

# Uniform Dress Expectations






A committee of parents, teachers, and administrators worked together to create the uniform expectations and select the vendor to provide those uniforms for ACA families. The expectations described below summarize their work as amended over time and approved by the Board of Directors.

Note: Dennis Uniforms and Mills Uniforms have merged. The ACA uniform expectations refer to Mills but ACA recognizes that Dennis may be the label used on some products. Parents should expect Mills and Dennis to be used interchangeably throughout this document.










**All students must wear uniform articles from designated vendors as indicated in the following charts.**







**ACA MS: Lanyards with IDs must be worn at all times.**











**Exception: ACA Parker plaid skirts, skorts, shorts, jumpers, polos, cap-sleeve shirt, green nylon jackets, pleated pants, and walking shorts (shorter length) are allowed for the life of the garment. Parents can request exceptions due to religious needs through the campus principal.**

<b>Allowable Uniform Articles: Shirts</b>				
<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Allowable Colors</b>	<b>Grade Span</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Note</b>
 <p>Unisex Cotton/poly Pique Short-sleeve Polo with Arlington Classics Academy logo</p>  <p>Unisex Cotton/poly Pique Long-sleeve Polo with Arlington Classics Academy logo</p>	Dark green Navy White	Boys and Girls K-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p><b>Only ACA logo</b> is acceptable.</p> <p>Shirts <b>may not</b> be monogrammed with anything else.</p> <p>Polo shirts purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>For girls in grades K-5, white polo can be worn under Jumper.</p>
 <p>Unisex Poly-wicking Short-sleeve Polo with Arlington Classics Academy logo</p>	Dark green Navy	Boys and Girls K-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p><b>Only ACA logo</b> is acceptable.</p> <p>Shirts <b>may not</b> be monogrammed with anything else.</p> <p>Polo shirts purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p>

 <p>Girls' Poly/Cotton-poplin Cap-sleeve Blouse with Arlington Classics Academy</p>	White	Girls 6-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p><b>Only ACA logo is acceptable.</b></p> <p>Shirts <b>may not</b> be monogrammed with anything else.</p> <p>Cap sleeve blouses purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p><b>*While this item is allowed for the life of the garment, it is no longer available for purchase by the vendor.</b></p>
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Allowable Uniform Articles: Pants, Shorts				
Item Description	Allowable Colors	Grade Span	Source	Note
 <p>Girls' Stretch-twill Flat-front Pants</p>  <p>Women's Stretch-twill Flat-front Pants</p>  <p>Girls' Cotton/poly Flat-front Pants</p>	Navy Khaki	Girls K-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Pants purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Pants must be worn at waistline and should be appropriately sized.</p>
 <p>Boys' Cotton/poly Twill Pleated Pants</p>  <p>Men's Cotton/poly Twill Pleated Pants - Medium Inseam</p>  <p>Boys' Cotton/poly Twill Flat-front Pants</p>  <p>Men's Cotton/poly Twill Flat-front Pants - Medium Inseam</p>	Navy Khaki	Boys K-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Pants purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Mens' Pants with Short/Long Inseam also available.</p> <p>Pants must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p> <p><b>*While all items listed are allowed for the life of the garment, the pleated pant is no longer available for purchase by the vendor.</b></p>



 <p>Girls' Cotton/poly Flat-front Shorts</p>  <p>Girls' Stretch-twill City Shorts</p>	<p>Navy Khaki</p>	<p>Girls K-8</p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Shorts purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Shorts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>
 <p>Unisex Cotton/poly Twill Pull-on Shorts (Grade K Only)</p>  <p>Unisex Cotton/poly Twill Pull-on Pants (Grade K Only)</p>	<p>Navy Khaki</p>	<p>Girls and Boys <b>Kindergarten Only</b></p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Pull-on Shorts or Pants purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Shorts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>
<p><b>Allowable Uniform Articles: Shorts, Skirts, Skorts</b></p>				
<p><b>Item Description</b></p>	<p><b>Allowable Colors</b></p>	<p><b>Grade Span</b></p>	<p><b>Source</b></p>	<p><b>Notes</b></p>

 <p>Boys' Cotton/poly Twill Flat-front Shorts</p>  <p>Boys' Cotton/poly Twill Pleated Shorts</p>  <p>Men's Cotton/poly Twill Flat-front Shorts</p>  <p>Men's Cotton/poly Twill Pleated Shorts</p>	<p>Navy Khaki</p>	<p>K-8</p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Shorts purchased from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Shorts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p> <p><b>*While all items listed are allowed for the life of the garment, the pleated short is no longer available for purchase by the vendor.</b></p>
 <p>Girls' 2-in-1 Skort</p>  <p>Girls' Poly Performance Double Wrap Skort</p>	<p>Plaid Navy Khaki (Navy and Khaki in limited supply)</p> <p>Khaki and Navy</p>	<p>Girls K-8</p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Skorts from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Skorts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>
 <p>Girls' Box-Pleat (reg) Skirt</p>	<p>Navy Khaki</p>	<p>Girls K-8</p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Skirts from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Skirts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>






 <p>Girls' Six-pleat with yoke Skirt</p>	Plaid	Girls K-8	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Skirts from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Skirts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Green Plaid	Girls Grades K to 3 only	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Skirts from any other vendor are not allowed.</p> <p>Skirts must be worn at waistline and must be appropriately sized.</p>

**Allowable Uniform Articles: Jumpers, Accessories**

Item Description	Allowable Colors	Grade Span	Source	Notes
 <p>Girls' Front-zip Jumper - Child Size (Grades K to 5 Only)</p>  <p>Girls' Broadcloth SS Peter-Pan Blouse (Grades K to 5 Only)</p>  <p>Girls' Broadcloth LS Peter-Pan Blouse (Grades K to 5 Only)</p>	Jumper-plaid  Peter Pan blouse-white	Girls K-5	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a></p> 	<p>Peter Pan blouse <b>may not be worn by itself.</b></p> <p>Peter Pan blouse <b>must be worn under Jumper.</b></p> <p>White ACA logo polo may also be worn under Jumper.</p>
 <p>Unisex Leather Belt</p>  <p>Unisex Leather Braided Belt</p>	Brown Black	Boys and Girls 1-8	May be purchased at Dennis/Mills or at vendor of parents' choice.	<p>For Girls, belts are not required if the pants/shorts do not have belt loops.</p> <p>Belts must be solid color.</p>
 <p>Unisex Three-Pack Crew Socks</p>  <p>Girls' Flat Knee-Hi Socks</p>	Solid white Solid black Solid gray Solid navy	Boys and Girls K-8	May be purchased at Dennis/Mills or at vendor of parents' choice.	No patterns, logos or designs allowed on socks.

 Girls' Tights	Solid white Solid black Solid gray Solid navy	Girls K-8	May be purchased at Dennis/Mills or at vendor of parents' choice.	No patterns or designs allowed on tights.
 ¾ or Full length leggings	Solid white Solid black Solid gray Solid navy	Boys and Girls K-8	May be purchased from vendor of parents' choice.	<b>Leggings may  not be worn as  pants.</b>  Leggings may be worn under shorts, skirts, or jumpers.  No patterns, logos, or designs allowed.

<b>Allowable Uniform Articles: Outerwear OPTIONS</b>				
<b>Item and Description</b>	<b>Allowable Colors</b>	<b>Grade Span</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Notes</b>
 Unisex Acrylic V-neck Cardigan Sweater with Arlington Classics Academy logo	<b>Allowable</b> Navy	Girls and Boys K-8	<b>Must be purchased from  Dennis/Mills.</b>  <a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a>  	Cardigans from other vendors are not allowed.
 Unisex Fleece Front-zip Jacket with Arlington Classics Academy logo	Navy	Girls and Boys K-8	<b>Must be purchased from  Dennis/Mills.</b>  <a href="http://www.millswear.com">www.millswear.com</a>  	
ACA PTO Spirit Shop Zip Jacket	Navy Dark Green	Girls and Boys K-8	May be purchased from ACA PTO Spirit Shop.	Navy ACA logo zip hoodies purchased in previous years are allowed.

 <p>Plain, zip or button front jacket with NO LOGO</p>	<p>Solid black Solid gray Solid navy Solid dark green (like the polo shirt dark green)</p>	<p>Girls and Boys K-8</p>	<p>May be purchased from vendor of parents' choice.</p>	<p>Jackets must zip or button in the front.</p> <p>Jackets may NOT have a logo or embroidery other than the approved ACA logo</p>
 <p>Unisex Nylon Front-zip Jacket with Arlington Classics Academy logo</p>	<p>Dark green</p>	<p>K-8</p>	<p><b>Must be purchased from Dennis/Mills.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.millsweat.com">www.millsweat.com</a></p> 	<p>*While all items listed are allowed for the life of the garment, the item is no longer available for purchase by the vendor.</p>
 <p>Plain zip or button front coat</p>	<p>Solid black Solid gray Solid navy Solid dark green (like the polo shirt dark green)</p>	<p>K-8</p>	<p>May be purchased from vendor of parents' choice.</p>	<p>Coats may have a hood, but students may only wear hoods outside.</p> <p>Coats may not have logos or embroidery.</p>
<p><b>Allowable Uniform Articles: Discontinued Items</b></p>				
Item and Description	Allowable Colors	Grade Span	Source	Notes
<p>Monogrammed oxford with ACA logo</p> 	<p>White</p>	<p>Boys 6-8</p>	<p>Dennis/Mills</p>	<p>This item has been discontinued. Oxfords with ACA logos may be worn for the life of the garment.</p>
<p>ACA Parker jumpers, skorts, skirts, shorts, polos, and Peter Pan shirts</p>			<p>Parker</p>	<p>No longer available for purchase. These items may be worn for the life of the garment.</p>

Students should dress neatly with shirts tucked in and approved belts (Grades 1-8). ACA-issued t-shirts (campus incentive shirts like multiplication, reading, geography, or club shirts that are approved by ACA) are designed to reward the student that earned the shirt for the time that student is on campus. These shirts should not be shared. Shirts that specify a campus can only be worn on the campus specified as a spirit shirt.

For female students, belts need not be worn if the uniform article does not have belt loops.

- Hooded sweatshirts/athletic shirts are not allowed except for approved college shirts on college shirt days only
- Extremely baggy clothing is not allowed.
- Torn, cut, or ripped clothing is not allowed.

Footwear:

- Shoes must be appropriate for P.E.
- Shoes should have a closed toe and closed heel.
- Shoes may NOT have wheels, lights, sounds or any other accessory with the potential to distract students from learning.

Jewelry:

- Allowable jewelry includes watches, earrings (stud or small hoop only), simple rings, and gold or silver chains with an appropriate pendant.
- Any jewelry deemed distracting to the learning environment will not be allowed.
- It is at the Principal's discretion to determine if the jewelry is of a distracting nature.

Personal Grooming:

- Hair
  - ACA will not discriminate against natural hairstyles based on race as defined in HB567 of the 88th Texas Legislature session.
  - Hair should be clean and well-groomed.
  - Un-natural hair coloring or excessive fad hairstyles that may include designs, feathers, or decorative headbands (i.e. kitty cat ears, unicorn horns, etc.) are prohibited.
  - Hair accessories such as ponytail holders, clips, headbands, and barrettes may be used. Students are encouraged to wear navy, dark green, white, gray, black, brown, or clear hair accessories. Dennis/Mills hair accessories are allowed. ([www.millswear.com](http://www.millswear.com))
  - Bandanas are not allowed.
  - It is at the Principal's discretion to determine if the hair style is of a distracting nature..
- Face
  - No designs in eyebrows allowed.
  - Tongue rings, gauges in place of earrings and visible body piercings other than earrings are not allowed.
  - Makeup fashions for girls should be minimal and not cause a disruption to the learning environment.
  - Grills or temporary decorations on teeth are not to be worn.
- Body
  - Inappropriate tattoos and body art are not allowed.
- Students out of uniform will be issued a variance letter from the teacher and be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school.
- Persistent dress code violations may result in adverse action according to the Student Code of Conduct at the campus administrator's discretion.
- Repeated disregard for the dress code may result in more serious disciplinary action, including dismissal from ACA.
- Exceptions will be made for black, navy, khaki, and white attire if the attire in question is worn in compliance of a religious doctrine or related to a medical device or need.



This Uniform Dress Code is not comprehensive; therefore, decisions regarding dress and grooming are campus decisions. The decision of the Principal is considered final.

<b>Non-Uniform Day Expectations</b>			
<b>Lucky Buck Day</b>		<b>Theme Day</b>	<b>Free Dress Day/ 8th Grade Fundraiser Day</b>
<p><i>Occurs Every Friday</i></p> <p><i>Students must pay \$1 for this privilege.</i></p> <p><i>Parents may pay weekly, by 9-week period, or for the year.</i></p> <p><b>**Funds directly support campuses**</b></p>		<p><u>Examples include, but are not limited to:</u></p> <p><i>Storybook Character Day</i> <i>Red Ribbon Week</i> <i>Field Day</i> <i>World Culture Day</i> <i>College Shirt Day (college hoodies allowed only on this day)</i></p> <p><i>Theme Days are announced by individual campuses.</i></p>	<p><i>Designated at Beginning of Year for 8th Grade Fundraiser (students must pay for this privilege)</i></p> <p><i>Other Free Dress Days will be announced by individual campuses.</i></p>
<b>Students May Wear</b>	<b>Students May NOT Wear</b>	<b>Students May NOT Wear</b>	<b>Students May NOT Wear</b>
<p>Blue denim jeans with no rips, tears, writing, embroidery, bejeweled or otherwise embellished</p> <p>Blue denim shorts with no rips, tears, writing, embroidery, bejeweled or otherwise embellished</p> <p>ACA-approved Spirit Shirt</p> <p>ACA uniform shirt</p>	<p>Colored jeans</p> <p>Leggings (athletic, cotton, denim or other) as pants</p> <p>Shirts that are not ACA-approved Spirit Shirts</p>	<p>Jeans with rips, tears, writing, embroidery, bejeweled or otherwise embellished unless approved by administration to meet the spirit of the theme</p> <p>Leggings/jeggings as pants</p>	<p>Jeans with rips, tears, writing, embroidery, bejeweled or otherwise embellished</p> <p>Costumes</p> <p>Leggings/jeggings as pants</p>
<p>Students must meet expectations for Shoes, Hair, Face and Body as on Uniform Dress Days.</p>			

**Students may NOT wear the following at ANY time (Uniform or Non-Uniform Days):**

- Sweat pants
- Tops with large armholes and/or that are low cut in front or back.
- Tops that reveal the middle section of the body.
- Non-ACA-sanctioned hooded sweatshirts.
- Designs in eyebrows.
- Tongue rings, gauges in place of earrings and visible body piercings other than earrings.
- Grills or temporary decorations on teeth.
- Inappropriate tattoos.
- Shorts/skirts/dresses shorter than fingertip-length.

