



ATLANTIC SHORES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Elementary Campus

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DRESS CODE 2009-2010

The objective of ASCS is to implement a dress code that is commensurate with the mission and philosophy of ASCS. The Bible commands the Christian to do “all to the glory of God” (I Cor. 10:31). At ASCS, we strive to honor God through personal dress that is neat, modest and appropriate.

We appreciate the support of parents and students in following the school’s dress code. This allows our teachers and administration to spend less time on “policing” student dress and more time on educational activities.

Modesty is defined as:

- Not revealing -
 - Shirts should be fully buttoned except for top button
 - Skirts should be knee length with no front slits
 - Pants should be worn at the waist (no low rise)
 - Undergarments should not be visible
- Not tight –
 - Shirts/pants should be the proper size
 - Pants/shorts should not be form fitting

We try to be as specific as possible in our dress code description, but with ever-changing dress styles, there may be changes that are implemented during the year. Students and parents will be given full notice of any changes.

Students who fail to comply with the dress standards will be disciplined, and if dressed immodestly, may not be allowed to enter class until they are appropriately attired.

In all cases the administration will have the final authority about the appropriateness of any school wear and in applying the means to encourage compliance. Parents will be called if dress is inappropriate.

Gentlemen

Hair/Personal Appearance:

- All young men should have a neat, clean haircut. Hair may be to the bottom of the ear but should not be in the eyes, over the collar, or more than 2 inches in bulk. (Side burns should be no longer than the bottom of the ear).
- Facial hair is not permitted (mustaches are allowed for senior boys).
- Young men may dye or highlight their hair a natural color only.
- Extreme styles (e.g. Mohawks) are not allowed.

Slacks and Shorts:

- Solid khaki/beige, navy, black, brown or grey.
- They must be wrinkle-free or permanent press.
- They should be in good condition, fit properly, and be gender appropriate.
- Slacks and shorts should not be frayed or have holes.
- No jeans, jean shorts, or denim material of any color is allowed.
- They must be worn at the waist. 3rd – 6th graders must wear a belt.
- Shorts may be worn year round and can be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- Slacks' length should not exceed the sole of the shoe.
- Cargo style pants are acceptable for K4 – 6th grade only.

Shirts:

- Any collared oxford, collared polo (2 or 3 button), or turtleneck in a solid color.
- Shirts must be of the appropriate size and remain tucked in at all times.
- Only solid colored undershirts are permissible.

Footwear:

- **NO** flip-flops, beach shoes, or athletic sandals of any style.
- No combat style boots.
- No Heelies.
- All shoes must be in good condition.
- All shoes requiring shoelaces must be laced and tied.
- Socks must be worn at all times.

Outerwear:

- Only the following garments in a solid color may be worn in the classroom: pullover vest, pullover sweater, turtleneck sweater, sweatshirt, light-weight jacket, fleece, ASCS sweatshirt, ASCS fleece, or ASCS athletic jacket.
- All outerwear should have an approved shirt underneath.
- Hooded jackets or sweatshirts of any kind may only be worn outside.
- Camouflage or trench coats, and oversized or flannel shirts are not to be worn to school.

Belts:

- Belts must be worn at all times for 3rd – 6th graders.
- They must be the right size, buckled and tucked properly into the belt loops.
- No metal or spiked belts, extreme buckles, or chains from belt to pocket are to be worn.

Hats/Sunglasses:

- May not be worn in the building during school hours.

Jewelry:

- Not to be used as a political or social expression.
- No dog tags or spiked jewelry.

- No earrings during the school day.
- Body piercing jewelry and plugs are not allowed during the school day or at school functions.
- Necklaces/chains may be worn on the inside of shirts.

Book bags/Messenger bags:

- Not to be used as a political or social expression.
- May only be used to transport books to and from school.

Logos/Graphics:

- Can be no larger than 2 - inches in diameter.
- Must be appropriate.

Ladies

Hair/Personal Appearance:

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Girls may dye or highlight their hair a natural color.
- Extreme hair styles and make up is to be avoided.

Slacks, Shorts, Skorts & Capris:

- Solid khaki/beige, navy, black, brown or grey.
- Slacks, shorts, skorts and Capri pants cannot be form fitting or low rise, and must be modest.
- They must be in good condition and wrinkle free.
- Slacks, skorts, capris and shorts should not be frayed or have holes.
- No jeans, jean shorts, or denim material of any color is allowed.
- Shorts may be worn year round and can be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- Slacks' length should not exceed the sole of the shoe.
- Cargo style pants are acceptable for K4 – 6th grade only.

Skirts and Jumpers:

- Solid khaki /beige, navy, black, or brown or grey.
- Skirts must be knee length or longer.
- Skirts must not be too tight.
- Slits must be no higher than 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- Front slits on skirts are not allowed.
- Solid dark colored shorts may be worn under the jumpers and skirts for modesty.
- The gray/navy plaids, skirts and jumpers are only available at the Rose Co. (No other plaids are acceptable).

Shirts:

- Any collared oxford, collared polo (2 or 3 button), or turtleneck in a solid color. (No other blouse styles allowed) Peter Pan collared shirts are allowed for K4 – 6th grade girls.
- Shirts must be modestly buttoned (all but the top button) and cannot be form-fitting, tight, or reveal the midriff.
- Sheer material is not permitted.
- Solid colored undershirts may be worn only as an undergarment.

Footwear:

- **NO** flip-flops, beach shoes, or athletic sandals of any style.
- No combat style boots.

- No Heelies.
- All shoes must be in good condition.
- All shoes requiring shoe laces must be laced and tied.
- Sandals that do not go between the toes and do have a back strap are acceptable.

Legwear:

- Hose, tights or socks must be worn at all times.

Outerwear:

- Only the following garments in a solid color may be worn in the classroom: color pullover vest, pullover sweater, turtleneck sweater, sweatshirt, light-weight jacket, fleece, ASCS sweatshirt, ASCS fleece, or ASCS athletic jacket.
- All outerwear should have an approved shirt underneath.
- Hooded jackets or sweatshirts of any kind may only be worn outside.
- Camouflage or trench coats and oversized or flannel shirts are not to be worn to school.

Belts:

- No metal or spiked belts or chains from belt to pocket.
- Belts must be the right size, buckled and tucked properly into the belt loops.

Jewelry:

- Not to be used as a political or social expression.
- No excessive or showy jewelry, headbands, dog tags or spiked jewelry.
- Body piercing jewelry or plugs are not allowed during the school day or at school functions.
- Except for ears, body piercing is not allowed.

Hat/Sunglasses:

- May not be worn in the building during school hours.

Book bags/Messenger bags:

- Not to be used as a political or social expression
- May only be used to transport books to and from school.

Logos/Graphics:

- Can be no larger than 2-inches in diameter.
- Must be appropriate.

We strongly recommend that all garments are labeled.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Periodically on Fridays students are allowed the privilege of dressing outside the dress code; these days are used as fundraisers for various classes, clubs, and organizations. On Relaxed Dress Days the Activities Dress Code may be followed **WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

- Skirts and shorts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- Hats/sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours.
- Standard jewelry policy applies.
- No flip flops, beach shoes, or athletic sandals of any kind may be worn.
- No hooded clothing is allowed in the classroom.

ACTIVITY DRESS CODE

Recognizing that many school activities, especially sports activities, are much more relaxed than the formal school day, we offer the following relaxed dress code* for such activities:

Jeans/Pants

- Must be clean, neat, and gender appropriate.
- No tight-fitting or sagging pants, no holes, patches, torn areas, or frayed edges.
- Pants may not drag on the ground.

Shorts:

- No shorter than mid-thigh
- No tight shorts.
- No boxer shorts.

Shirts/Tops

- No sleeveless cut-out tee shirts.
- No thin strap tank tops.
- No halter tops.
- No bare mid-riffs.
- Girls' tops should not be too tight (undergarments are to be worn at all times).

*Any clothing with messages contrary to the principles of ASCS are not allowed.

***Be reminded that activity dress is to be worn to all athletic events, including those prior to the beginning of school.**