothing and all professional sports clothing will not be permitted. Administration reserves the right to determine and update policy on gang affiliated clothing based on current trends.

The uniform dress code is mandatory whenever a student is on campus. All students must dress for school according to the established dress code policy. The school uniform may not be altered in any way and must be worn properly. Students are not allowed to come to school dressed for PE or Dance. Students will be given approximately 5-10 minutes at the beginning and end of the period to dress out and/or dress back into the school uniform. Exceptions must be pre-approved by administration.

All students attending the AAE are required to follow the dress code. Students not dressed appropriately will be required to call home to have their parents bring an appropriate change of clothes. When a change of clothes is not available, students will be offered “loaner” clothes. If a student refuses loaners, that student will serve an In-House Suspension for the remainder of the day.

Some classes/school activities may occasionally require clothing that varies from the established uniform policy. Students will be notified in advance of the day and time. The clothing worn must still be modest in nature and reflect the tone of the AAE uniform policy.

In exceptional circumstances (including, but not limited to health, safety or religious exercise), administration may waive an aspect of the AAE Uniform Dress Code as applied to a particular student. Waiver Requests must be submitted in writing and will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

The AAE ASB will determine Spirit Week dress in advance. Guidance will be provided as to allowed and disallowed clothing styles. In general, no dress may be immodest, distracting to the educational environment, reflective of gang affiliation or the occult. At no time, are tank tops or sleeveless tops allowed.

Knightly Dress Day/Field Trips

Friday and minimum day (does not include early out Wednesdays) has been designated as a Knightly Dress Day. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing collegiate or AAE wear on Knightly Dress Days. Please note that Knightly Dress Days are not free dress days and students must either wear Knightly Dress or the standard AAE uniform. On Knightly Dress Days, blue denim jeans and a college or AAE t-shirt, polo shirt and sweatshirt are acceptable wear. Spirit wear must be unaltered.

Clothing that relates to any school-related organization including ASB, AFJROTC, SRLA, the US Armed Forces, Dance Club, GAVRT and school clubs are acceptable on Knightly Dress Day.

All Knightly Dress clothing must not be immodest, shall be free of holes, patches and may be no more than five (5) inches above the knee. The bottom of all pants/shorts must be hemmed. Knightly Dress Day attire is considered appropriate for field trips, unless a teacher or administrator directs otherwise.

Please Note:

Any decisions regarding the implementation of the dress code are made at the sole discretion of school administration.

Repeated dress code violations will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, up to and including suspension.

If you are not sure what is appropriate, please call the school office or discuss the attire with an administrator prior to wearing the clothing to school.