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Uniform Requirements for Boys and Girls Grades VPK-8

The purpose of wearing a uniform is so that clothing is not a distraction from academics and social growth. Changes have been made to the uniform policy so that it is easier to follow and enforce and to address several safety issues. The school uniform is compulsory. Parents and students are responsible for compliance with uniform requirements. The problem of children out of uniform must be solved by the parent. At Ascension, we believe good grooming is a vital part of a child's education. *Students who are not wearing the proper uniform, will be subject to consequences as detailed below.*

The uniform policy and grooming standards for Ascension were developed in a collaborative effort by parents, teachers, administrators, the school board, and the Pastor.

The most commonly expressed parent/teacher concern is the fairness issue. All the stakeholders in our school community want the uniform regulations to be adhered to by the students, the parents, and the teachers. Students who are not properly complying with the uniform policy will be issued a uniform notice. In grades 1-5, after 3 notices are sent, a conference will be requested. In grades 6-8, after 3 notices are sent, the student will serve a silent lunch.

	Options / Specifications
Uniform Tops	VPK, Pre-K, Kindergarten: ACS logo PE shirt Boys Grades 1-5: ACS logo white polo shirt Girls Grades 1-5: ACS logo white polo shirt Boys Grades 6-8: ACS logo navy blue polo shirt Girls Grades 6-8: ACS logo navy blue polo shirt
Uniform Bottoms	VPK, Pre-K, Kindergarten: ACS logo PE shorts Boys Grades 1-5: Sir Walter navy blue shorts or pants Girls Grades 1-5: Sir Walter navy blue shorts, plaid jumper, plaid skirt/skort, pants. <i>Skirt/skort length is no more than 3" above the knee.</i> Boys Grades 6-8: Sir Walter khaki shorts or pants. Girls Grades 6-8: Sir Walter khaki shorts, skort/skort or pants. <i>Skort/skort length is no more than 3" above the knee.</i>

Undershirts/Undergarments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only solid white, short sleeved undershirts may be worn under uniform tops, including PE days. • All undergarments should be white or flesh colored when worn under white clothing.
Belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown, black, or blue leather or leather-like belt with no other colors or designs on them are allowed. • <i>Belts are required</i> with shorts/pants/skorts (with belt loops) for grades 3-8.
Socks/Tights	<p>Socks: (must be visible for all grades, heel must be covered)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid white must be worn. White knee-high socks are optional for girls. • Socks may not have any picture, logos (ex. Nike, Polo, etc.), or colored designs. <p>Tights: for girls (optional on cold days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid white or navy blue grades 1-5, navy blue only grades 6-8.
Winter Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Cable or flat knit tights only - Leggings and pantyhose are not allowed) • Sir Walter supplies ACS logo long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters and jackets. This should be all that is needed most of the time in Florida. • During the rare occurrence of extremely cold weather, additional coats or jackets may be worn outside if needed. • Hooded jackets should be worn appropriately and hoods are not worn inside. Students should not keep items in the pockets. (i.e. cell phones, etc.)
Shoes	<p>No lights on any shoes should ever be worn to school in any grade, including PE days.</p> <p>VPK, Pre-K, Kindergarten:</p> <p>Sneakers are worn to school each day. While wearing the yellow tee shirt and black shorts, shoes maybe of any color.</p> <p>Velcro closures preferred and strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Shoes should not light up. These are a distraction to the students.</p>

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<p>Shoes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid, single color black, navy blue, brown, or tan leather or clean canvas shoes are acceptable. Shoes should not have colored logos or markings or color combinations. They may have white soles, but high top sneakers are not acceptable. Mary Jane style shoes are acceptable for girls. Vans/Keds styles are acceptable. • <i>No ballet slippers, or slip on shoes that slip off easily, or boots. The back of the shoe must stay on the foot. This change is being made for safety reasons. Students have accidentally stepped out of shoes on stairs and walkways.</i> • Solid black athletic type shoe may be worn. • Shoes must be properly tied with laces showing – laces must match the color of the shoe • Shoes containing Velcro fasteners must be properly secured. • No boots, sandals, flip-flops, open toes, open backs, open sides, wedges, platforms, or narrow or high heels. • Shoes must fit well and be appropriate for walking about the campus, on stairways, and on the playground. • Shoes must stay tied! <p>Examples of appropriate styles of dress shoes are pictured here.</p> 

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Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Uniform</u> outerwear may be worn inside during the school day. • No other outerwear may be worn inside or outside. <i>The only exception is for unusually cold weather. Additional outwear may be worn OVER the uniform while outside only.</i> • All uniform outerwear must bear the ACS logo.
PE Day Uniform	<p>Boys and Girls Grades 1-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold t-shirt with ACS logo • Sweatshirt with ACS logo may be worn over the ACS t-shirt on cold weather days. • Black gym shorts with logo sold through Sir Walter only • Solid navy blue sweatpants on cold weather days – when sweatpants are worn, PE shorts are <u>not</u> to be worn over them. <p>Shoes—Grades 1-8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis shoes/sneakers required for PE . Any color/type acceptable with the exception of sneakers with wheels or lights. Shoe type must be appropriate for all athletic type activities <p>Shoes– PK3, VPK, Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any color/type of tennis shoes/sneakers are acceptable with the exception of shoes with wheels or lights.
Scout Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl/Boy Scouts are permitted to wear their scout uniform or vest to school on day they have their meeting. Shoes must still meet the uniform requirement.

Hair	<p>All Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair should be neatly groomed and combed away from the face so as not to cover the face. • No unnatural colors of hair dyeing including, but not limited to, chunking, tips, streaking, etc. • No shaved or intentionally bald heads. • No designs should be shaven into the hair. • No extreme styles including, but not limited to, "skater cuts", spiked hair, or tails <p>Boys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural hair length must not extend more than halfway over the ears (earlobes must be visible), must not extend below the eyebrows, and must not extend below the top of the collar of a properly worn and buttoned uniform shirt • Sideburns are not permitted • Male students must be cleanly shaven every day. • For very curly hair, the length must not exceed two inches from the scalp <p>Girls:</p> <p>Conservative hair clips are allowed for the purpose of keeping hair out of the face; excessive ribbons, bandanas, and extra large bows, etc. are not permitted. Avoid headbands with large attachments. These are distracting to student learning.</p> <p><i>Students who violate this uniform hair policy will be made to return their hair to a more natural state, and will not be allowed on campus until the problem is corrected. Hair styles should comply with school rules from the first day of school. The principal and/or administration reserve the right to judge the appropriateness of hair length and style.</i></p>
General Dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dress code applies to all students as long as they are on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities; including field trips unless otherwise stated. • Students should present a neat appearance; No sloppy dress permitted. • Shirts MUST be tucked in at all times. • Clothing should be clean, unwrinkled, devoid of holes, etc. • Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts are worn above the hips, fitted properly at the waist. No undergarments of any kind should be showing. • Skirt length will be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap. • No baggy, oversized, or excessively tight clothing is allowed. • Sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets should be worn appropriately and not around the waist.

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General Dress (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hoods or hats may be worn indoors <p><i>All students should take pride in their appearance and are required to wear the uniform properly when on campus or when representing the school elsewhere. Repeated uniform infractions constitute a defiance of authority which may warrant a detention and/or suspension from school.</i></p>
NUT Days (No Uniform Today)	<p>NUT (No Uniform Today) Days are held throughout the year. Students will be notified of any special occasions when they are allowed to wear NUT day clothing. Students donate \$1.00 to participate. NUT days are run by the Student Service Council, and the monies collected go to a wide variety of charitable causes and to enhance the operation of the school. Students are expected to make good decisions when choosing NUT day attire as NUT days are a privilege and not a right. The administration reserves the right to request a change of clothing for inappropriately dressed students or to ask them to wear a loaned school uniform. Each student gets a free NUT day on his or her birthday. Please adhere to the following guidelines:</p> <p>Students may not wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sandals—only closed toes and heels permitted. Tennis Shoes are the preferred shoes as many students have PE and recess as well as stairs to negotiate. No shoes that convert to skates are ever allowed. • clothing you can see through or with open tears that show bare skin • tank tops, all shirts should have sleeves • t-shirts with inappropriate or inflammatory writing • short shorts, (shorts should be mid-thigh) biker shorts, skin tight leggings are only allowed with a long shirt that covers the hips • pajamas, or pajama shorts or pants. • hats <p>All school uniform policies concerning hair, make-up, jewelry, nail polish, hats, roller skate shoes, etc. still apply. Good Rule: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't. Repeated offenses of the dress code will cause the student to lose NUT day privileges. ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</p>

<p>Jewelry / Piercings/Tattoos:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One small cross, or religious medal, and a watch are permissible. Fitbits can be worn so long as they are not a distraction. Smart watches should not be worn and watches should not make noise. • Only necklaces with a religious medal/theme or cross may be worn, unless they are for medical identification purposes. These should be on a thin gold or silver tone chain. Large, oversized necklaces should not be worn to school. • No bracelets or rings. • No body piercings - except girls are allowed a single stud earring in each ear lobe. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. • No large hoop or dangling earrings are permitted. • Visible tattoos are prohibited. • If students are playing with jewelry or are distracted by it, the student will be asked to remove the jewelry and leave it at home.
<p>Makeup / Nail Polish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No makeup - this includes foundations, powder, eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, etc. • Fingernail polish is not permitted. • No artificial fingernails or tips are allowed.