

## 13.0 STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

### General Guidelines

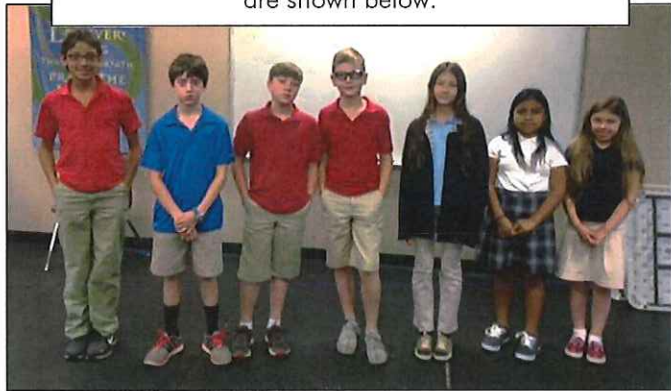
Research has shown that a school dress code helps to instill a sense of pride and discipline in students and helps to promote identification with the school community. On a practical level, parents have less pressure to shop for expensive, varied wardrobes for their children.

Furthermore, a school dress code simplifies the daily decision for parent or child on what to wear to school. This will be a time-saving and conflict-avoiding benefit. The administration of Asheville-Pisgah Christian School trusts that for these reasons, the school dress code will prove to be a blessing to your child(ren) and family.

- Clothing should be neat, orderly and modest. It should fit properly – no tight, saggy or oversized pants/skirts or shirts will be allowed. Clothing should cover all undergarments, for both boys and girls. Additional guidelines may be given for field trips.
- There should be no embroidery, logos, name brands, slogans or symbols exposed on any clothes, with the exception of shoes.
- Skirts, skorts, and shorts are allowed throughout the year. They MUST be to the top of the knee. It is recommended that gym shorts be worn underneath all dresses and skirts. Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are required to wear shorts underneath skirts or dresses.
- Any school-sponsored T-shirt may be worn only on Friday, i.e. Kid's Club, Pathfinder's, Adventurer's, Conquer a Cove, MPA academy days, Youth Rally, etc...
- Solid color coats and sweaters, fleeces and sweatshirts/hoodies may be worn in the classroom if needed. Hats and caps are to be worn outside of the building only.
- On designated spirit days students will be allowed to wear school approved shirts, hats, socks, etc.... Notifications will be made in the weekly newsletter.
- Footwear is required at all times. Shoes must fully enclose the foot including closed toe and closed heel. Laces should be laced and tied. Socks, stockings, or tights must be worn at all times. PreK and K students must wear Velcro tennis type shoes that stay on feet and can be removed and put on by the student.
- Hair must be neat and well-groomed, kept out of face, of a natural color, and not extreme in style. Boys' hair is not to hang below the eyebrows and it may not extend below the ears or the bottom of the collar in the back.
- All types of necklaces, rings, earrings, bracelets (bracelets are anything worn around the wrist) – including charm style watch bands and ornamental key chains, etc... are not to be worn during school or at any school sponsored function. Exceptions are medical alert tags and watches.
- Only natural-looking make-up and clear nail polish is to be worn.
- On Spirit Days students may wear appropriate jeans with their outfits.

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Tops or Dresses  | Any solid color or plaid (hunter green/navy)   | +Standard plain front knit polo with buttons, turtleneck or oxford (peter pan collar acceptable) - long or short sleeves<br>+Only top button may be undone<br>+Shirts must be of length to cover top button of pants |
| Long sleeve knit shirt worn underneath short sleeve polo | White or navy  | Visible undershirts must be tucked in and long sleeve  |
| Bottoms or Leggings (worn underneath dresses or skirts)  | Black, navy blue, true khaki, plaid (hunter green/navy)                                | +Skirts, skorts, or shorts <u>MUST</u> be to top of the knee<br>+No denim, cargo style, carpenter style loops, bells, baggies, flares, hip-huggers, skinny jeans, jeggings, stretch pants and sweat pants.           |
| Belts  | Black, navy blue or brown - solid color or plaid (hunter green/navy) with plain buckle | +No logos, pictures, studs, or oversized buckles, etc.   |
| Jumpers  | Black, navy blue, true khaki or plaid (hunter green/navy)                              | +Uniform shirt must be worn underneath   |

Some examples of students following dress code are shown below.



Friday Attire – any APCS sponsored T-shirt (ie: APCS spirit wear t-shirts). On Spirit Days students may wear appropriate jeans with their outfits.

### Compliance with Dress Code

Parents and students are responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with the school dress code as of the first day of school. Non-compliance will result in the following actions:

1. First Dress code violation:  
The student will be sent to the office. Clothes provided by school may be worn or the parent can be asked to bring dress code clothing. Student will not return to the classroom until the problem is remedied.
2. Second Dress Code violation  
A form explaining the infraction will be sent home, to be signed by the parent and returned to school the following day. The student will not be allowed in the classroom until the form is returned.
3. Third Dress Code violation  
Parents will be called and asked to participate in a solution.