

Uniform and Dress Code

APA 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 a visible signature of our school to the larger community, an indicator of our unity and of our pride of purpose. This is one of the most important functions of a uniform: it identifies its wearer as part of a community with a distinctive purpose.

Students should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. All clothing should be clean, neat, reasonably pressed, and in properly fitting condition. If a child is deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire, the parent will be notified and a change of clothing may be required for attendance that day. If in doubt about the appropriateness of an article of clothing, check with the school office before purchasing. Good judgment exercised at home will be a learning activity for the child that will help to avoid embarrassment or wasted time at school. Questions about the appropriateness of apparel may be referred to the Headmaster, whose judgment will be final. The Headmaster may make specific exceptions to the dress code, as demanded by particular religious customs; parents should address specific concerns to the school administration before the second week of school.

The uniform and dress code of Anthem Prep support and reinforce our academic goals. Our desire is to secure the student's commitment to scholarship and character, goals which can be obscured by a focus on the latest trends or fads. We ask not only for the student's commitment in these areas, but for the parent's as well.

Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot) during a school day. This means arriving on campus *fully* in uniform and leaving campus *fully* in uniform (correct shoes, shirts tucked in, etc.). Students may only change out of uniform after school to participate in an approved curricular or extracurricular activity that requires an immediate change in dress with permission from the appropriate faculty member.

Lower School Dress Code

For students in grades 3 through 5.

1. Polo Shirt: Girls and Boys
 - a. Color: White or Burgundy
 - b. Style: Short or Long sleeve with Archway Classical logo
 - c. Vendor: Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

2. Pants: Girls and Boys
 - a. Color: Navy Blue
 - b. Style: Flat front or pleated dress pants, no jeans or cargo pants, with belt loops
 - c. Fit: Pants should reach the shoe but not drag on the ground. No excessively baggy or tight-fitting pants will be permitted. Pants should be worn at the waist with no undergarments visible.
 - d. Vendor: Any, as long as pants are indistinguishable from those of Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

3. Belt: Girls and Boys

A plain, solid, dark belt of appropriate length that buckles. Pants and shorts must be worn with a belt.

4. Skirt: Girls
 - a. Color: Grey and Burgundy Plaid
 - b. Length: The skirt hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. Skirt hem should be within two inches of the ground when properly adjusted at the waist and kneeling on a level surface, and may be longer if desired. Skirts must be worn at the waist.
 - c. Dark spandex tight-fitting shorts must be worn under the skirt.
 - d. Vendor: Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

5. Scooter: Girls – This is a skirt with bike shorts sewn inside.
 - a. Color: Grey and Burgundy Plaid
 - b. Length: The hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. Scooter hem should be within two inches of the ground when properly adjusted at the waist and kneeling on a level surface, and may be longer if desired. Scooters must be worn at the waist.
 - c. Vendor: **Collette's only**

6. Shoes: Girls and Boys
 - a. Style: Running shoes only. No high-tops, Keds, Converse, Vans, etc.
 - b. Color: The shoes should be predominately black, white, or grey. They may have some stripes in a different color but should not have any characters (e.g. Superman, Barbie), lights, glitter, colored laces, etc.

7. Socks: Girls and Boys
 - a. Color: White only
 - b. Length: Ankle. Socks must be visible all the way around the top of the shoe.

8. Tights: Girls may wear white, opaque tights.
9. Caridgan: Girls and Boys
 - a. Color: Navy Blue only
 - b. Style: Long sleeve, buttoned, with Archway Classical logo
 - c. Vendor: Simply School Uniforms or Collette's
10. Sweater: Girls and Boys
 - a. Color: Navy with school logo
 - b. Style: V-neck, long-sleeve, pull-over
 - c. Vendor: Simple School Uniforms or Collette's

11. Outerwear: Girls and Boys

Jackets and sweatshirts may only be worn before and after school for warmth and during recess, but must be free of logos and messages, **this includes sports gear**. Anthem Prep uniform sweaters and cardigans may be worn throughout the school day all year long. Hoodies are not allowed.

Seasonal:

1. Shorts: Girls and Boys
 - a. Time Restrictions: Shorts are permitted during the first and fourth quarters only.
 - b. Color: Navy Blue
 - c. Style: Flat or pleated front walking shorts. Shorts should fall mid-thigh and not be longer than the knee, with belt loops and a solid dark belt
 - d. Fit: No excessively- baggy or tight-fitting shorts will be permitted. Shorts should be worn at the waist with no undergarments visible. The shorts should have belt loops and a solid, dark belt should be used
 - e. Vendor: Any as long as the shorts are indistinguishable from the shorts of Simply School Uniforms or Collette's.

Hair, Jewelry and Make-up

Girls' Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Neat bows, barrettes, headbands, and "scrunchies" are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform. Hair should not be arranged or colored so as to draw undue attention to the student. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors).

Boys' Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Hair must be well off the top of the shirt collar. Hair should not fall below the eyebrows or past the mid-point of the ear. Hair cannot be tucked behind the ears. No shaved heads, Mohawks, rat's tails, pony tails, or braids. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors).

Jewelry - Girls may wear small studded earrings. No loops or dangling earrings are permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. No other body piercings are permitted. Boys and girls are permitted to wear one watch. Bracelets, rings, and necklaces are not permitted.

Makeup - Students may not wear makeup or nail polish of any kind.

Additional Guidelines

Undershirts must be solid white.

Hats and sunglasses may only be worn outside and must be removed when the student enters the building.

Student's skin should be free of any painted or ink drawings of any kind. Students should not draw on themselves or on others.

Middle/Upper School Dress Code

For students in grades 6 through 12

Grades 6 – 8 only:

Polo Shirt: Girls and Boys

- a. Short or Long sleeves
- b. Color: White or Navy blue
- c. Vendor: Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

Grades 9 – 12 only:

Oxford Shirt: Long sleeve or Short sleeve

- a. Color: White
- b. Vendor: Simply School Uniform
- c. Time Restrictions: Short-sleeve Oxfords are only permitted from the beginning of school through Fall break (first Quarter) and from Spring Break through the end of school (fourth Quarter)

Grades 6 – 12:

1. Pants: Girls and Boys

- a. Color: Khaki
- b. Vendor: any, as long as they are indistinguishable from the pants of Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

2. Skirt: Girls

- a. Color: Red/blue Plaid
- b. Length: The skirt hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. Skirt hem should be within two inches of the ground when properly adjusted at the waist and kneeling on a level surface, and may be longer if desired.
- c. Vendor: Simply School Uniforms or Collette's

3. Shorts: Girls and Boys

- a. Color: Khaki

- b. Fit: Walking shorts that go to just above the knee but not below, and should not be excessively tight or loose-fitting. No jean shorts, cargo shorts, oversized shorts, super-baggy shorts, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted.
 - c. Time Restrictions: Shorts are permitted from the beginning of school through Fall break (first Quarter) and from Spring Break through the end of school (fourth Quarter)
 - d. Vendor: Any, as long as they are indistinguishable from the shorts of Simply School Uniforms or Collette's
4. Belt: Girls and Boys
A solid, dark belt that buckles must be worn with pants and shorts.
5. Shoes: Girls
Low-heeled (less than 1.5"), low-soled or flat, dark, solid-colored leather loafers or dress shoes. No open-toed or open-heeled shoes or sandals. Sneakers, tennis or jogging shoes will be permitted only during athletic activities.
6. Socks: Girls
Solid color navy tights may be worn. Socks must be white or navy and free of logos. "No-show" socks may also be worn.
7. Shoes: Boys
Dark, solid-colored, low-heeled, low-soled dress shoes or loafers with dark laces. No high-top shoes or boots. Sneakers, tennis or jogging shoes will be permitted only during athletic activities.
8. Socks: Boys
White, heel-high socks are to be worn with shorts. Dark or tan socks are to be worn with pants. No heel-high socks are permitted with long pants. Socks must be free of logos or decorations.
9. Sweater: Girls and Boys
- a. Color: Navy blue
 - b. Style: V-neck, long-sleeve, pull-over OR
V-neck, sleeveless vest
 - c. Vendor: Simply School Uniform or Collette's

The Fit and Wear of the Uniform

All Students, Grades 3 - 12

Shirts: Shirts must always be tucked in so that the waistband of the skirt, pants, or shorts is visible, and shirttails must be long enough to stay tucked in. Students may not deliberately blouse out or give a partially "untucked" look to their shirts. For high school students, the oxford dress shirt must be fully buttoned, such that only the uppermost button remains undone.

Pants: Dress slacks should reach the shoe but not drag on the ground. The slacks must have belt loops and a solid, dark belt must be used. No jeans, cargo pants, oversized pants, super-baggy pants, dungarees, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Slacks should be worn at the waist and no undergarments may be visible, including at sports practices and games. Pants must be indistinguishable from the Simply School Uniform pants.

Shorts: Walking shorts, with a belt, may be worn from the beginning of school to Fall Break and from Spring Break through the end of school. Shorts should go to just above the knee but not below, and should not be excessively tight or loose-fitting. Shorts should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games). No jean shorts, cargo shorts, oversized shorts, super-baggy shorts, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Shorts must be indistinguishable from the Simply School Uniform shorts.

Outerwear: Jackets and sweatshirts may be worn to school for warmth but must be free of logos and messages, **this includes sports gear**. Students must store their jackets and sweatshirts in their lockers by the start of first period. Jackets and sweatshirts must remain in the lockers for the remainder of the school day. However, students may wear their jackets and sweatshirts at lunch from Fall break (mid-October) to Spring break (mid-March). Anthem Prep uniform sweaters may be worn throughout the school day all year long. Hoodies may not be worn.

Middle and Upper School Girls

Skirts: Skirts must be worn at the waist. The skirt hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. Skirt hem should be within two inches of the ground when properly adjusted at the waist and kneeling on a level surface, and may be longer if desired.

Jewelry: Girls may wear *one* pair of short earrings only on the ear lobes. “Short” means that the earrings should not hang more than ½ inch below the ear lobe. Large hoops or other dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted. Loops are not to be larger than the size of a nickel. No body-piercing jewelry except traditionally-located earrings will be permitted. One simple ring on each hand is permitted. One wrist bracelet, one watch, and one small necklace are permissible. Only simple, fine-gauged, 16 to 20 inch, silver or gold chain necklaces (with or without a pendant) are permitted. The following will not be permitted: chokers, beaded necklaces (colored or otherwise), leather necklaces, shells, large or elaborate chain-link, and large or elaborate pendants (larger than an inch in length, width or diameter). The school cannot be responsible for lost or damaged jewelry, and would prefer that you leave valuables at home.

Makeup: Girls may wear subtle makeup only if it is applied tastefully and in moderation. Heavily lined eyes or gaudy lipstick, glittered or white-powdered faces will not be permitted. Fingernails should not be excessively long or painted garishly. Fingernails may only be painted in shades of red or pink and colors matching one’s skin tone. Tasteful French manicures are acceptable. No glittered, speckled, or patterned nail polish will be allowed.

Hair: Should be neatly combed or styled. No shaved heads. Neat bows, barrettes, headbands, and "scrunchies" which match the uniform colors, are permissible. Hair should not be arranged

or colored so as to draw undue attention to the student. Hair must be natural looking in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, or other unnatural colors). Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable.

Middle and Upper School Boys

Hair: Hair should be neatly trimmed and combed; no long spiked hair-styles. Hair should not be so long as to hang far below the eyes if combed forward nor long enough to bring into a ponytail. Crew cuts are permitted, but the head must not appear shaved or skin widely visible underneath. The following are not permitted: mohawks, rat's tails, braids, hairnets, bandanas, dyed hair, or shaved heads. If for any reason a haircut or hairstyle is deemed inappropriate by an Administrator, the student must alter his hair in accordance with the Administrator's directive. All students must be clean-shaven; no facial hair of any kind is permitted.

Jewelry: No nose-rings, earrings, or other body-piercing jewelry will be permitted for boys. No bracelets or anklets may be worn. A total of one watch and one ring are permissible. Students may wear a necklace, but it must be worn inside the shirt. All jewelry must be tasteful and may not be distracting.

* Purchasing Note: Some components of the uniform need to be purchased from specified uniform providers (Simply School Uniforms and Collette's), whereas other items can be purchased from any vendor. Please see the note under each item.

Additional Guidelines (All grades 3 – 12):

- Undershirts must be solid white.
- **Hats** and **sunglasses** may not be worn on campus and must be stored in student lockers or cubbies during the school day.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent are permitted. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.
- No oversized or baggy clothing will be permitted.
- No excessively tight clothes will be permitted.