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ARLINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DRESS AND GROOMING CODE
2013/14
Grades K5-12

PHILOSOPHY

Appearance expresses attitude and personality; it also influences behavior. The Dress and Grooming Code of ACS expresses seriousness and a positive attitude that suggests a readiness for learning. Clothing that is excessively faded, torn, or otherwise worn out is not consistent with this philosophy and, therefore, should not be worn to school, even if it is otherwise in accordance with the ACS Dress Code.

The purpose of the Dress and Grooming Code is to teach and model lasting principles of appropriate dress and behavior, not simply to address fashions and fads. Recognizing the variety in classroom settings and individual students, these guidelines offer methods for dressing modestly and appropriately under all circumstances.

The following is an outline of the guidelines for student dress as approved by the Board of Trustees.

Please be aware that all acceptable Arlington Christian School (ACS) monogrammed uniform clothing and the only ACS acceptable plaid clothing (Plaid #55) is sold exclusively through Buckhead Uniforms at www.buckheaduniforms.com, by phone at (404) 303-8600, or at any of their convenient Atlanta area locations.

Shirts & Blouses:

All shirts worn during the school day are uniform shirts, monogrammed with an ACS logo and purchased from Buckhead Uniforms. Students may wear White, Hunter Green, Gray, or Black long or short sleeved undershirts or turtlenecks beneath school shirts, as long as the undershirt does not have any visible writing on it. All buttons are to be buttoned, except the top button, including the buttons for button down collars on oxford shirts. Short sleeves on short-sleeved shirts may not be rolled up. **All shirts/blouses must be long enough to be tucked and must remain tucked**.

On Monday through Thursday, if an Arlington vest, sweater, or non-hooded sweatshirt is worn, an Arlington collared shirt/blouse must be worn underneath it.

On "Spirit Days", a pre-approved Arlington spirit shirt or collared uniform shirt may be worn with black or blue denim jeans or denim skirt.

Polo style shirts are available in Hunter Green, White, Black.
Oxfords are available in White or Yellow.

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Peter Pan collared blouses are available in White.

Pants/slacks, Shorts, Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Capris & Culottes: Students will be required to wear "uniform" pants/slacks, shorts, jumpers, skirts, skorts, capris and culottes according to the following specifications.

What:

- All pants/slacks/capris MUST be a *tan khaki color*. **No corduroy in any style is permitted**.
- Shorts, jumpers, skirts, skorts and culottes may be *tan khaki color* or *Plaid #55* from Buckhead Uniforms.
- Pants/capris and shorts may be pleated or flat front. All pants and shorts made with belt loops MUST be worn with a belt.
- All skirts, shorts, skorts and culottes MUST be no shorter than 6" measured from the bend of the knee.

Styles not allowed:

- Denim (except on Spirit Days)
- Even on dress-down days, oversized or embellished (i.e., writings, sparkles, jeweled or anything deemed by the administration as a distraction) denims, bell-bottoms, baggy/saggy or overalls
- Parachute/warm-up pants
- Cargo pants or shorts; carpenter pants or shorts
- Stretch pants, leggings, or skinny jeans
- Cut or frayed pant hems
- Hats/caps (except on SOME special dress-down days when hats/caps are allowed)

Sweaters & Vests:

Crew-neck style cardigan sweaters monogrammed with an ACS logo are available from Buckhead Uniforms in Hunter Green, Black and White. A pullover sweater vest is available in Hunter Green and Black. On Monday through Thursday, if an Arlington vest, sweater, or non-hooded sweatshirt is worn, an Arlington collared shirt/blouse must be worn underneath it.

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Sweatshirts:

ACS monogrammed crew pullover sweatshirts are available in Ash, Hunter Green or White from Buckhead Uniforms. Also acceptable is any school-approved ACS team jacket/sweatshirt with the team name plus "Eagles" or "ACS" on the item. Sweatshirts may not be tied around the waist or otherwise worn, except as a uniform shirt or jacket during the school day. Hooded sweatshirts may only be purchased from the ACS Booster Club and worn with a t-shirt underneath. On Monday through Thursday, if an Arlington vest, sweater, or non-hooded sweatshirt is worn, an Arlington collared shirt/blouse must be worn underneath it.

Jackets:

Ripstop or Survivor nylon jackets monogrammed with an ACS logo are available in Hunter Green and Black from Buckhead Uniforms. Enterprise is also available (from Buckhead) in Black only with a lighter-weight lining. ACS nylon golf pullovers may be purchased from the ACS Booster Club. Any school-approved ACS team jacket/sweatshirt with the team name plus "Eagles" or "ACS" on the item is acceptable.

Full-zip and half-zip fleece monogrammed jackets are available from Buckhead Uniforms in Hunter Green and Black.

ACS letterman jackets in Hunter Green only. The suggested place of purchase is from The Neff Company or Gables Sporting Goods in Douglasville. Other athletic jackets allowed IF approved by the A.D. and administration.

Note: Jackets that do not fall under the uniform dress code are to be placed in a locker upon arrival at school. Uniform sweatshirts, school uniform jackets, any school-approved ACS team jacket/sweatshirt with the team name plus "Eagles" or "ACS" on the item, and ACS letter jackets will be the only "cold weather" garments allowed in classrooms.

Accessories:

Shoes are to be worn at all times. They must be clean, neat, and not showing signs of excessive wear.

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K5-5th may wear any closed-toe solid black, brown or white shoe with a back. No sandals, open-backed, open-toed, light-ups, flip-flops, heelies, or over-sized furry boots are acceptable. Heels/soles no higher than 1".

Grades 6-12th may wear any solid black, brown, or white open-back or open-toe shoes, but no combat boots, flip-flops (the only thing holding the shoe is a strap between toes), athletic sandals, etc.

All grades may wear any solid black, brown, or white closed-toe Crocs without charms or other embellishments; however, Grades K5-5th **MUST** wear the back strap around their heel.

Belts are to be solid or braided in Black or Brown leather with no studs, rhinestones, or other embellishments and are to be worn with all pants/slacks,
shorts, skirts, skorts, capris or culottes that have belt loops, except for K5 students who may have elastic waist pants/slacks/shorts and no belt.

Hair accessories (scrunchie, bow, barrette, or headband) are acceptable in Hunter Green, Khaki, White, Black, or Plaid #55 from Buckhead Uniforms.

Socks/Tights are to be Hunter Green, White, Black, or Khaki.

PE Uniforms: Available only from Buckhead Uniforms; Black mesh shorts, Gray t-shirt with ACS lettering. PE uniforms necessary only for PE participants in Grades 6-12. Off-season athletes **must** wear PE uniform during PE class.

Grooming & Jewelry: Boys' hair should be well groomed in appearance. The length in back should not come over the collar of a dress shirt. Hair should not cover ½ of the ear. For boys and girls, hair should not hang in one's eyes. Boys in grades 9-12 should be clean-shaven with sideburns not to extend below the earlobe. If a student has begun the process of shaving prior to their 9th grade year, they are expected to maintain their appearance and comply with our clean-shaven

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policy. Extreme styles, including shaved-hair designs and colors, are not permitted. No more than two earrings per ear on females; no earrings on boys.

Prohibitions:

- Any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebooks, books, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes advocacy of drug use, alcohol, violence, hatred, or disruptive behavior.
- Any manner of grooming or clothing that is too tight, sleeveless, revealing, or distracting. For example, girls' clothing must fit the individual in such a way as to conceal undergarments and the line of undergarments while sitting, standing, bending, and getting in and out of desks.
- Any top that results in the exposure of the midriff or cleavage.
- Body piercing, tattoos, branding, or other non-conservative fads.
- Earrings, gauges, or earring bars on males.
- Gauges or earring bars on females.

Senior Dress-down Day:

Seniors will be allowed an additional dress-down day per week on Thursday. Guidelines for dress are identical to "Spirit Days" with the Senior jersey replacing the Spirit Day t-shirt.

Spirit Wear/Spirit Days:

Fridays are designated as "Spirit Days." "Spirit Wear" consists of ACS t-shirts sold by the ACS Athletic Boosters (Spirit t-shirts from previous years are acceptable if fading and other excessive wear is not apparent), or ACS shirts approved by the administration. On "Spirit Days", a pre-approved Arlington spirit shirt or collared uniform shirt may be worn with black or blue denim jeans or skirts. "Spirit Wear" may be worn ONLY on Fridays or any other day an administrator specifies as a "Spirit Day." When students are authorized to wear "Spirit Wear," they are permitted to wear blue or black jeans (however, **not** permitted to wear over-sized, embellished with writings, sparkles, jeweled or anything deemed by the administration as a distraction, baggy/saggy styles, bell-bottoms, overalls, or any other prohibitions under Styles not Allowed on page

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2). Jeans that show excessive wear or are frayed or faded in suggestive areas are also not permitted. On "Spirit Days," girls may, as an option, wear blue or black denim skirts that meet all of the length and style requirements for uniform skirts. Spirit t-shirts must be tucked and worn with a dress code belt.

NOTE: Any student found to be out of dress code to a degree that ACS, in its sole discretion, deems admitting the student to class to be inappropriate, may be retained in the office until appropriate clothing arrives at school. Any classes missed will count as unexcused absences and all consequences pertaining to unexcused absences will apply.

Students remaining on campus after school are to remain in dress code and abide by dress code rules (tucked shirt, etc.) unless involved in an activity that requires other apparel.

Lower School 3-Strike Dress Code Violation Policy:

The teacher of a student with a dress code violation is to notify the student's parents of the infraction. Upon accumulating three dress code violations, the administration will be notified. Students will be sent home by the administration after three strikes and will be re-admitted to class upon approval by the administration.