

**Ascent Academies of Utah
Dress Code Specifications
2016-2017 School Year**



PURPOSE

Ascent Academies of Utah believes that a mandatory school dress code promotes a more secure school environment, promotes an atmosphere conducive to appropriate discipline with a minimum need for ongoing intervention, and increases learning and social opportunities by removing many of the distractions and negative or disruptive connotations associated with various types of clothing.

All students are required to comply with the dress code. Although parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their children wear appropriate clothing, students that violate the dress code may be subject to discipline as determined by the Campus Director.

GENERAL

All clothing must be free from holes, tears and other visible disrepair.

Tops

Tops must be a collared, polo-style shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve) and must adhere to the following requirements.

- Color. Navy blue, white or bright (not neon) green. Examples of appropriate green from various retailers include those listed below (note: shirts are not required to be purchased from these retailers):
 - Walmart – Elf Green
 - Old Navy – Greeneration
 - JC Penney – Kelly Green
 - Target – Kelly Green
- Logos. Shirts must be logo-free or bear the Ascent Academies of Utah logo.
- Long-sleeved white t-shirts may be worn under short-sleeved polo shirts.

Bottoms

Bottoms include pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers and must adhere to the following requirements:

- Color. Navy or khaki
- Style. Docker-style or school uniform style only
- Skirts, shorts and jumpers must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.

- White or navy tights or footless leggings may be worn under skirts, shorts or jumpers; however, the length requirement noted above still applies.
- Bottoms must be worn high enough on waist that the shirt can remain tucked in.

Belts

If belts are worn, they must be a plain color, black, brown, navy, khaki, or white, with a non-descript buckle.

Socks

If socks are visible, they must be white only.

Shoes

Shoes must meet the following requirements.

- Closed toe (flip flops, sandals, etc. are not allowed)
- No wheels
- Heels must be less than 1" in height

Hats

Hats may not be worn unless an exception is provided for in an IEP, 504 Plan, or as a medical need.

Sweaters

Students may wear a sweater during school. The sweater must meet the following specifications.

- Solid color - navy, white or spring green
- No logos, external labels, or other insignias
- No hoods
- A polo shirt must be worn under the sweater with the collar showing

FIELD TRIPS

For most field trips, the general dress code specifications above will apply. At the discretion of the Campus Director, exceptions may be made for specific types of field trips such as a visit to a swimming pool or a ski resort.

SCHOOL DANCES

The Campus Director will determine if the dress code applies to a school-sponsored dance. If the dress code does not apply, attire must conform to the following:

- Skirts, dresses or shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Shoulders and midriff must remain covered.
- Necklines on dresses and shirts must be high enough that they are considered "modest" as determined by the Campus Director or the assigned dance supervisor.
- Bottoms must be worn high enough on waist that underwear or skin is not exposed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Junior high students in physical education class must change from school clothing to appropriate PE clothing. Appropriate PE clothing is as follows:

- Plain colored shorts, sweats, or yoga-style pants. A simple, non-distracting stripe or logo is acceptable.
- Plain colored t-shirt. A simple, non-distracting logo is acceptable.
- Athletic shoes.

HAIR and ACCESSORIES

Hair must be worn in a fashion that is non-distracting for the wearer as well as non-distracting for other students. Hair accessories and jewelry must be appropriate for school and must not compromise the safety of the wearer or others. If a question arises, the Campus Director will make the final determination regarding whether or not the hairstyle or accessory is distracting to the instructional environment or compromises student safety.

FREE DRESS DAYS

The Campus Director may grant free dress days throughout the year. Clothing worn on free dress days must be modest, must not compromise safety standards for our students, and must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Skirts, dresses or shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Shoulders and midriff must remain covered.
- Bottoms must be worn high enough on waist that underwear or skin is not exposed.

- No clothing that displays graphic violence, obscene, vulgar, lewd, or sexually explicit words, messages or pictures.
- No clothing that displays or promotes alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
- No jewelry, apparel, emblems, badges, tattoos, clothing or manner of grooming, accessories, symbols, signs, or other thing which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang (see Safe School Policy).

EXAMPLES

