



## DRESS CODE

### PHILOSOPHY

ACA desires to enhance its learning environment in positive ways. Research and experience demonstrate that a more formal dress standard has a positive impact on a student's frame of mind. In light of these findings and with respect to the values of modesty and moderation, *Campus Wear* guidelines have been designed as a standard for our academic school setting. While there are many other acceptable styles of dress that are not included in our *Campus Wear* guidelines, the goal has been to create an attractive, comfortable, uniform and practical dress code.

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Wherever and whenever ACA *Campus Wear* is worn, it should be done so with an awareness of the responsibility borne to represent ACA in a positive light.
2. All *Campus Wear* must be maintained in good repair. Garments should be well fitted, not oversized or too tight. Parents will be notified if any item is not being worn correctly or is in need of replacement.
3. All shirts must be tucked in at all times. T-shirts worn under the uniform polo or oxford are to be white or light grey, and plain with no printing.
4. Belts must be worn if a garment has belt loops and must be brown or black, leather or leather-like.
5. Extremes in jewelry and accessories are not permitted. Tattoos are not permitted. Items such as wristbands, multiple necklaces and bracelets, rope or heavy linked jewelry are informal and not considered appropriate for school wear. Girls: Only pierced ears are permitted. Boys, no pierced or pierced-look jewelry of any kind should be worn.
6. Hair regulations: Hair should be clean, neatly combed and of normal, natural hair color. Boy's hair should not be below the ear lobe. When combed straight down, hair should not reach below the eyebrow. Hair may reach the top of the collar or shorter. Facial hair is to be neatly trimmed or shaven.
7. Caps and hats may not be worn inside school buildings.
8. Shoes: any comfortable, safe shoe is permitted including leather types, sandals, tennis shoes or sneakers. Flip-flops and beach slides are not permitted. Shoe colors are to be black, brown, navy or white. Sock colors are to be plain white, navy, khaki or burgundy.
9. Outerwear: students may wear any outerwear garment to school. During the school hours of 8:00 – 3:00, only the approved *Campus Wear* outerwear items are permitted to be worn in the classroom and halls.
10. Dress Down Days – dress down days will be announced. Specifics: Classic five-pocket jeans and any ACA labeled shirt will be permitted (as well as any *Campus Wear* item). All items must be neat and in good repair (no torn or frayed hems, holes, etc.).
11. Chapel Days – specifics are as follows:
  - Middle School: Students will wear normal school day *Campus Wear* items.
  - US **Boys:** *Campus Wear* pants, *Campus Wear* oxford shirt and appropriate tie, approved shoes, socks, & belt. **Girls:** *Campus Wear* skirt, jumper or blouse & approved shoes, socks, and belt.
12. Christmas Banquet and Junior/Senior Banquet: in advance of both events, letters will be sent to parents detailing the event's specific dress code requirements.
13. Graduation & Baccalaureate: both events are of a formal nature and as such require appropriate dress. Casual clothes are not permitted. Boys are to be in church/chapel dress clothes including tie. Girls are to be in church/chapel dress or skirt/top outfits. Students not properly attired will be escorted from the event.
14. All ACA *Campus Wear* for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade must be purchased through Educational Outfitters and will be designated specifically with a barcode identifying ACA.

15. Length of shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers is determined by ACA and administered by *Educational Outfitters* who will shorten hems according to the measuring session. Shorts, skirts, kilts, skort, and jumpers will be 2 inches above the knee or longer. *Educational Outfitters* can lengthen any item for an additional fee.
16. Required Packages: Following are the basic package items required for your student:
- **LS** - Boys: Navy short sleeve polo and khaki long pants  
Girls: Navy short sleeve polo and khaki long pants or khaki skort
  - **MS** - Boys: Navy short sleeve polo and khaki long pants  
Girls: Navy short sleeve polo and khaki long pants or khaki skort
  - **US** - Boys: Navy short sleeve polo, khaki long pants, oxford shirt and tie  
Girls: Navy short sleeve polo, khaki long pants, khaki skort or khaki skirt

### ACA Campus Wear Available Items 2007 - 2008

<b>Lower School</b>		
	Knit Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve) *	White, Navy, Burgundy
	Girls Peter Pan Collar Shirt (short or long sleeve)	White
	Mock Long Sleeve Turtleneck Shirt*	Navy, White
	Shorts	Khaki, Navy
	Pants	Khaki, Navy
	Girls Skorts	Khaki, Navy
	Girls Jumper	Khaki, Navy, ACA plaid
	Fleece Vest (Outerwear item) *	Navy
	Fleece Jacket (Outerwear item) *	Navy
	Sweater Vest (Outerwear item) *	Navy
	Cardigan Sweater (Outerwear item) *	Navy
	Uniform Sweatshirt (Outerwear item available at ACA)	Navy, White, Gold

<b>Middle &amp; Upper School</b>		
	Knit Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve) *	White, Navy, Burgundy
	Girls Peter Pan Collar Shirt (short or long sleeve)	White
	Button Down Oxford Shirt (short or long sleeve)	White, Blue, Yellow
	Mock Long Sleeve Turtleneck Shirt*	Navy, White
	Shorts	Khaki, Navy
	Pants (pleated or plain front)	Khaki, Navy
	Girls Skorts	Khaki, Navy
	Girls Jumper	Khaki, Navy, ACA plaid
	Girls Skirts (mid-calf, straight)	Khaki, Navy
	Fleece Vest (Outerwear Item) *	Navy with ACA Logo
	Fleece Jacket (Outerwear Item) *	Navy with ACA Logo
	Sweater Vest (Outerwear Item) *	Navy
	Matrix Fleece*	Blue/Black
	Cardigan Sweater (Outerwear Item) *	Navy
	Uniform Sweatshirt (Outerwear Item – available at ACA)	Navy, White, Gold
	<b>The following items are Upper School ONLY</b>	
	Girls ACA Plaid Kilt	Specialty Item
	Navy Wool Blazer	Specialty Item*

\* mandatory ACA logo on item

Note: The following may be purchased anywhere; however, *Educational Outfitters* has these available: ties (ACA plaid or navy with logo), tights, knee socks, ACA plaid scrunchie or headband, and belts.

ACA maintains a fitting room on campus available for Campus Wear fitting/sizing purposes. The fitting room is located in the East building and is open during school hours. Used uniform items are also available through ACA's PTF closet. You may also visit the size charts & online store: [www.educationalfitters.com](http://www.educationalfitters.com). (ACA's school code needed to log on is NC058).

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