



# Academy for Academic Excellence

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Greetings AAE Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! We are so glad to have you back and ready for an amazing year of education, growth, and success. As we all know, the last few years have been a challenge and I wanted to let you know of some changes for this year.

We are still a Uniform Dress Code School, but we did relax some requirements. Hair color can be of your choice. Last year, we piloted this and did not note any disruption to instruction. Small facial piercings are allowed, but only one. Gauges remain not allowed. Shoes and socks can be any color, as can backpacks. Please remember that anything related to violence, weapons, drugs, or alcohol is not allowed. We continue to maintain our Uniform Loaner Closet for students who forget and are not able to have clothes brought from home. For further details, please consult the Uniform Dress Code in the Student Parent Handbook listed on our website: [Academy for Academic Excellence](https://www.aae.org)

As everyone is aware after the events of last May, safety is a primary concern for both parents and staff. Please know that we are extremely conscious of the trust you place in us with the security of your children. As a result, we have made changes in both our practices and training to make our campus as safe as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Please join me in welcoming our new TK-12 Principal, Mr. Chet Richards. He comes to the AAE with great experience and ideas. As we work together as your Administration Team, we appreciate your ideas and suggestions to enhance your student's learning experience. Our primary means of communication remains Infinite Campus and our social media. If you do not have a Parent Account for Infinite Campus, please reach out to our IT Help Desk at (760) 946-5414, Ext. 435.

We are excited to have a productive, hopefully normal, AAE school year with students being kind to each other and learning great things!

Sincerely,

Sally F. Ritchea

MS/HS Vice Principal

