

4.4 DRESS CODE & ASE UNIFORM

As authorized by state law and the school's charter, students are required to wear uniforms to school. The school's uniform policy and grooming standards are established to teach grooming and hygiene, create a safe and orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. Students are expected to arrive in a proper school uniform every day, display modesty and neatness, and take pride in their uniforms. The school relies on student common sense and the support of parents to help maintain this dress code.

Parents must provide their student(s) with the required uniform. The school may provide a uniform for economically disadvantaged students. A request for school assistance for purchasing uniforms must be made in writing to the Principal, and include evidence of the inability to pay. Further details are available in the Principal's office.

A parent may choose for his or her student(s) to be exempted from the requirement of wearing a uniform if the parent provides a written statement that states a bona fide religious or philosophical objection to the requirement.

Notice to Parents and Students

If a student arrives at school out of uniform or is groomed inappropriately, the student's parent(s) will be called to bring a change of clothes. The student will not be allowed to attend class until he or she is appropriately dressed. Any class time missed will be counted as an unexcused absence. The school reserves the right to determine and restrict unbecoming styles. Violations of the school's uniform policy and grooming standards will result in incremental disciplinary action.

4.4.01 Uniform Top

- All students must wear the ASE School uniform shirt or may be substituted with a plain red/blue polo shirt with school logo on it. If parents purchase a plain red/blue polo shirt then a school patch must be on the uniform. School uniforms and patches must be purchased from the school.

○ 1st through 5th Grades

○ 6th through 8th Grades

○ 9th through 12th Grades



Elementary School Patch
(Required with plain polo shirt)



Middle & High School Patch
(Required with plain polo shirt)

- Red polo shirt with white pin stripes for elementary students and Red polo shirts with blue collar for middle school students, Blue polo shirt with red collar for high school students. If there is no available size at

school, parents may buy plain red polo shirt for middle and elementary or plain blue polo shirt for high school students. School patch must be purchased from school and must be stitched or ironed on plain polo shirts.)

- Plain long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirt (navy blue, red, black, white, pink or maroon only).
- *** If there is any religious requirement , parents must provide a letter from their religious authorities regarding the exemption. Students who wears scarf to cover their hair because of religious requirement they have to wear only following colors; plain blue, red, black, white, pink or maroon colors only.
- Students who require an extra layer of clothing to remain warm in school may purchase an official ASE sweatshirt for wear in the classroom and on school grounds. Only official ASE sweatshirts and ASE letterman jackets are approved for wear over the school uniform top.

▪ **4.4.02 Pants**

- Properly fitting navy blue, black or khaki pants. (For all grade levels)
- Properly fitting navy blue, black or khaki shorts (1-8 only).
- Shorts must be to the knee or longer and may not have cargo pockets. No skirts are allowed.
- Black, dark blue or brown fitted belt is recommended. A belt is required in the event a student's trousers sag unacceptably without the use of a belt.

• **Note to Parents and Students**

- Uniforms with torn pants or shirts with holes are not allowed. All damaged uniform items should be replaced.

▪ **4.4.03 Footwear**

- Socks: White, navy, blue or black socks must be worn at all times. No “footies” are allowed.
- Shoes: Dark-colored lace-up shoes or loafers with closed toes/heels, or athletic shoes.
- Boots: Boots are allowed to be worn between November and March, depends on weather conditions.

▪ **4.4.04 P.E. Uniform Policy**

- First thru 5th grade: Students are required to wear their school uniforms during P.E. classes.
- Middle and High School students are required to purchase school PE uniform designed and sold by school. If P.E class is the first period, students may come to school with PE clothes. Students are required to change back to their school uniform after their P.E. class.

▪ **4.4.06 Additional Uniform Policy and Grooming Requirements and Limitations**

- Freedom of expression, good judgment, respect for others and safety are the foundations of ASE's approach towards student dress. Clothing and accessories must be safe and non-distracting or disruptive to the educational program.
- In addition to wearing proper school uniforms, ASE requires that students follow the following dress code guidelines. ASE prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the administrations' judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

▪ **4.4.07 Pants and Slacks**

- No jeans or cargo-style pants/shorts may be worn.
- Pants may not be baggy or sag, or have a low waistline.
- Pants must be worn properly at waist.
- Pant legs may not be rolled up.
- Belts must fit properly and not hang down when buckled. Belts should be plain with no rhinestones, wording, or designs. Belt buckles may not display distracting or offensive designs or slogans.
- **NOT ALLOWED:** sweat pants, jogging pants, leggings, spandex (too tight), or bike shorts.

▪ **4.4.08 Footwear**

- No sandals, mules, “Ugs”, high heels, boots or Crocs are allowed.
- No Heelies (shoes with wheels), no illuminated shoes, or light up shoes are allowed.
- All shoes must have backs or secure straps on the heel for safety.
- Shoelaces must be tied at all times. No long shoelaces are allowed.
- Shoes must be kept clean at all times.

• **4.4.09 Personal Appearance**

- No facial or visible/discernible body piercings are allowed. Enlarged or gaged earlobes are considered body piercings. To decrease the visibility of gaged earlobes, students with this type of body piercing will not be permitted to wear any type of jewelry in the earhole while on school property.
- No clip-on jewelry (earrings, nose rings, etc.) is allowed. Girls may wear only one pair of stud earrings; no large dangling or hoop earrings are allowed.
- No spike/gaged earrings. No spike necklaces or bracelets.
- Necklaces must be tucked into uniform shirt.
- Bracelets and necklaces are limited to 1 or 2.
- No visible/discernible tattoos (permanent or temporary) are allowed.
- No extreme hairstyles (Mohawk/Fohawk/Designs Cut and Spiked-Up) Hair must be natural color with no unnatural color streaks/highlights (green, pink, blue, etc.).
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn during the school day, unless a doctor’s note provided.
- No facial hair for high school male students allowed. Boys must be clean shaven, absent a religious exception.
- Wallets with chains are not permitted.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Girls may wear tasteful make-up and nail polish that does not call attention to the student.

• **4.4.10 Outerwear**

- No hats, caps, bandannas, or other headwear are allowed during the school day.
- No outerwear, such as windbreakers, jean jackets, or ski jackets, may be worn inside the classroom. Such items must be stored in the student’s locker.
- “Hoodies” may not be worn inside the school building.
- No pullovers or sweatshirts are allowed during the school day.
- Headwear-Religious Reason; Scarf must be plain blue, red, black, white, pink or maroon colors only

▪ **4.4.11 Dress Code on Free Dress Days**

- All general guidelines for dress apply on free dress days, even though school uniforms are not mandatory. Garments must be free of holes, tears, inappropriate wording, logos, messages or advertising. No short, skintight, or legging dresses, or skirts may be worn. All dresses must have sleeves. Students may not wear low cut, midriff-baring, or backless blouses. Students may wear jeans, but they cannot be tight or skinny jeans. Clothing items must not depict images of violence. Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes or pick up a child if he or she violates the dress code.

***The administration has the right to update or change this policy at any time during the school year as necessary.
(Dress Code : Updated and amended on May 9, 2015)