

Taken from the Elementary Handbook Dress Code Guidelines

“Whose adorning, let it not be the outward (appearance), but let it be the hidden man of the heart which ... is a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God a great price.” I Peter 3:3-4

Policy Statement. The Board of Trustees and Administration of Augusta Christian Schools has sought to develop a standard of modest dress and general appearance for students that will:

- a. Be a testimony from the whole student body.
- b. Be a testimony for the Christian atmosphere of our school.
- c. Be an acceptable standard in the eyes of most of our parents.
- d. Enhance the educational process.

An appropriate appearance guide is established to remind parents and students that dress and appearance is a heart issue. Modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are the primary concerns of these guidelines. Our overall goal is to assist parents in preparing and nurturing your children’s hearts to bring honor to Jesus Christ in how they look, what they wear, and how they conduct themselves before others.

Parental Responsibility. We believe it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure students are dressed neatly and modestly. Please familiarize yourself with ACS acceptable dress standards and help train your children to comply. Dress Code violation consequences are as follows: 1st offense—warning, 2nd offense—miss a special, 3rd offense—after school detention. If an after school detention is issued to a student for dress code violations, parents will be charged \$10 for the detention payable at the time of pick up from the detention.

When a student is observed by a teacher or the administrator to be in non-compliance of the dress code, the parents or legal guardian may be called (at the discretion of the principal) and the student will be held out of class until the dress guideline issue has been remedied. Discipline will be administered for dress code issues as outlined in this Parent/Student Handbook. Since this normally works a greater hardship on the parents or guardian than the students, parents are urged to supervise their child’s dress on a daily basis. It is the student alone and his/her parents or guardian who are responsible for proper dress consistent with the spirit and word of the Student Appropriate Appearance Guide.

Hair – Boys. Hair must be above the collar. Hair must not hang over the eye brows. Braids/locks are acceptable but must maintain the same length standard. Hair accessories are not allowed. Only natural hair colors are permitted. Mohawks and distracting styles must be avoided. Students have one week to get their hair cut when parents are notified of the need for the hair to be cut. After that week, if the hair is not cut, a dress code violation will be issued to the student.

Hair – Girls Must wear their hair in a style that does not obstruct vision or hinder participation in the learning process. Hairstyles that are disruptive, of unnatural color or extreme must be avoided.

Jewelry. Boys and girls may wear jewelry. The jewelry may not be overstated, questionable or anti-Christian.

Boys	Acceptable Jewelry Bracelets, necklaces Rings	Girls	Acceptable Jewelry Bracelets and necklaces One (1) earring per ear Rings, toe rings Anklets
	Unacceptable Jewelry Earrings Body piercing		Unacceptable Jewelry More than 1 earring per ear Body piercing

Tattoos. Temporary and permanent tattoos are unacceptable for both boys and girls.

Make-up. Only lip-gloss is acceptable for girls.

Hats. Hats or distracting headbands are not to be worn on campus during school hours.

Dress Code Responsibilities

Administration and teachers have the prerogative and contractual obligation of informing students when certain attire may not be in accordance with our standards of modesty and neatness, even though the attire does not specifically violate one of the points of the dress code. If a student comes to school improperly dressed, the student will receive a dress guideline violation form with a consequence outlines. **At the discretion of the Principal, the child may need to change clothes before returning to class. The Administration reserves the right to define appropriate dress and grooming standards.**

Acceptable Clothing includes:

- Modestly fitted jeans, slacks, and Capri pants in good repair. Pants must have a hem.
- Walking shorts should be no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Properly fitted, modest collared or non collared shirts/blouses with sleeves are acceptable for girls. Collared or non collared shirts with sleeves are suitable attire for boys. Collarless shirts with no offensive wording are acceptable. Hoodies, turtleneck and mock turtlenecks are acceptable. Girl's shirts and blouses should extend below their pants so that no midriff skin is exposed at any time regardless of movement.
- Skirts/Dresses. No shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Dresses must not be low-cut and must have sleeves. Blouses must be worn under sundresses.
- Dress sandals. Grades K4-5th must have a heel strap for safety purposes.
- Clean, neat dress shoes, or clean, neat properly laced athletic shoes. Shoes must be laced and tied.
- All students wearing dress or athletic shoes must wear socks.
- All students are permitted to wear sweaters that are crew neck, V-neck, or cardigan, with a collared shirt, or a collared blouse underneath.
- Girls wearing leggings must wear a dress-length top no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.

Inappropriate Clothing includes:

- Tight fitting, frayed, excessively baggy clothes, t-shirts, and tank tops.
- Jeans, slacks, Capri pants that are not in good repair, tight, or ultra low-rise.
- Clothing with offensive slogans or pictures.
- Athletic shorts and pants for elementary students on Baston Road campus, however students on Fury's Ferry Campus are permitted to wear athletic shorts and pants.
- Undershirt type T-shirt worn as outerwear.

Spirit Week/Dress Down Days. Throughout the school year, ACS will have several dress down days where students may wear Christian T-shirts, athletic shorts or athletic pants and hats. Spirit Week will include several "special dress" days that will allow all students to dress in attire that promotes the activities surrounding the week.