

Dressing for Life's Success

Acacia Academy Dress Code Policy

Version 1

We at Acacia are dedicated to preparing our students for success: success in their academic careers; success in their personal development; and success in their professional lives. We believe that an important part in that equation is learning to 'dress for success'. The first impression that most people get when meeting someone new is a visual one. First impressions are powerful – either powerfully good or powerfully bad, and either way they resist being changed. To help instill in our students this habit of dressing for success we have a dress code policy.

The school dress code follows: a plain shirt with a collar, plain cotton Docker-like pants, and your choice of shoes. Students may wear a sweater or sweatshirt if it is plain, void of stripes, logos, etc.... Hair must be of a conservative color, style, clean, and a moderate length for both girls and boys. Boys may not wear any earrings. Earrings for girls may not exceed two (2) per ear. Facial piercings including tongues are **not allowed** at Acacia Academy. Fines will be issued for coats and jackets. They are considered outer wear and deemed inappropriate for indoor use.

- **Pants:** *Cotton tan/khaki – No Jeans and No Colored Denim*
Straight legged with no more than four pockets at the hip - **No cargo pants**
Appropriate fit in length and size (not tight/saggy) **Worn at the waist line,**
not hanging down . **Females** may wear capri pants as long as the hemline is
at the knee or below.

Shorts in a similar style may be worn by males **ONLY** in the above solid colors. Length
may not exceed three inches above the knee. **Females are not allowed** to wear any type
of shorts, skirts or dresses.
- **Tattoos:** Tattoos **are not** acceptable. If tattoos preexist before a student enrolls, we will not require
students to remove tattoos, but they do need to **cover the tattoos at all times**.
- **Shirts:** **Navy** long or short sleeved, Polo or Oxford shirts.
Shirts worn under this shirt must be navy, and not extend past the
other shirt sleeve. Shirts/blouses need to fit appropriately in length and size (not too tight,
too short, or too revealing i.e., stomach and back). Shirts **must** be plain, void of logos, stripes,
patches, etc.
- **Sweater/** **Navy**, pull over or front opening. Sweaters, worn over the uniform shirt need to fit appropriately
Sweatshirt(not too loose/too tight) and be void of logos, stripes, patches, etc. **Hooded** sweaters or
sweatshirts are **NOT ALLOWED**. Collared **navy** fleeces are acceptable.
- **Hats:** Acacia Academy is a “hats-off” building for **ALL** students, staff, and visitors.
- **Fines:** **We will fine students \$15.00 when not dressed in proper attire.**
As stated in our handbook, students must pay all fines in order to have report cards sent home or
transcripts mailed. Anyone wearing a hat or males wearing earrings will be charged a \$15.00
fine. If the hat or earrings reappear on the **same day**, the student will receive an additional
\$10.00 fine each time.