

Dress Code

(Grades K-12)

The intent of the dress code is to train our students to realize that some types of clothing are more appropriate for specific activities than others. The following dress code represents the acceptable mode of dress for our school and its activities. It is not our desire to be legalistic, but we recognize that some guidelines are in order. School clothes should be neat, clean, and modest. Please talk with your child about his/her attitude toward the dress code. We desire an attitude of “What would please Jesus?” rather than “What can I get by with?”. Too much concern with clothing or dressing to impress others is not scriptural (1 John 2:15-17).

*Clothes should have no words or lettering except in the case of small brand labels. Any words or pictures with advertising are inappropriate.

If parents or students have questions about the suitability of any clothing or style, please ask your administrator for assistance. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing and appearance in questionable situations.

Shirts

1. Long or short sleeves, button-styled oxfords
2. Long or short sleeves, polo-style knit
3. Official ACT Christian Academy approved t-shirts. T-shirts must be purchased from the school.
4. All shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.
5. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

Slacks

1. Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki (shades of brown) dress pants. No denim, sweatpants, and/or athletic-type pants except on Friday's.
2. All slacks must be of appropriate fit (not skintight or oversized).
3. No holes are allowed in pants.

Shorts/Skirts/Skortts

1. Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki (shades of brown)
2. Length should be no shorter than approximately 2 inches above the knee while standing.
3. Leggings, spandex, etc. are not to be worn as pants but are approved to wear under dresses or shorts/skirts of appropriate length.

Dresses

Females may wear uniform-style dresses that meet the following conditions:

1. Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki (shades of brown)
2. Knit/"polo" style dress with a collar OR the cotton jumper style dress with a collared shirt under.
3. Length should be no shorter than approximately 2 inches above the knee while standing.

Belts

1. Belts are to be worn if loops are available.
2. All belts must fit in the loops.
3. Belts worn as a fashion accessory can only be worn over shirts that are tucked in.

Shoes

Appropriate footwear includes casual or dress shoes, including boots, tennis shoes, and sandals.

Caps/Hats

No head apparel may be worn inside the school facilities.

Coats

Students must keep their jackets/coats in the classroom designated area during the school day, unless going outside for recess or other activities. Sweaters may be worn over a collared shirt if necessary to keep warm inside the building during winter months. Sweatshirts (including hoodies) may not be worn.

School-Purchased Apparel

Official ACT Christian Academy apparel purchased through the school is acceptable on both uniform and dress-down days. These approved items include: t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, vests, and track suits.

Extremes

Extremes of an individual's personal appearance are to be avoided at all times. These include but are not limited to:

1. Hair color
2. Jewelry (no piercing for boys, 2 pair for girls)
3. Make-up
4. No tattoos (temporary or permanent) or body piercing

Dress-Down Days

On Friday's and other designated dress-down days, shorts, skirts, and dresses should be in accordance with the 2-inch rule and shirts may not be sleeveless. No inappropriate wording, pictures, or designs will be accepted. No leggings, spandex, flannel, or pajama pants may be worn. There can be no holes in pants (including jeans)!

Dress Code at Special Events

At all functions and activities after school hours, families are expected to uphold standards becoming of a group of people who profess to know and follow Christ.

Parents/guardians are expected to monitor the dress code of their student at special events.

Mandatory Purchase

All students will be required to purchase a polo shirt with the ACT Christian Academy logo to be worn when indicated (such as field trips). This shirt needs to be purchased from the school to be in uniform appearance.

Please note: If you have a question about the appropriateness of an article of clothing, please see an administrator for approval prior to wearing it.