

DRESS CODE

The Arcata Christian School dress code is intended to encourage moderation, good taste and practicality. Dress guidelines are not Biblical mandates but rather guidelines intended to reflect our institutional preference (I Peter 2:13-23). Parents and students are expected to adhere to and support the dress code. The school has little interest in defending the merits of the dress code vs. the current and ever-changing fashion trends in our society. We reserve the right to call parents to bring whatever clothing items might be needed to bring the student into compliance with dress code guidelines.

Any attire which draws undue attention to the wearer and does not contribute to our desire for a wholesome environment is unacceptable.

Some general guidelines:

- All clothing should be neat, clean, in good repair and of modest fit and length.
- Shirts designating rock groups, professional sport teams/slogans or advertising are not acceptable as regular school dress. On special dress days and/or Fridays there are exceptions to this rule (see "Dress Privilege Day")
- All upper body outer clothing must hang several inches below the waistline.
- Skirts and dresses must have modest necklines with no open breaks or open sides.
- No spandex or tight garments may be worn as outer garments.
- No facial or body piercing is allowed, other than earrings.

Specific guidelines:

- **Polo Shirts:** A Polo style shirt (any color) is the standard uniform dress shirt at ACS. All upper body outer clothing must hang several inches below the waistline.

Turtleneck Shirts/Sweaters: Turtleneck shirts may be worn provided they are of a solid color. Plain, solid colored cardigan style sweaters are acceptable.

SWEATSHIRTS: Sweatshirts (ACS and other) may be worn provided the shirt has no pictures, slogans, or logos larger than 3" x 3". Sweatshirts must be of solid color. Exceptions to this rule apply on Dress Privilege Day (see below).

DRESS PRIVILEGE DAY: Students are extended the privilege of wearing non-uniform clothing each Friday. Dress must be modest and in good taste. Sport team and other larger logos are acceptable. **Note:** Classroom teachers may require regular dress on class field trips that occur on a Friday. Also, students may lose the privilege of the Friday free dress option if they are cited for dress code violations Monday thru Thursday.

JACKETS AND HATS: Jackets and hats are considered outside wear except in special circumstances as approved by the classroom teacher.

PANTS: Slacks, solid color (no stonewash or faded) are acceptable. Shorts (loose fit) must be solid color and mid-thigh or longer. Jeans or pants with holes/rips are not acceptable school clothing. Jeans in good repair are acceptable on dress privilege days.

SKIRTS/JUMPERS: Solid color, should be of modest length with bike shorts or leggings to allow for modesty in recess and play activities. Leggings may be of any color.

SHOES AND P.E. CLOTHING: Shoes must be "closed toe" with socks, and consideration made to the many steps, gym, and playground surfaces at the school (hard pavement). Crocs or sandal type shoes are unacceptable. Every student should either wear a shoe they can run and play in or bring a special pair to change into for recess or P.E. Students will lose points in their P.E. grade if they do not have acceptable shoes. ACS does not have other P.E. clothing requirements. Students may change into non-uniform exercise clothing as approved by the instructor. If your child changes into alternate clothing these items must be clearly marked with the student name.

CHAPEL DRESS: Regular school dress requirements apply to our chapel.

FINAL AUTHORITY: The school principal shall have the responsibility to oversee the enforcement of the dress code policies of the school. Parents are always welcome to discuss any questions and/or concerns they may have.

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