

The Accelerated Schools – TAS & WAHS Dress Code Policy

Dress Code

Dress codes promote a team theme and the idea that the mind and body are more important than clothes. Most importantly, for the safety of our students and due to certain logos, colors, or types of apparel being associated with gang affiliations, it is imperative that our students dress in a manner that makes it clear that they have no such affiliations and are engaged in academic endeavors. Dress codes, if applied fairly, instill a sense of unity, and pride.

Please see the main office for a complete copy of the uniform policy and dress code for your school or check your school website.

Please note that the school uniform is optional, but the <u>dress code is mandatory for all students</u>. No waiver is necessary to opt out of the uniform. Exceptions to the uniform and dress code policies will be made as necessary to avoid discrimination against any religions, cultural groups, or other protected classifications.

TAS/WAHS	Uniform	Dress Code
Shirts	Polo shirt, in school colors TAS: Light Blue WAHS: White with school logo	Shirt must have fabric in the front, back, and on the sides that reaches the top of your chosen bottoms.
Pants / Shorts / Skirts	TAS: Blue pants, shorts, or skirts WAHS: Khaki-colored uniform pants, shorts, or skirts (See guidelines below for length restrictions)	Any pants, jeans, shorts, or skirts. Students may wear: Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and "skinny jeans"
Sweaters & Sweatshirts	Any school-issued sweater or sweatshirt	Students may wear a hoodie sweatshirt. Please note wearing the hood overhead is allowed, but the face and ears must be visible to school staff.
Jackets & Other Outerwear	Students are permitted to wear jackets that comply with the guidelines below. Jackets may not be used to conceal violations of the uniform policy and/or dress code, and staff may request that students remove jackets while indoors.	
Headwear	Students may wear school caps and beanies or plain caps and beanies in school colors (blue and red) or neutral colors (black, gray, white), but these items must be removed inside the classroom. Cultural and/or religious headwear are permitted. Headwear may NOT cover the ears and/or obstruct a clear view of the student's eyes. Headwear may not display any logos other than school logos.	
Notes	 In addition to the items listed above the school uniform policy and dress code permit school spirit gear, including school T-shirts, school sweatshirts, and letterman jackets. On specified school spirit days, some aspects of the dress code may be waived in order to allow for thematic attire. 	

Prohibited Items

The following attire is prohibited at all times:

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping or paraphernalia (or any illegal item or activity).
- Bullet proof vest, body armor, tactical gear, or facsimile.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed)
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance and personal protective equipment).