

Dress Code Policy

(for returning students please see the **symbol below for changes to the dress code)**

Please note the consequence for dress code violations as they will impact parents and students. Please help us maintain a positive and productive learning environment by helping your child select appropriate clothing for school.

ASA students represent the school at all times. While a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere is part of the ASA environment, students are not visitors in their classes but active participants. Therefore, students must remove coats or jackets in class. The school does not allow students to wear clothing or carry accessories that bear images or messages that glorify death, drugs, alcohol violence, or the occult. Furthermore, clothing or accessories that bear profanity or are sexually, racially, or religiously offensive may not be worn. Students are to be dressed in a manner that is appropriate to a teaching/learning environment defined as follows:

1. Backless or halter tops, spaghetti straps, and sheer garments may **NOT** be worn. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts and all tops must have at least 3 fingers (index to student's own ring finger) coverage at the top of the shoulder. At no time, can bra straps be exposed.
2. All tops must sufficiently cover the chest. Necklines may be no lower than the width of 4 fingers (student's own index to pinky) when measured from the bottom of the neck or collarbone. Additionally, tops must lay flat against chest. No cleavage may show.
3. The back of the shirt may not be lower than armpit level.
4. Clothing should fit appropriately without being too tight or too loose.
5. Shirt and blouse hems should extend four fingers below the waistband of shorts, skirts, or pants. NO MIDRIF or back skin lower than armpit level should show at any time. No underwear can be exposed.
6. ****Skirt/dresses must reach the top of the knee (front and back) or students must be wearing a pair of dress code length shorts underneath.** (Change to the policy = students may no longer wear leggings under skirts/dresses instead of dress code length shorts.)
7. Shorts must come to at least 4 inches below the buttocks, measuring from immediately below the buttocks to 4 inches down the back of the leg.
8. Clothing may not be ripped, cut, or have holes within the dress code restricted areas.
9. No cell phones, iPods or MP3 players may be out or used during school hours.
10. ****No hats, visors, bandanas or beanies may be worn during school hours. Students with medical conditions can notify the Vice Principal for an exception.** (Change to the policy = students may no longer wear hats on campus without the noted exception documented with Vice Principal.)
11. Sunglasses may not be worn inside.
12. Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers may not be worn.

Students will be given a dress code pass and will be sent to the office from class if they are in violation of the dress code. Upon 1st violation of dress code, students will be allowed to call a parent to bring alternative clothing or to change clothes. For all subsequent dress code violations, they will be sent home for the day and receive an unexcused absence in all missed classes. Repeated dress code violations will result in multiple day suspensions. Final decisions as to the appropriateness of dress rest with the school administration.