

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

By attending Aucilla Christian Academy, students agree to abide by the dress code established by the Board of Directors. Supervision of dress is a parental responsibility. Students are to be well groomed and dressed in a manner that reflects the Christian standards the school promotes. The intentions of this dress code are to maintain a healthy, modest, respectful, and Godly environment for learning and to teach our students to respect themselves as God's temples that they are.

**Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit
who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;**

-1 Corinthians 6:19

The administration reserves the right to ascertain acceptability of any article of clothing or accessory, including those worn at school functions, activities, and events.

All Students:

- Hats, caps or other head coverings are not allowed to be worn or in the student's possession during the school day.
- Cleats are not to be worn to school classes or inside school buildings.
- Tattoos, body piercings, and abnormal hair color are not permitted.
- Proper undergarments are to be worn and should be covered at all times.
- *Clothing may not be torn or have holes with skin showing*
- Clothing should fit properly, neither oversized nor formfitting.
- Midriffs must be covered completely while standing and arms are raised.
- Shirts and Blouses:
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and full shoulder must be covered.
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses may be worn untucked if neat and appropriate.
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses must cover the student's back.
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses with slogans, pictures, or phrases on them are permitted as long as they promote the Christian standards the school promotes.
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses shall always be worn in a manner to promote modesty. Shoulders must not be bare, chests must not be exposed, or cleavage visible or accentuated. Any non opaque fabrics must have opaque fabric beneath in all areas of the body other than permissible necklines and sleeves to the shoulders.
 - ❖ Shirts and blouses may be layered to meet the dress code as long as layers are worn throughout the day.
- Athletic uniforms are not to be worn to school with the following exceptions:
 - ❖ As directed by an ACA coach or sponsor to be prepared for a school team athletic event. Hats included as part of a school athletic uniform must be kept in students' lockers until departure for the athletic event.
 - ❖ There may be select, scheduled days when athletes may wear their school athletic uniforms to school to promote school spirit.

Girls:

- ❖ Hair: Only conservative hairstyles are permitted.

Boys:

- ❖ Hair: Only conservative hairstyles are permitted. Hair should not touch the collar of a banded shirt or cover the face. Sideburns must be no longer than the earlobe. No ponytails or "rattails" are permitted.
- ❖ No hair bands, hair pins or clips, etc. may be worn.
- ❖ Earrings are not permitted.

Elementary School - Grades PreK Through 3

- ❖ Children should dress for comfort during play.
- ❖ Shorts and pants with elastic waistbands are recommended for children in PreK and K5.
- ❖ It is recommended that parents keep a change of clothes in their child's backpack for children in PreK.
- ❖ Shoes should be comfortable and safe for play and exercise. Heel of shoe must be enclosed or have a heel strap.
- ❖ Make up is not permitted

Elementary School - Grades 4 And 5

- ❖ Pants and Shorts: Students may wear pants or shorts including overalls. Short hems must fall mid-thigh or longer.
- ❖ Shoes should be comfortable and safe for play and exercise. Heel of shoe must be enclosed or have a heel strap.

Girls

- ❖ Dresses and Skirts: Dresses and skirts (or the top of the slit, if any) must be just above the knee cap or longer. The blouse part of a dress must meet dress code for shirts and blouses.
- ❖ Make up is not permitted.

Middle School and High School - Grades 6 Through 12

- ❖ Pants: Students may wear pants or shorts fastened with a zipper and/or buttons. Athletic pants are not permitted (except in PE). *Shorts must be 3 inches or less above the knee.*
- ❖ Backless shoes are permitted.
- ❖ All students taking Physical Education (PE) classes must purchase and wear school PE uniforms, socks, and athletic shoes.
 - ❖ PE shorts are not to be worn at any other time during the school day than PE classes or sports practices that are within the school day.
 - ❖ Failure to wear a PE uniform, socks, and athletic shoes to PE class is considered, “not dressing out,” and will have a negative effect on a student’s PE grade.

Girls

- ❖ Skirts: Skirts must be knee length or longer when standing. Slits, if any shall not go above the knee.
- ❖ Dresses: Dresses shall conform to dress code requirements for shirts and blouses and skirts.

Boys

- ❖ Facial Hair: Young gentlemen must be clean-shaven at all times.

Enforcement: Elementary School - Grades PreK Through 5

- ❖ Parents of students wearing inappropriate clothing will be contacted by the teacher to review the dress code requirements for their child. Further concerns will be referred by the teacher to the office.

Enforcement: Middle School and High School - Grades 6 Through 12

Again, the intentions of this dress code are to maintain a healthy, modest, respectful, and Godly environment for learning and to teach our students to respect themselves as God’s temples that they are. Staff will address and correct a student with a dress code violation in such a manner to teach the student respect for God, themselves, the people around them, and their school.

- ❖ If a student is unable to correct a dress code violation at the time it is noticed, then they will be required to report to the office.
- ❖ If the violation cannot be corrected, the parent must provide the student with appropriate clothing or appropriate clothing will be provided and parents will be billed for the cost.
- ❖ **Students will not be allowed to return to class until they are in compliance with the dress code.**
- ❖ Second and subsequent offenses that do not require a student to report to the office will be handled as per classroom disciplinary procedures.
- ❖ Second and ongoing offenses that require a student to report to the office will result in a referral and appropriate disciplinary actions.