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7.4 Dress Code

7.4.1 General Statement.

7.4.1.1 Student appearance (clothing and grooming) significantly affects the way others respond to them. Since it is the duty of the Board of Directors to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning, minimizing disruptions or distractions, and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, all students must abide by the uniform code of dress outlined by AHCS when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

7.4.1.2 AHCS's Uniform Code of Dress is outlined below, and may be changed by the Principal with approval from the Board at any time.

7.4.2 Uniform Code (Principal may choose to alter the Uniform Code on a per student basis as requested by parent.)

7.4.2.1 Clothing must be clean, not faded, and in good condition.

7.4.2.2 Students should appear clean and hygienic including washed and combed hair.

7.4.2.3 No denim is allowed.

7.4.2.4 No sweatshirt or athletic materials are allowed.

7.4.2.5 Hair

a. Students may not attend school with extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors. Hair colors should be natural and conservative in color.

b. Hair cannot hang in front of student's eyes.

c. Boy's hair length may not hang past the collar in the back or over the ears on the sides.

d. Boys must be clean shaven every day. Facial hair is not permitted for students.

e. Girls may wear hair accessories that are conservative and red, white or navy in color.

7.4.2.6 Accessories

a. Girls are permitted to wear no more than one pair of conservative earrings while in dress code. Earrings must be white, black, red, blue, gold, silver, titanium, clear or pearl. No gauges or other extreme earring styles are permitted.

b. Earrings are not permitted for boys.

c. Facial or visible body piercings are not allowed for any student. Facial or visible body piercings must be completely removed (including removal of piercing retainers) while at school or at school activities.

d. Any other jewelry must be conservative and school appropriate.

e. Tattoos must be covered and may not show at any time.

- f. Girls are permitted to accessorize with red, white, or navy scarves including printed patterns, but only containing these 3 colors.
- g. No head coverings are permitted indoors, including but not limited to hats, scarves, bandanas, hoods, and sweatbands except where permitted under special circumstances outlined by Principal/Designee (e.g., an outdoor field trip).
- h. Girls are allowed to wear conservative makeup beginning in the 7th grade

7.4.2.7 Shirts

- a. Must be red, white, or navy blue shirts in solid colors.
- b. Must be Polo or button down, long or short sleeve.
- c. Logos and emblems must may be no larger than the size of a quarter, unless school provided or sponsored.
- d. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- e. Only one top button may be undone anytime on both polo and dress shirts. Buttons not staying buttoned up will not be a valid excuse for them to be undone. It will be assumed the shirt does not fit properly or needs repair.
- f. Shirts must fit comfortably without being too tight or baggy.
- g. Undershirts may be solid black or white only.
- h. May not be made of fleece or nylon material typically used in athletic wear.
- i. Must be made of opaque material.
- j. May not show any chest or torso in front or back.

7.4.2.8 Sweaters

- a. Sweatshirt material is not allowed.
- b. Sweaters must be knit material.
- c. Emblems or logos may be no larger than the size of a quarter, unless school provided or sponsored.
- d. Colors must be solid red, white, navy or black.
- e. Sweaters with a hood are permitted, but hoods may not be worn except during recess during periods of cold or inclement weather.
- f. Students may wear professional, conservative, solid navy, black, gray, or tan business suits (with no pattern except a conservative pin stripe). Students may wear Navy or black blazers.

7.4.2.9 Ties

- a. Boys are encouraged to wear ties as business professional is a focus of our dress code.
- b. Ties must be solid in color or simple in pattern.

- c. Permitted colors are navy blue, black, gray, red and white.
- d. Ties must be worn in a traditional fashion.

7.4.2.10 Dresses /Skirts

- a. Dresses need to be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee when kneeling.
- b. Polo collar dresses in solid navy, flag red, khaki, gray, and black are permitted.
- c. Skirts in solid flag red, khaki, navy or black are permitted. Classic Navy Large Plaid pattern by Lands End is permitted.
- d. Dresses need to have a collar, and be opaque.
- e. Sweater dresses in solid print are permitted, as long as they are accompanied by a collar.
- f. Solid gray skirts are permitted.

7.4.2.11 Pants, Shorts, Skirts

- a. All pants, shorts, and skirts must be khaki, navy, gray, flag red or black in color.
- b. All pants, shorts, and skirts must be solid in color. No patterns are permitted.
- c. Pants, shorts, and skirts may not be made of denim, fleece, or athletic material.
- d. Pants, shorts, and skirts may have no more than 4 pockets.
- e. Rhinestones, embroidery, or flair of any kind is not permitted.
- f. Faded or Stressed material, holes or tears are not permitted.
- g. Pants and shorts must reach the hips or midsection.
- h. Undergarments may not show above the pant line.
- i. Shorts and skirts may reach no more than 3 inches above the knee when kneeling.
- j. Pants, shorts, and skirts must fit comfortably without being too tight or too baggy. (No sagging or skinny jeans styles)
- k. No white pants or shorts are permitted. No white pants or shorts are permitted. Flag red pants and shorts otherwise complying with the dress code are permissible.
- l. Girls may wear slacks and conservative style jeggings, provided they are in approved, solid colors, with no fading, no tears, no stylized pockets or bling, and are loose (not skin tight). Jeggings that resemble blue jeans or which are faded, stressed, or too tight are not permitted.

7.4.2.12 Belts

- a. Students in grades 1-12 must wear a belt at all times. Students in kindergarten are not required to wear belts.
- b. Exceptions will be made for pants, shorts, or skirts without belt loops.
- c. Belt colors must be solid brown, black, white, tan, gray or navy.

- d. No rhinestones, rivets, colors other than those above, or aesthetic accessories of any kind are allowed.
- e. Belts must be simple in style and color.
- f. No chains are allowed.
- g. Belts that hang below the waist are not allowed.
- h. Hemp belts are not allowed.

7.4.2.13 Footwear

- a. If visible, socks and tights must be solid colors of tan, brown, navy, red, tan, white, or black.
- b. Shoes should be dress or casual dress in conservative styles.
- c. Shoes must be solid black, brown, white, tan, navy, gray or red.
- d. Laces must be black, brown, white, tan, gray or red. Neon colored laces are not allowed.
- e. No neon or bright colored shoes or soles are permitted (no neon reds, neon electric blue or glittery silver).
- f. Colored soles must be black, red, white, tan, navy or gray.
- g. Solid colors or two tone shoes are appropriate.
- h. No flip flops are permitted.
- i. Sandals must comply with dress code colors and must have a back or back strap.
- j. Heels must be of moderate height.
- k. Closed toe shoes must be worn during lab activities.
- l. Footwear must be worn at all times.
- m. Winter footwear must be removed at the door and replaced with appropriate footwear.
- n. Gym shoes must comply with PE instructor's regulations.

7.4.2.14 Physical Education/Athletic Wear

- a. Students must wear athletic shoes for PE classes. Time allowances will be made for changing shoes.
- b. Students must wear appropriate shoes for after school athletic events.
- c. Students will not be allowed to change clothes prior to PE.
- d. Students may remove their polos during PE provided they are wearing a solid color (no logos or designs) white or black undershirt.

7.4.2.15 Outerwear

- a. Worn outside is not considered part of the dress code but must be removed while indoors.

b. A conservative, solid black, light jacket, may be worn indoors with the Principal's permission, if the jacket meets the following criteria: solid black, with black or traditional brass zipper, and no hood. The jacket may not be overstuffed, have first or other stylized or trendy trim, can cannot be denim, corduroy, fleece, or knit. Emblems or logo must be conservative and may be no larger than the size of a quarter, unless school provided or sponsored. No other jackets, coats, hats, or gloves may be worn inside the building.

c. Issues relating to cold temperatures may be resolved by wearing a dress code approved undershirt or sweater as described above.

7.4.2.16 Backpacks

a. Backpacks may be worn to school and between classes to carry their supplies.

b. Backpacks must be placed in a designated area of the classroom.

c. Students may not keep backpacks next to them during class.

d. Backpacks should contain items only appropriate for school. Electronics or any other valuable item should not be left in backpacks.

7.4.2.17 Prohibited Items

a. Students are not allowed to carry, wear, or display items of apparel (accessories, tattoos, jewelry, etc.) which depict or allude to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, violence, sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, offensive, or illegal acts.

b. Wearing, using, or displaying any gang clothing or attire such as jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, codes, or other things which evidence gang affiliation is not permitted.

c. No sequins, glitter or rhinestones.

7.4.2.18 Students may wear clothing they currently own if it conforms to AHCS's uniform code. Parent may purchase appropriate clothing at any clothier of their choice. Often vendors offer schools a discount so you are encouraged to compare pricing before purchasing apparel.

7.4.3 Interpretation and Implementation of Policy

7.4.3.1 The building Principal/Designee will use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy.

7.4.3.2 If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building Principal/Designee will be final.

7.4.3.3 Principals, administrators, and teachers will use reasonable discretion in enforcing this policy.

7.4.4 Enforcement

7.4.4.1 Students will receive a discipline write up for violating the dress code. The first offense will be a refocus form.

7.4.4.2 Repeated offenses will result in discipline citations.

7.4.4.3 Parents will be responsible for facilitating prompt compliance with the dress code.

7.4.4.4 Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until parents bring the proper attire or arrangements have been made for their proper attire.

7.4.4.5 All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences.

7.4.4.6 Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances for violating the uniform dress code.

7.4.5 Temporary Exceptions

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building Principal/Designee has the authority to grant temporary exemptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specially scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day, or when a lab or service activity would require special clothing for a student's own protection or safety.