



Abundant Life Christian Academy

Dress Code 2023-2024

We believe modesty is essential in Christian demeanor. The responsibility for dressing modestly rests upon each individual student and upon the parents. However, an individual's responsibility does not end with himself or with his parents, but he is responsible to the school. If, in the opinion of a faculty member or administrator, an individual dresses immodestly or in poor taste, guidance can be expected. Where judgments differ, the administration will make decisions as to acceptability of student dress and will reserve the right to ask any student to change into appropriate clothing.

The following uniform dress code has been adopted for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Elementary (PreK4 – 4th)

Regular Dress Code (Monday – Friday, excluding Wednesday)

General

- No visible tattoos – permanent or temporary.
- Boys will not be allowed to pierce their ears or wear earrings.
- Girls should have no more than one earring in each ear.
- Girls in elementary school may not wear cosmetics.
- Students should not wear any attire or hairstyle that would draw undue attention to themselves or obstruct vision. No non-natural hair colors.
- No smart watches with texting/calling/internet capabilities.

Shirts

- Knit polo style shirt, short or long sleeve, any solid color.
- ALCA logo or manufacturer's logo that a credit card must be able to cover.
- Solid color polo may be worn under girls' jumpers.
- Spirit-wear may be worn any day except chapel day (Wednesday).

Pants

Hemmed, no holes, not frayed; not baggy, not sagging, not form-fitting, not low-cut pants; must fit at the waist.

- The permissible colors for jeans or slacks are black, navy, gray, or tan/khaki.
- Blue jeans may be worn - no embellishments are permitted.
- No leggings (including jeggings) will be worn as pants.

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Shorts

Must not be higher than 3 inches above the knee.

- Skirt, skort, or jumper - black, navy, gray, tan/khaki, or plaid (must be worn with undershorts or leggings).
- Leggings or tights to be worn with skirts – plain, full length, black, navy, gray, or white.

- Polo or jumper dress – black, navy, gray, or tan/khaki in color.
- No athletic shorts.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

- Solid colors only
- ALCA sweatshirt (manufactured for/by ALCA).

Shoes

- No sandals (closed toe only).
- Pre-K4 and Kindergarten: No laces (only Velcro or easy off-on shoes).
- No house shoes or slippers.
- No Heelys (or any shoes with wheels).
- No crocs.

Outerwear

- No camo, sports teams, or logos.
- No trench coats.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets must fit properly and should come to or just below the waist.
- Coats/Outerwear not meeting these specifications may be worn on the playground but may not be worn in the classroom.
- Hats, caps, and hoods may only be worn outdoors as protection from harsh weather. Any logos or markings must be in good taste, and in keeping with the school's philosophy.

Spirit-Wear

Students may follow the regular Monday – Friday (excluding Wednesday) dress code OR students may wear the following:

- ALCA polos, jerseys, or spirit shirts (t-shirts made for/by ALCA) may be worn with dress code pants, skirts, or shorts.

Chapel Dress Code (Wednesday)

- (PreK4 – 4th grade) must wear the *red ALCA issued polo shirt* or red polo shirt with approved *tan/khaki pants/skirts/shorts*.

Middle – High School (5th – 12th)

Regular Dress Code (Monday – Thursday)

General

- No visible tattoos – permanent or temporary.
- Girls should wear a conservative amount of cosmetics.
- Boys will not be allowed to pierce their ears or wear earrings.
- Girls should have no more than two earrings in each ear.
- Boys should be clean shaving.
- No facial piercings.
- Students should not wear any attire or hairstyle that would draw undue attention to themselves or obstruct vision. No non-natural hair colors.
- No smart watches with texting/calling/internet capabilities.

Shirts

- Knit polo style shirt, short or long sleeve, any solid color.
- ALCA logo or manufacturer's logo that a credit card must be able to cover.
- Spirit-wear may be worn any day except chapel day (Friday).
- College shirts may be worn only by seniors on any day but chapel day (Friday).

Pants

Hemmed, no holes, not frayed; not baggy, not sagging, not form-fitting, not low-cut pants; must fit at the waist.

- The permissible colors for jeans or slacks are black, navy, gray, or tan/khaki.
- Blue jeans may be worn - no embellishments are permitted.
- No leggings (including jeggings) will be worn as pants.

Skirts/Skorts/Shorts

Must not be higher than 3 inches above the knee.

- Skirt or skorts - black, navy, gray, or tan/khaki (must be worn with undershorts or leggings).
- Leggings or tights to be worn with skirts – plain, full length, black, navy, gray, or white.
- No athletic shorts.

Sweatshirts/Hoodies

- Solid colors only (manufacturer's logo that a credit card must be able to cover).
- ALCA sweatshirt (manufactured for/by ALCA).

Shoes

- No house shoes or slippers.
- No Heelys (or any shoes with wheels).
- No crocs.

Outerwear

- No camo, sports teams (i.e., NBA, NFL), or logos.
- No trench coats.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets must fit properly and should come to or just below the waist.
- Coats/Outerwear not meeting these specifications may be worn outside but may not be worn in the classroom.
- Hats, caps, and hoods may only be worn outdoors as protection from harsh weather. Any logos or markings must be in good taste, and in keeping with the school's philosophy.

Spirit-Wear

Students may follow the regular Monday – Thursday (excluding Friday) dress code OR students may wear the following:

- ALCA polos, jerseys, or spirit shirts (t-shirts made for/by ALCA) may be worn with dress code pants, skirts, or shorts.
- Athletic game day wear will be issued by the team's coach.

Chapel Dress Code (Friday)

- (5th – 12th grade) must wear the *red ALCA issued polo shirt* or red polo shirt with approved *khaki/tan pants/skirts/shorts*.

ALCA reserves the right to alter or amend the plans, policies, and procedures contained in this publication at any time.