

STUDENT UNIFORMS

Uniform & Dress Code

Arizona College Preparatory has a primary objective of developing a “community of learners,” dedicated to the highest standards of academics and deportment. As such, a distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within our school community. It is also a visible signature of our school to the larger community, an indicator of our unity and of our pride of purpose. This is the most important function of a uniform: it identifies its wearer as part of a distinctive group with a distinctive purpose. It is a reminder to its wearer of that purpose and of one’s responsibility to that group.

Another purpose of a uniform is to reduce the attention given to appearances, and to questions of group affiliation, socio-economic status, and the like. We want students to attend to the ideas and character of their colleagues in school, expressed in other students’ words and deeds, rather than focusing on external appearances. We hope to engender in students a respect for the essential dignity of others. Our desire is not to quash student’s individuality, but to secure their commitment to a community of learners whose purpose, while at school, is scholarship and character development.

Our students should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. All clothing must be clean, neat, reasonably pressed, complimentary (i.e. matching), and in properly fitting condition. **If a student is deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire, the parent will be notified and a change of clothing may be required for attendance that day.** Decisions about the appropriateness of apparel may be referred to administration, whose judgment will be final.

Students must stay in uniform or administrative approved attire whenever they are on campus during school hours. Students may only change out of uniform after school with teacher/coach permission to participate in an approved curricular or extracurricular activity that requires a change in dress. Approved Arizona College Preparatory attire can be purchased through Anton Sport Company, 1602 N. Scottsdale Road, Tempe, AZ 85281, (480) 968-6636, www.antonssport.com, or you can order your uniforms through Arizona College Preparatory administration.

General Dress Standards

Arizona College Preparatory Uniform Standards Monday-Thursday		
	Men	Women
Shirts	Approved ACP Polo’s (purple, black, grey, or white with ACP crest) are required. Approved white oxford shirts with ACP Crest Shirts must be tucked in.	
Pants/Shorts	Solid black, khaki, grey, or navy blue pants or shorts are required. Denim and corduroy free of holes or tears. No checkered, striped, or gingham is permitted. No yoga pants or leggings. Overalls are not permitted. Belts are not required.	
Skirts, Skorts	N/A	Approved navy, black, khaki, or plaid (plaid may include navy, black, white, grey, or khaki) skirts and skorts are permitted.
Capris	N/A	Solid navy, black or khaki capris are permitted. Denim and corduroy may be worn if free of holes and tears.
Sweaters, jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts	Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies with ACP logo or college themes, military or Under Armour logs are permitted. If the outerwear does not have an ACP or Under Armour logo the main color of the outerwear must be purple, black, grey, white, or a combination of those colors.	
Socks	Socks must worn if not wearing sandals. No leggings, leg-warmers, fishnets or thigh highs are permitted.	Socks or tights must be worn. No leggings, leg-warmers, fishnets, or thigh highs are permitted.
Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. All footwear (except sandals) must be worn with socks. Flip flops and slippers are not permitted on campus.	
Undershirts/ Turtlenecks	Short and long-sleeve undershirts/turtlenecks may be worn under polos in solid black, purple or white are permitted.	
Hair	Hair should be neat and combed. Color is permissible but should be done tastefully.	
Headwear/ Sunglasses	Hats and sunglasses are not permitted in classrooms (unless approved by administration). Students who wear a hat and/or sunglasses to school must remove them prior to entering any building on campus	
Tattoos	Tattoos should be covered, this includes excessive writing/drawing on the skin.	

Makeup	Makeup is permitted and should be applied tastefully
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Friday Dress Standards

Arizona College Preparatory Uniform Standards – Friday’s Only		
	Men	Women
Shirts	Approved ACP Polo’s (purple, black, grey, or white with ACP crest), white oxford shirts with ACP Crest or ACP t-shirts, t-shirts depicting a military branch or college or university are permitted. Tops do not need to be tucked in.	
Pants/Shorts	Solid black, khaki, grey, or navy blue pants or shorts are required. Denim may be worn and have minimal tears and holes below the thigh area. (No printed pants or shorts) Solid black, grey or navy yoga pant and leggings are permitted as long as not see through material. Overalls are not permitted.	
Skirts, Skorts	N/A	Approved navy, black, khaki, or plaid (plaid may include navy, black, white, grey or khaki) skirts and skorts are permitted. Distressed denim is permitted as long as no skin is showing.
Capris	N/A	Solid navy, black or khaki capris are permitted. Denim may be worn and have minimal holed and tears below the thigh area.
Sweaters, jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts	Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies with ACP logo or college themes, military or Under Armour logs are permitted. If the outerwear does not have an ACP or Under Armour logo the main color of the outerwear must be purple, black, grey, white, or a combination of those colors.	
Socks	Socks must be worn if not wearing sandals. Tights may be worn but no fishnets or thigh highs.	
Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. All footwear (except sandals) must be worn with socks. Flip flops and slippers are not permitted on campus.	
Undershirts/ Turtlenecks	Short and long-sleeve undershirts/turtlenecks may be worn under polos in solid black, purple or white are permitted.	

“Free Dress” Attire

At times, ACP students will have “free dress” or non-uniform days. On these specified days, students can wear attire other than uniform attire. On “free dress” days students will be expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Any form of dress or hairstyle which is considered contrary to good hygiene or which is distracting or disruptive in appearance and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school will not be permitted. Since fashions and name designations for wearing apparel change frequently, the administration, with the advice and counsel of police, faculty, students, and parents, may provide an interpretation of garments that are questionable.

The dress code is in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-342.22

- Clothing or hairstyles that are detrimental to one’s health and safety or the health and safety of others are not permitted.
- Clothing shall be modest, clean and appropriate for school wear.
- Students shall not wear: tank tops, halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, strapless garments, and fishnet stockings. Garments that are “see-through,” cut low, or expose one’s midriff are not acceptable. Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. Clothing should have adequate coverage to allow a full range of motion movement without skin or undergarments showing. Undergarments must not be visible. Clothing must cover the entire buttocks and extend to a reasonable length to ensure modesty
- Students will be required to remove sunglasses while inside the buildings.
- Footwear must be worn for good health safety. Students cannot wear flip-flops or slippers on campus.
- Monogrammed shirts that advertise illegal substances for minors are not allowed (i.e. cigarettes, liquor of any kind, drugs, and lewd or sexually suggestive messages). Garments identified as gang related by school administration and/or local police departments are not permitted in school.
- Outer garments worn over prohibited items do not necessarily make these garments acceptable. Visible undergarment are prohibited.
- Hats, visors, bandannas, hairnets, and other head coverings will not be allowed on campus at any time.
- Chains, hanging belts, and spiked bracelets/necklaces/earrings are not allowed on campus.
- All school personnel have the responsibility and right to enforce all school rules, including regular and “free dress” guidelines. Students inappropriately dressed for school will remedy the situation before returning to class.

The school administration retains the final discretion in determining if a garment, accessory or appearance complies with the dress code. Repeated violations of the dress standard may result in appropriate disciplinary action, including being suspended from school.