



ATLANTIC SHORES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Secondary Campus

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DRESS CODE

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The objective of the **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 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.**

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 to be avoided.**

Slacks and Shorts:

- Solid khaki/beige, navy, black, or 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.**
- Slacks and shorts should not have cargo/utility pockets or drawstrings.
- They must be worn at the waist with 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.

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.
- **No T-shirts (team or otherwise) are allowed, except for senior class T-shirts.**

Footwear:

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

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.**
- **Scarves and hooded or denim clothing are not allowed during school hours.**
- Camouflage or trench coats, and oversized or flannel shirts are not to be worn to school.

Belts:

- Belts must be worn at all times.
- 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.**
- 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.

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.

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 & Capris:

- Solid khaki/beige, navy, black, brown **or grey.**
- Slacks, shorts, and Capri pants cannot be form fitting or low rise, and must be modest.
- They must be in good condition and wrinkle free.
- **Slacks and shorts should not be frayed or have holes.**
- **No jeans, jean shorts, or denim material of any color is allowed.**
- Slacks and shorts should not have cargo/utility pockets or drawstrings.
- **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.

Skirts:

- 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.**

Shirts:

- **Any collared oxford, collared polo (2 or 3 button), or turtleneck in a solid color. (No other blouse styles allowed)**
- 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.
- **No T-shirts (team or otherwise) are allowed, except for senior class T-shirts.**

Footwear:

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

- No combat style boots.
- All shoes must be in good condition.
- All shoes requiring shoe laces must be laced and tied.
- **Only sandals with back straps are acceptable.**

Legwear:

- Solid color hose or tights.
- Natural colored hose.

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.**
- **Scarves and hooded or denim clothing are not allowed during school hours**
- **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.**
- 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.

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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 on campus during school hours.
- Shorts may be worn from the beginning of school to December 1 and from April 1 to the end of the school year. They can be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee.
- **Standard jewelry policy applies.**
- **No flip flops, beach shoes, or athletic sandals of any kind may be worn.**
- **No hooded clothing is allowed.**

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.**

FORMAL WEAR DRESS CODE for Gentlemen & Ladies

In an effort to promote modesty and appropriateness and to help parents in choosing formal wear, we offer the following guidelines:

Gentlemen:

- Dress suit or tuxedo
- No shorts or denim material
- Coordinating tie
- Matching socks
- Dress shoes only

Ladies:

- No cleavage or suggestion of cleavage
- No strapless gowns
- No two-piece, midriff-bearing gowns
- No cut-outs that reveal skin along a girl's midsection unless cut-outs are small and are filled in with fabric that is of the same color as the dress
- No gowns that consist of a back and a front fastened together by strings or bands of fabric
- Slits may extend no higher than four inches above the knee.
- No **excessively** tight clothing
- The back opening of the gown may be no lower than the bottom of the rib cage.
- Dresses may be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee.

Notes: Female administrators will approve the girls' gowns.

Gowns must be brought to the administration for approval. All gowns must be approved at least 72 hours (3 days) before the event to which they will be worn.

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