

UNIFORM POLICY/DRESS CODE

This policy has been designed to uphold a standard that is both non-distracting and easily enforced that ensures a safe and orderly environment and ensures that we prepare our students for the expectations of the business community. Academics Plus Charter School believes standards of school dress can influence pupil behavior and enhance a school's learning environment. As a result, the uniform policy of Academics Plus Charter School is strictly enforced from 8:00 a.m. when school begins until 3:55 p.m. for Elementary School and 4:10 p.m. for 7th – 12th grades when school ends. This policy will also be enforced at all school sponsored activities. This policy provides school administrators, teachers, and parents with clear expectations regarding acceptable and appropriate apparel and appearance so that rules of dress and discipline can be enforced consistently. All required components must meet the dress code. Students may not "enhance" or add to the required uniform. Uniforms can be ordered through the school website or purchased at Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target, JC Penney, Sears, Burlington Coat Factory or other specialty stores.

Students are to come to school neatly groomed and appropriately dressed for all occasions. All clothes should be clean and free of holes and/or tears. Dress code checks will be conducted by each 1st and 2nd period teacher's classes. Random checks will occur on a regular basis by administrators, staff, and faculty.

This requires limitations to student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, unsafe, could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

Students are prohibited from wearing, while on the school grounds during the school day and at school-sponsored events, clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or the breast of a female. This prohibition does not apply, however to a costume or uniform worn by a student while participating in a school-sponsored activity or event.

Both male and female students are treated equally. The following guidelines will be adhered to for all students in grades K-12.

BELTS

- Belts are required for all garments that have belt loops in grades 3 – 12.
- Black or Brown Belts only. No electronic, design or ornamental belts or belt buckles (spikes, bullets, metals, etc.).
- Shirts **MUST BE TUCKED** into pants, skirts, shorts or skorts at all times.

COATS, SWEATERS & JACKETS

- Solid Navy blue blazers (This is optional although some sponsors may require the blazers for certain programs such as Choir, Quiz Bowl, etc.).
- Navy Cardigan sweaters (Optional).
- Solid color jackets, coats, hoodies, sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn only in black, navy blue, grey or white.
- Collared shirts must be worn under all coats, sweaters, hoodies, jackets or sweatshirts.
- Logos are allowed if coverable by a driver's license.

HAIR

- Hair is to be clean, neatly groomed, and styled in a manner that is not distracting. For young men, hair length may not extend past the top part of student's shirt collar. Students may not dye or paint their hair unnatural colors, such as blue, purple, green or hot pink. It is not to have designs, numbers, or words cut or dyed in it.

HATS

- No hats allowed in the building.
- No headscarves or bandanas in the building.
- No hoodies worn on head in the building.

HEADBANDS AND BOWS

- Headbands, beads, barrettes and bows may be worn (black, gray, navy, silver, gold, khaki or white).
- Up to two thin ribbons or hair feathers may be worn.

JEWELRY

- Earrings may be worn but must consist of one small spherical, conservative stud. Matching earrings must be worn and should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe. Nose, eyebrow, tongue, ear gages or any other body part pierced jewelry is unacceptable for School. The School retains the right to ask that for mentioned jewelry be removed and held in the Administrator's office until the end of the School day. Upon the second offense, the jewelry may not be returned immediately and will require parental pick-up. Rings, no more than one ring per hand, may be worn as long as the ring is not distracting. These include class rings, purity rings, Masonic rings, etc. One bracelet per arm may be worn.

MAKEUP

- Makeup may be worn as long as it is not excessive.

PANTS

- Twill beige khaki pants worn at the natural waist level.
- Either straight leg, cuffed or flared pants permitted.
- All pants are to be appropriately sized, neither too tight nor oversized.
- Sweatpants or jogging pants are not allowed on campus.
- No blue jeans.
- No pants with holes or tears.

SHAVING

- Students may not wear mustaches or beards and must be cleanly shaven. Sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the ear and may not flare at the bottom.

SHIRTS

- Long or short sleeved collared shirts must be worn in white, navy blue, black or gray
- Approved Academics Plus tee shirts are allowed only on Fridays.
- An undershirt must be worn under the oxford dress shirt and the sleeves, if any, must not extend below the shirt.

- Undershirts must be solid white only

SHOES

- Enclosed primarily black, white or brown shoes are allowed. No multi-colored shoes. No open toe or open heel shoes. All laces must be tied.
- No house shoes, Crocs, chunky heels, Heely's, sandals, or flip flops.
- Rain boots are permitted during inclement weather.

SKIRTS/SKORTS/SHORTS/JUMPERS

- Twill beige khaki worn at the natural waist level. Deviations from the specified uniform colors are not acceptable. For example, khaki cannot have substitutions of cement, or brown.
- Length: Skirts, skorts, shorts, or jumpers must be no shorter than a dollar bill's width above the knee (2-5/8 inches).
- All are to be appropriately sized, neither tight nor oversized.

SOCKS

- Solid black, white, brown or navy blue anklets, athletic or knee socks are allowed.
- Appropriate hosiery may be worn. Tights may be worn in solid white, navy blue, brown, black or gray.
- Solid black, white, brown, khaki, grey or navy blue leggings maybe worn under skirts or jumpers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- On special days/events (Spirit Week/Homecoming, Red Ribbon Week, Field Trips or other designated events) the Principal may designate special attire.

SUNGLASSES

- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside the school building unless required by an attending physician.

TATOOS

- All tattoos or body art must be covered while on campus or at school related events.

SPECIAL APPAREL (ties, blazer, etc)

Extra-curricular activities may require special apparel to be worn at the discretion of the sponsor.

FREE DRESS DAY

Free dress day does not supersede the standard dress code requirements. Students may wear jeans, t-shirts, or other clothing that is clean and conservative. Inappropriate clothing includes but is not limited to: shorts or skirts that are too tight or too short; shirts with bare midriff, spaghetti straps, or low cut shirts; ripped or torn tops or bottoms; hats; clothing with offensive language, pictures, or symbols. Shoes must follow the regular uniform policy. Please be aware that students will be sent home or asked to change if their clothing is considered to be inappropriate or in bad taste.

Administration shall be authorized to appraise any fashion, fad, hair, jewelry or article of clothing deemed inappropriate for school wear or disruptive to the education process or safety of the campus.

Consequences:

1. Warning/made to change clothes/copy of dress code sent home
2. Conference with parents/made to change clothes/copy of dress code signed
3. Saturday School/made to change clothes/copy of dress code signed