

# Uniform Policy



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## **1 UNIFORM POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to promote the uniformity of dress among students and to reduce distraction, disruption and disciplinary problems. This policy promotes student pride and creates a sense of community and school spirit. Enrollment in AVA constitutes acceptance of these guidelines, agreement to adhere to them and acknowledgement of discipline for noncompliance.

## **2 GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Uniforms are mandatory for all students and all students are required to adhere to the standards set forth in this policy. Uniforms must be purchased from Land's End ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)) using the school code 900150863. All shirts, sweaters, dresses or other tops must contain the school logo from Land's End. Pants, shorts and skirts are not required to contain the logo. All clothing shall be well maintained and in good repair. Students may not write on, cut up, defame, or otherwise alter the uniform. Clothing may not be excessively baggy, excessively tight or revealing.

### **2.1 HAIR**

Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed; No distracting or disruptive hairstyles will be permitted. Hair color may not contain more than two colors and must be subtle and not distracting. Hair cannot be worn as a mohawk and cannot be spiked.

No beads, fabric, yarn, tinsel, or other items may be braided into hair. No words, patterns, or designs may be shaved into hair. Girls may wear color-coordinating hair accessories. Headbands with cat, mouse or any other "ears" are not allowed. In no case may bangs obstruct vision.

Students hair shall not be longer than the eyebrows in front. In no case may bangs obstruct their vision. Boy's hair shall not extend below the top of the shirt collar in back or below the bottom of the earlobes on the sides. Boys may not wear a ponytail.

### **2.2 SHOES**

Shoes worn with school uniforms must be closed-toe with closed heel, and have a strap that holds the shoe to the foot. Students may not wear flip-flops, wheelies, cleats, light-up shoes, or shoes with a heel higher than one inch. Matching, single color laces must be tied in a traditional manner. Students must wear non-marking athletic shoes during PE. Administration may prohibit shoes at their discretion.

### **2.3 BOOTS**

Boots may be worn in school throughout the day and students will not be required to change into other shoes, except for P.E. class. Boot soles should be firm, heels may not be more than 1" high and boots should be black or brown in color. Boots may not be higher than knee high. Boots with excessive embellishments, such as buckles, fringe, sequins, lights,

writing or other add-ons are not permitted. Administration may prohibit boots at their discretion.

#### 2.4 SOCKS AND LEGGINGS

Socks must be a matching pair and must be worn as intended. Girls may wear opaque tights or leggings under skirts, jumpers, and dresses, but not as a pant. Leggings must be ankle or capri length, and must be solid in color (navy, white, black, gray or light blue), and cannot not be sheer, have patterns, cut outs, designs or contain reflective material. Leggings or long underwear are not permitted to be worn under shorts. Administration may prohibit socks or leggings at their discretion.

#### 2.5 HATS

Hats, caps, bandanas, and visors are not permitted to be worn by students inside the building at any time.

#### 2.6 JEWELRY

Jewelry and accessories shall not be a distraction. Girls may wear posts or small (less than 1”) hoops, without dangles or charms. No more than two earrings per ear may be worn. Students may wear one of each of the following items: simple necklace (not large or bulky), bracelet, ring and watch.

#### 2.7 MAKE-UP AND NAIL POLISH

Girls may wear nail polish in a single color for all fingers. Nails may not be embellished and may not be excessive in length. Middle school (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>) students may wear neutral make-up in a manner that is not distracting.

#### 2.8 BODY ART

Tattoos are not allowed on any skin exposed by the child’s uniform. Piercing is limited to ears only.

#### 2.9 PANTS

Pants must fit properly and shall sit at the natural waist. Pants must be no longer than the sole of the shoe and no shorter than 2” above the ankle bone. Pants may be cuffed. Pants must be gray (discontinued by Lands’ End, but allowed if in good condition), arctic gray, navy or khaki. Underwear must not be visible. All UNIFORM pants are to be in good condition and free from rips, tears or cuts. Jeans, cargo pants, and capris are not allowed as part of the uniform but may be worn on Dress of Choice days. Leggings may not be worn as a pant with the uniform.

#### 2.10 SHIRTS

Collared shirts may be worn alone or as a layer under a sweater, jumper, or jacket. Only the top button may be unbuttoned on any shirt. Cobalt (blue) is only allowed to be worn by Middle School students. Tee-shirts must bear the school logo from Land’s End and are only allowed for Physical Education, approved sporting functions, and other school functions and activities approved by AVA Administration. Bra straps must not be visible. Undershirts must be tucked in. A white or navy long-sleeve shirt or turtleneck may be worn under short-sleeve polo shirts.

### **2.11 BELTS**

Belts may be navy, black, brown or Land's End clear blue plaid and are recommended for students in grades 3 – 8 with any item that has belt loops. Belts must have modestly sized buckles and may not have any embellishments, section of chain, characters or otherwise distracting elements.

### **2.12 SHORTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS, AND DRESSES**

Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses must be navy, khaki, arctic gray or clear blue plaid. Shorts, skirts, shorts, jumpers, and dresses may not be shorter than mid-thigh and are not to be rolled, cuffed, or hemmed to alter the length. Students must wear shorts as a required layer under skirts, jumpers, and dresses that are above mid-thigh. If a girl chooses to wear leggings, as opposed to wearing opaque tights, please reference Section 2.4 to ensure legging requirements are being met.

## **3 EXCEPTIONS/UNIFORM SCHOLARSHIPS**

Temporary exceptions to the clothing requirements of this policy may be granted by the school administrator for hardship, based on circumstances, for medical or religious reason or as part of Dress of Choice days. Upon request, reasonable accommodations will be made at the discretion of AVA Administration. The school shall have a uniform scholarship made available to students who can demonstrate a financial need as defined by the Douglas County Schools District.

## **4 FIELD TRIP UNIFORM**

All students attending field trips must wear a navy blue AVA polo, unless otherwise directed by AVA staff.

## **5 PE UNIFORM**

Students do not have a specified PE uniform and will remain in their regular school uniforms during PE class. Students must wear non-marking athletic shoes during PE. While not required, a middle school student who chooses to change clothes for PE may do so but is required to wear the vendor approved PE shorts and t-shirt.

## **6 THEME, SPIRIT AND DRESS OF CHOICE (DOC) DAYS**

Dress of Choice (DOC) Days shall be scheduled periodically as a reward for those students who have not received two (2) Uniform Policy Violations between the previous DOC day and the upcoming DOC day. Clothes worn by all the students during the DOC days shall be modest, in good condition, and neat in appearance. Students are not allowed to wear pajama items, flip-flops or clothing that contains wording or images that could be interpreted as racial, vulgar, or offensive in any way. Revealing clothes are not acceptable (i.e. midriffs, sleeveless, etc.)

Theme and Spirit days shall be scheduled periodically. On Theme & Spirit Days students can wear spirit wear provided by the PTO along with the rest of the uniform. These items

include t-shirts with the official AVA logo. Spirit Days shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Principal. For example, on a Spirit Day, a student may wear a T-shirt purchased through the PTO along with an approved pair of shorts. Other Spirit Wear includes t-shirts or sweatshirts purchased while playing a AVA sport at or a AVA Field Day shirt.

If a student has received two or more Uniform Policy violations or three or more passing period tardies in a month, they will lose the privilege of Dress of Choice day and will be required to wear their school uniform. The AVA Office will run a report the Wednesday before the Dress of Choice day, and homeroom teachers will notify those students who will not be permitted to participate in the Dress of Choice day.

## **7 UNIFORM VIOLATIONS**

Uniform violations may be subject to discipline at the discretion of AVA Administration in accordance to the Discipline Policy contained within the AVA Parent-Student Handbook.

As outlined in the Aspen View Academy Uniform Policy, I have read, understand, and agree to comply with its rules, regulations and practices. I acknowledge that my failure to comply with these policies may result in discipline at the discretion of AVA administration.

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

