

## DRESS CODE

At ASCS we strive to honor God through personal dress that is neat, modest, and appropriate. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that students comply daily with the dress code standards.

Modesty is defined as

- Not revealing –
  - Shirts should be fully buttoned except for top button
  - Skirts should be knee length, with no 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 guidelines, 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.

When students follow the dress code, teachers and administration are able to spend less time “policing” student dress and more time on educational activities. Students who fail to comply with 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. The appearance must always be neat, modest, and appropriate.**

Item:	Students must wear:	Students must not wear:
Hair	Clean, neat hair; hair that does not extend below the ear, collar or eyebrows (boys)	Hair colors that are not natural; hair that has more than 2” of bulk (boys); extreme styles (e.g. Mohawks, dreadlocks)
Pants/Shorts	Pants/shorts that are solid khaki, navy, black, gray or brown; “Docker-style” pants/shorts; pants/shorts that are not tight or form-fitting; pants/shorts at the waist; shorts that are not shorter than 2” above the knee	Pants/shorts with holes, tears, frayed edges or so long they drag the ground; jeans or jean-style pants/shorts (i.e. patch pockets, rivets); pants/shorts made with Spandex or Lycra; pants/ shorts with cargo pockets or drawstrings; athletic warm up pants
Skirts	Skirts that are solid khaki, navy, black, gray or brown in color; skirts that are knee-length or longer	Skirts that are too tight (form fitting); skirts that have slits; skirts made with Spandex or Lycra
Shirts	A collared oxford or polo shirt or turtleneck which is solid in color and appropriate in size; solid colored undershirts as undergarments only; polo shirts with no more than four buttons (girls); shirts buttoned modestly; shirts that are appropriate size; shirts that can be tucked in at all times (boys)	Shirts that are tight, form-fitting or reveal the midriff; blouses; shirts made of a sheer material; t-shirts of <b>any</b> kind; shirts with logos larger than 3”; sleeveless shirts; shirts with more than one button undone; a team jersey
Footwear	Shoes that are in good condition; shoes with shoelaces laced and tied (when applicable); only sandals that have a strap across the back of the heel	Flip-flops, beach shoes or athletic sandals; slippers; combat-style boots
Outerwear	Solid-colored pullover vests, sweaters or turtleneck sweater or fleece; ASCS jackets only; approved shirts under all outerwear	Scarves; hooded or denim clothing; camouflage, trench coats and oversized or flannel shirts; garments with logos larger than 3”x3”

Additional guidelines:

- Facial hair is not permitted except for senior boys who may have mustaches; side burns should not extend beyond the bottom of the ear
- Shorts may be worn year-round
- Boys must wear belts at all times. Belts must not have spikes, studs or chains.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours
- Aside from females wearing earrings, students may not wear piercings or plugs during school hours
- No excessive jewelry. Boys must keep necklaces/chains inside the shirt
- All shirts worn on dress down days must be approved ASCS apparel

#### **Physical Education Uniforms:**

All students participating in physical education are required to purchase a uniform from The Rose Company, which is located in Woods Corner Shopping Center on the corner of Kempsville Road and Centerville Turnpike.

It is strongly recommended that all garments are labeled.

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS** (Formerly 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 School Spirit Days, students may wear appropriate jeans, shorts and/or school athletic apparel accompanied by an approved ASCS t-shirt. All other standard dress code policies apply.

### **ACTIVITY DRESS CODE**

As representatives of ASCS, students are expected to maintain the following dress code standards when attending **any** school-sponsored activity both on and off campus:

#### **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 is not allowed. Students found in violation of these standards may be asked to leave the premises.