



ARIZONA COLLEGE PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE-POLICY JICA/JICEC

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.

Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus during a school day. 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.antonuniforms.com, or you can check with the ACP administration for the availability of gently used uniform shirts.

GENERAL DRESS STANDARDS

UNIFORM STANDARDS: MONDAY – THURSDAY

Arizona College Preparatory Uniform Standards <u>Monday-Thursday</u> <i>Uniform shirts meeting approved ACP standards must be purchased through Anton Sport Co. Students who have no dress code violations Monday-Thursday may wear approved denim pants or shorts and Arizona College Preparatory t-shirts on Friday.</i>	
Shirts	Approved ACP Polos (purple, black, gray, or white with ACP crest) are required. Approved white oxford shirts with ACP Crest. Shirts MUST be tucked in throughout the day.
Pants/Shorts	Approved black, khaki, or navy-blue pants or shorts are required. Shorts must touch the knee. No leggings or athletic shorts/pants allowed.
Skirts, Skorts	Approved navy, black, khaki, or gray skirts and shorts are permitted. Approved plaid skirts from Anton Uniforms are also acceptable. (length MUST touch the knee – this includes skater skirts).
Capris	Approved navy, black, gray, or khaki capris are permitted.
Sweaters, jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts	Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies with ACP logo or college logos/emblems are permitted. If the outerwear does not have an ACP or college logo it must be solid purple, black, gray, navy or white without any logos or designs.
Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. All footwear (except sandals) must be worn with socks. Footwear must adhere securely at the heel and be tied properly. No flip flops.
Undershirts/ Turtlenecks	Short and long-sleeve undershirts/turtlenecks in solid black, purple, gray or white are permitted.

UNIFORM STANDARDS: FRIDAY ONLY

Arizona College Preparatory Uniform Standards – <u>Friday's Only</u>	
Shirts	Approved ACP Polos (purple, black, gray, or white with ACP crest) Approved white oxford shirts with ACP Crest or ACP t-shirts are required. ACP t-shirts are allowed to be untucked on Fridays only. College themed shirts also allowed (It MUST clearly be a college shirt not a city). Uniform Polo shirts MUST still be tucked in throughout the day.
Pants/Shorts	Approved black, khaki, navy blue or blue denim jeans or knee length (touch the knee) shorts. No leggings or athletic shorts/pants allowed.
Skirts, Skorts	Approved navy, black, khaki, denim, or gray skirts and skorts are permitted. Approved plaid skirts from Anton Uniforms are acceptable. (length: MUST touch the knee -this includes skater skirts).
Capris	Approved navy, black, gray, denim, or khaki capris are permitted.
Sweaters, jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts	Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies with ACP logo or college logo/emblem are permitted. If the outerwear does not have an ACP or college logo it must be solid purple, black, gray, navy or white without logos or designs.
Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. All footwear (except sandals) must be worn with socks. Footwear must adhere securely at the heel and be tied properly.
Undershirts/ Turtlenecks	Short and long-sleeve undershirts/turtlenecks in solid black, purple, gray or white are permitted.

ADDITIONAL DRESS DETAILS

1. All clothing must be clean, neat, reasonably pressed, and in properly fitting condition.
2. Students may wear a college t-shirt on Fridays. It must be clearly a college shirt.
3. Rostered athletes **MAY** wear jerseys on game days. If the jersey is sleeveless, athlete must wear a solid color (black, purple, white or gray) underneath. Jerseys **DO NOT** have to be tucked in.

Uniform and Dress Code Standards

Slacks, Pants and Shorts: Approved khaki, black, or navy-blue shorts or pants that reach to the shoe but are not dragging on the ground are to be worn to school. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Shorts should be knee length and should not be tight fitting or excessively baggy.

Skorts/Skirts: Approved khaki, black, navy blue, or gray skorts and skirts may be worn. Approved plaid skirts from Anton Uniforms are acceptable. Skirt's length should touch the knee - including skater skirts. Skorts and skirts must be worn at the waist.

Capris: Approved khaki, black, gray, or navy-blue capris may be worn. Capris may not be baggy nor tight fitting and should be worn at the waist.

Shirts: Approved purple, black, gray or white Arizona College Preparatory short or long sleeve Polo shirts or collared oxford shirts with the ACP crest are to be worn to school. Short and long sleeve undershirts or turtlenecks may be worn underneath the Polo shirts and must be solid in color - acceptable undershirt/turtleneck colors are black, purple, gray or white. Shirts and undershirts (turtlenecks) must always be tucked in. (No tank tops are allowed).

Jewelry: Earrings – no loops larger than the size of a quarter. No body-piercing jewelry is permitted. Necklace pendants should not be large or elaborate – they may not be much larger than an inch or so in length, width, or diameter.

Outerwear: Approved jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and hoodies with ACP's logo or college theme are recommended but are not required. If a student chooses to wear a jacket, sweater, sweatshirt or hoodie without the ACP logo, the attire must be solid in color and free of advertisements and any logos. Acceptable colors are purple, black, gray, navy or white. Gloves or mittens are not to be worn in the classroom.

Footwear: Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Sandals may be worn without socks. All footwear (including sandals) must adhere securely at the heel and be tied properly if they were designed to do so. No flip flops or slippers may be worn.

FREE DRESS OR SPIRIT/THEME “NON-UNIFORM” DAYS – Policy JICA/JICEC

At times, ACP students will have “free dress” or non-uniform theme days. On these specified days, students can wear attire other than the uniform attire. On “free dress” days students are 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 is not be permitted.** (See Personal Grooming Standards and Clothing Charts on Page 25 for specific examples.)

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.

- Clothing or hairstyles that are detrimental to one’s health and safety or the health and safety of others or present a distraction 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- ACP Shorts/Skirts must touch the knee.
- Students must remove sunglasses while inside the buildings.
- Footwear must be worn for good health and safety. Students may not wear “house shoes” or slippers on campus.
- Shirts that advertise substances that are illegal for minors are prohibited (e.g. cigarettes, liquor of any kind, drugs). Shirts with lewd or sexually suggestive messages are also prohibited. Garments identified as gang related attire by school administration and/ or local police departments are prohibited.
- Court imposed monitoring devices must be covered at all times.
- Outer garments worn over prohibited items do not necessarily make these garments acceptable.
- Visible undergarments are prohibited.
- Hats, visors, beanies, bandanas, hairnets, hoods and other head covering (exceptions given for Medical and Religious reasons) may not be allowed on campus. School administration retains final discretion, please follow your site guidelines.
- Chains, hanging belts, and spiked bracelets/necklaces/earrings are prohibited.

All school personnel have the responsibility and right and to enforce the dress code guidelines. Students inappropriately dressed for school must 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 code may result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken, including suspension from school.

<i>PERSONAL GROOMING STANDARDS</i>		
ITEM OF GROOMING	WILL BE	WILL NOT...
Hair	Properly cleaned, groomed, styled , and within accepted color ranges.	Be of a distraction.
Cosmetics	Conservative and in good taste.	Be extreme or distracting; no stickers or designs, no excessive use of glitter.
Gauges or other body-piercing other than approved jewelry below.		Will not be worn.
Tattoos or other body markings		Be visible, be gang or drug related, suggestive.
Jewelry, nose rings, pins, necklaces		Be excessive, gaudy or unsafe; display an offensive message or suggest/promote drug use
Sunglasses		Be worn in class.
Chains		Be worn.

CLOTHING		
ATTIRE	WILL BE	WILL NOT...
Outer garment (coat, sweater, sweatshirt)	Appropriate for wear based on weather conditions and room temperature.	Be worn in classroom or on campus to conceal improper items; be a trench coat.
Blouses, shirts, casual tops	Modest	Be fishnet or see-through, bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, low-cut, spaghetti straps, immodest or revealing, have offensive art or verbiage, alcohol/drug message, sexually explicit message or image.
Slacks, trousers, pants	Properly fitted over the hips with no bunching at the waist or sagging at the seat.	Be tightly fitted or too bare or so extreme as to be immodest, no sagging or larger than appropriate, unsafe, distracting, expose undergarments or have holes exposing excessive skin/undergarments. Pajama pants are not allowed (unless on theme day).
Shorts	Properly fitted, no bunching at the waist or bagging/sagging at seat; worn at waist over hips	Expose any area of the buttocks; be larger than appropriate or expose undergarments.
Hats/Caps/Bandanas/ Hoods/Beanies		Be worn or visible on campus unless administration authorization is granted.

Note: Students not participating within a “theme day” established guidelines are expected to adhere to the standard ACP uniform dress code guidelines.

This dress code is subject to change with administrative approval. Please refer to our website for any updates.