



## Dress Code

Student appearance should enhance the spiritual, social, and academic atmosphere at Agape Christian Academy. Furthermore, it is the desire of the school to create an environment of scholarship and mutual respect among our students. We believe that God's Word teaches us to dress modestly in such a manner as not to cause anyone to stumble and not become conformed to the styles and trends of the world. One's appearance makes a visible statement about one's faith and as a result we desire to do all things to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31).

Parents, please note that our apparel has been prayerfully selected to eliminate distractions and promote learning. We understand that God has given parents the primary responsibility for the nurture and admonition of their children. The investment that you have made in teaching your children about appropriate dress will be reinforced at Agape Christian Academy. Student privileges carry responsibilities so please take great care in adhering to our dress code. With this in mind, we have established standards for dress and appearance for our school. The purpose of our dress code is neither to work a hardship on the students or parents, nor to deny the dictates of individual conscience. We believe that the best way to establish a consistent appearance for our students is through uniform-like standards for dress. The following guidelines are intended to promote appropriate apparel and grooming habits that will not be a distraction in the classroom. We believe our dress code serves as a guide for our students to develop God-consciousness in their personal habits of dress.

The Academy will have examples of the recommended clothing for the parents to view. This apparel can be purchased at any store. On occasion, the Administration may deem a "no uniform" day which will allow students to wear clothing that deviates from this dress code. Those days will be announced in advance to students and parents along with guidelines for dress.

Every student's dress affects the atmosphere of the entire school, academic achievement, student attitude and behavior. The Bible says that all young people should be an example of the believers. . . I Tim 4:12. Our dress code is an effort to reinforce this expectation from God. By choosing to send your son or daughter to Agape Christian Academy, parents are expected to work with the staff to maintain neatly dressed and well-groomed students out of respect for our Lord. We expect parents to work with the staff to maintain the dress code; it is important to teach our young people to respect authority.

The following are student appearance charts for young men and women. In accordance with article 12 of Agape's Statement of Faith, boys and young men will dress in accordance with the standards for boys and young men, and girls and young women will dress in accordance with the standards for girls and young women. All students' clothing items must conform to the style and color standards. Be careful to choose a modest, loose-fitting, attire size in all garments. While we have taken care to set precise standards, no list of standards can cover every possibility. We realize that whenever appearance standards are implemented, there will be unforeseen circumstances. In light of this, the Administration will make the final decision concerning student appearance compliance should specific issues arise. Any issues involving questionable clothing or appearance will be handled at the discretion of the Campus Administrator. When in doubt about a garment, it is suggested that you bring it to the Campus Administrator for approval.

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## Dress Code Standards for Boys and Young Men

Item	Style	Description
Polo shirts	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo's with a collar.	The shirts must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Dress shirts	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved oxford cloth with a collar.	The shirts must be solid colored of <b>any color</b> free of lettering, patterns or stripes. Shirts must be tucked in neatly with belt visible for students in Grades 5 thru 12.
Pants/shorts	Dress/cargo pants and shorts, pleated or flat front. Shorts are to be walking length (may not be worn December through March). No sweatpants or athletic pants/shorts.	<b>Navy blue, black or khaki/ tan</b> (all cotton or cotton/poly blend) solid colors with no holes and no stitching. No rivets or carpenter loop. No denim/jeans. Must not be ripped, split or frayed. Must be worn with belt (Grades 5 thru 12) unless the slacks/shorts have elastic waist bands.
Sweaters	V-neck, crew neck or cardigan sweaters and/or sweater vests.	Sweaters must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> - free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Turtlenecks	Long- or short-sleeved mock or fold-over style.	Turtleneck must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> - and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Sweatshirts	Hooded or crew neck are permitted to be worn over school uniform shirts.	Sweatshirts must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> - and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest. Sweatshirts worn outdoors for recess may have lettering/design – sweatshirts with lettering/design must be taken off while indoors/in the classroom.
Shoes	Dress shoes, tennis shoes, indoor boots or sandals.	No flip flops or slides are permitted. Outdoor boots should only be worn for recess.
Belts: this standard applies to students in Grades 5 thru 12	Must be worn at all times unless pants/shorts have elastic waistband.	Solid <b>black, brown, gray or white</b> .
T-shirts	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved crew neck t-shirts are permitted under uniform shirts. They are not to be worn as a uniform shirt.	T-shirts must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> . No print should be visible through outer wear. No thermal underwear. These are not uniform shirts and must be worn under a uniform top.
Hair and Facial Hair	Well-groomed hair with no extremes in style or color. No facial hair permitted.	Hair length not to extend beyond collars. Young men should be clean shaven.
Other Items	Tattoos, piercings, hats, caps, sunglasses.	No visible tattoos (permanent or temporary/play) are permitted; hats, caps and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building. Jewelry is not permitted in body piercings.

***Agape wear/Agape spirit wear tops with sleeves are acceptable as part of the uniform. When purchasing Agape apparel, printing can be placed on the back of the garment. This can include words such as student names, Agape sports teams and graduation years. Review the words with your Campus Administrator prior to making a decision about the wording on the back of tops/shirts/sweatshirts.***

## Dress Code Standards for Girls and Young Women

Item	Style	Description
Polo shirts and polo collared dresses	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved polos with a collar or a polo dress with a collar long or short sleeved.	The shirts/dresses must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Blouses	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved oxford cloth with a collar.	The blouses must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. Blouses must be tucked in neatly with belt visible for students in Grades 5 thru 12. Top blouse button may be unbuttoned.
Skirts/skorts and jumpers	Length no more than one inch above the knee in the front and the back but may be longer.	<b>Tan/khaki , black, or navy blue</b> solid colors. If the length of the skirt, skort or jumper is more than one inch above the knee, the student must wear leggings.
Pants/shorts	Dress/cargo pants and shorts, pleated or flat front. Shorts are to be walking length (may not be worn December through March). Walking length shorts, no shorter than three inches above the top of the knee (may not be worn Dec. thru March). No athletic shorts.	<b>Navy blue, black or khaki/ tan</b> (all cotton or cotton/poly blend- no denim/jeans). No rivets or carpenter loops. Must not be ripped, split or frayed. No sweatpants, yoga pants, jeans or athletic pants or shorts. Leggings can be worn only under a skirt/not as pants. Pants/shorts must be worn with belt unless pants have an elastic waist band (Grades 5 thru 12).
Sweaters	V-neck, crew neck or cardigan sweaters and/or sweater vests.	Sweaters must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Turtlenecks	Long- or short-sleeved mock or fold-over style.	Turtlenecks must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. The turtlenecks must be solid colored and free of lettering, patterns or stripes. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest.
Sweatshirts	Hooded or crew neck are permitted to be worn over school uniform shirts.	Sweatshirts must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> and free of lettering, patterns or stripes.. A small (no more than one inch in size) manufacturer's insignia may appear on the chest. Sweatshirts worn outdoors for recess may have lettering/design – sweatshirts with lettering/design must be taken off while indoors/in the classroom.
Shoes	Dress shoes, tennis shoes, sandals or indoor boots.	No flip flops or slides are permitted. Outdoors boots should only be worn for recess.
Tights	Leggings/tights that are worn under skirts. Tights/leggings are not to be worn as pants.	Can be patterned and of any color.
Belts: applies to Grades 5 thru 12	Must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops.	Solid black, brown, gray or white. To be worn in belt loops only.
T-shirts	Long-sleeved or short-sleeved crew neck shirts are permitted under uniform shirts.	T-shirts must be solid colored – of <b>any color</b> . No print should be visible through outer wear. No thermal underwear. These are not uniform shirts and must be worn under a uniform top.
Hair	No extreme in hairstyle or coloring only natural hair colors; natural highlights are acceptable.	Headbands and hair clips are permitted. No head scarves, colored or decorative hair extensions, or feathers.
Other	Makeup, tattoos, piercings, hats, caps, sunglasses.	No visible tattoos permanent or temporary/play permitted; hats, caps and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building. Makeup should be moderate – light foundation, eye makeup and lip gloss. Jewelry is not permitted in body piercings except for in one piercing in each ear.

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