

DRESS CODE POLICY

The purpose of the dress code is to provide a modest appearance that is non-distracting for the Christian educational environment. Our goal is that students conduct themselves in a manner that pleases God and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2). Parents are expected to be knowledgeable of the dress code and to cooperate with the school in seeing that the student meets the dress code standards. Personal appearance that is considered questionable is left to the discretion of the Ankeny Christian Academy administration. This dress code is in effect at all school-related activities as well as during the school day. Administration reserves the right to waive any of the following policies for special occasions and circumstances.

General Dress Code Guidelines

- Clothing needs to be in good condition with no holes, whether accidental or on purpose
- Printed messages/pictures on any garment should be positive, non-distracting, and should not promote non-Christian values
- Earrings for female students are the only acceptable body piercing
- Undergarments should not show during any activity

Tops

- Midriff, either front or back, may not be exposed
- Cleavage must not be visible at any time
- Shirts with an open back are not allowed
- Camisoles, strapless tops, or halter-tops may not be worn as a single garment
- 4th-12th grades may not wear sleeveless tops
- Sheer shirts or side neck shirts must have a T-shirt or tank top (at least 1 ½" strap) under them and cannot be worn with a camisole, strapless top, or halter-top

Bottoms

- Pajama and flannel pants may not be worn
- Lettering across the seat is not permitted
- Kindergartener-3rd grade may wear leggings with a shirt long enough to cover their seat
- 4th-12th grade may only wear leggings under a dress/skirt that does not exceed 3" above the bent knee
- Shorts for 4th – 12th grade must have an inseam of at least 5 inches

Dress/Skirts

- Skirts/dresses may not exceed 3" above the bent knee
- Slit of skirt or dress may not exceed 3" above the bent knee
- Sleeveless dresses are allowed (not spaghetti strap)

Shoes

- Sandals without a back strap may not be worn Kindergarten-6th grade for the purpose of playground safety
- No slippers

Hats and Hair

- Caps, hats, and headwear are not allowed during the school day
- Hair should be kept out of the eyes, be a natural color, and a non-distracting style
- Boys' hair should not cover the earlobes and should be above the collar
- Facial hair must be neatly trimmed

Chapel Attire

- 7th-12th grade boys
 - Nice shirt or sweater (no T-shirts)
 - All shirt tails must be tucked in
 - Khakis or dress pants
- Kindergarten-6th grade boys
 - Nice shirt or sweater (no T-shirts)
 - Khakis, dress pants, or dress shorts
- 7th-12th grade girls
 - A dress, skirt, dress slacks, or dress capris with a nice top or sweater (no T-shirts)

- Beginnderten-6th grade girls
 - A dress, skirt, dress slacks, dress capris, or dress shorts with a nice top or sweater (no T-shirts)

P.E. Attire

- All students must have separate, clean, non-marking gym shoes. 5th-12th grade will wear required P.E. attire of shorts and T-shirts.

Formal Wear

- Ladies
 - Dresses should be modest
 - Midriff, either front or back, may not be exposed
 - Cleavage must not be visible at any time
 - No plunging necklines
 - Skirts or dresses may not exceed 3" above the bend knee
 - Dresses must have at least one strap which is at least 1 1/2" wide
 - Guests must abide by this same dress code
- Gentlemen
 - Dress shirt, tie, suit jacket, dress pants, or tuxedo are acceptable formal attire
 - Guests must abide by this same dress code