



## ACS DRESS CODE POLICY 2025-2026

In accordance with the virtue of modesty, students are expected to adhere to uniform regulations and to wear the full official uniform daily. Uniforms should be neat, clean, **in good repair**, and the proper size. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in neatly; pants and skirts must be worn at waist level and waistbands must be visible. Label all uniform articles with student names in permanent marker.

Girls and boys school uniform items are to be purchased from:

Risse Brothers Uniform Store

8695 Beach Blvd. #324, Jacksonville, FL 32216

(904) 374-5317

www.rissebrothers.com

Used uniforms may also be purchased from the school office. PE uniforms are available for purchase from the school office. Shoes, socks, and belts may be purchased anywhere.

### **Consequences for Dress Code Violations (DCV):**

1. A DCV notice will be sent home requiring *teacher* and *parent* signatures with the next day return.
2. If the DCV is not corrected, the parent will be contacted by administration.

**A parent note must accompany any exceptions to the following uniform policy to prevent a DCV.**

### **GIRLS**

1. **Grade 8:** Red, logo, polo with uniform skirt. Navy uniform pants may be worn.
2. **Grades 5-7:** Uniform skirt and **white oxford blouse or green shirt** with school logo. Blouses must be tucked in neatly with waistbands visible. Undergarments should not be visible through uniform blouse or at the neckline.
3. **Grades K-4:** Jumper with white blouse with school logo.
4. **Grades K-8:** The length of the skirt must be two inches from the floor when the student is kneeling. Skirts must be hemmed and worn at the waist, not at the hips. Waistbands may not be rolled. Shorts are to be worn under skirts and jumpers for modesty.
5. Socks **MUST COVER** the ankles and be solid white, black, or navy blue. On cold days, navy tights or leggings may be worn. Sweatpants may not be worn under the uniform unless extremely cold weather conditions warrant it.
6. Appropriate **SOLID COLORED** leather school shoes with low heels that are brown, black, or navy blue, must be worn. Not acceptable: crocs, boots, athletic shoes, dress shoes, open-toed, sandals, and platform shoes. Shoelaces must match shoes. Only non-marking shoes are acceptable.
7. Turtleneck shirts/long sleeve shirts may not be worn under the uniform unless a doctor's note recommends it.
8. Only fleece pullovers or sweaters with the school logo from Risse Brothers Uniform (or our previous uniform store) may be worn with the uniform. No other sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt may be worn **INSIDE** the classroom, except for the school sanctioned "talents" sweatshirt. Hoodies may be worn on campus during a dress down day, but hoods must remain off heads while at school. No hats may be worn in the classroom. Outerwear may not be worn tied at the waist.
9. The school discourages the wearing of jewelry and accepts no responsibility for any that is lost or broken. If worn, jewelry and hair clips must be simple. Girls may wear one pair of earrings, on the earlobe (no larger than the earlobe), one watch, one religious necklace with a simple chain. No rings, bracelets, anklets, or smart watches.
10. Hair should be worn out of the eyes so that it does not interfere with vision. No fad haircuts, fad hairstyles, or extreme changes to hair color are permitted; streaks of color are also prohibited. No scarf headbands or headbands with large bows, animal ears, flowers, horns, etc. Athletic hair bands may be worn but with no company logos. No headbands wider than 2 inches. All hair accessories should remain simple and not a distraction to self or others. One hair tie may be worn on the wrist.
11. Makeup, nail polish, false nails, hairpieces, body glitter, fragrances, body sprays, or tattoos are not allowed. No body art of any kind, including self-drawn. Medication for blemishes is allowed, with the approval of the principal.

### **BOYS**

1. **Grade 8:** Red, logo, polo with uniform pants.
2. **Grades K-7:** Uniform navy-blue pants and white or green knit collared shirt with school logo. Undergarments should not be visible through uniform shirts. Shirts must be tucked in neatly with waistbands visible. Uniform navy-blue shorts may be worn all year. Shorts must be at the knee. Belts must be worn with the uniform and may be solid black, brown, or navy blue.
3. Socks **MUST COVER** the ankles and be solid white, black, or navy blue.
4. Appropriate **SOLID COLORED** leather school shoes that are brown, black, or navy blue must be worn. Not acceptable: crocs, boots, athletic shoes, open-toed dress shoes, and open-heeled shoes. Shoelaces must match shoes. Only non-marking shoes are acceptable.
5. Turtleneck shirts/long sleeve shirts may not be worn under the uniform unless a doctor's note recommends it.
6. **Only** fleece pullovers or sweaters with the school logo from Risse Brothers Uniform (or our previous uniforms store) may be worn with the uniform. No other sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt may be worn **INSIDE** the classroom, except for the school-sanctioned "talents" sweatshirt. Hoodies may be worn on campus during a dress down day, but hoods must remain off heads while at school. No hats may be worn in the classroom. Outerwear may not be worn tied at the waist.

7. The school discourages the wearing of jewelry and accepts no responsibility for any that is lost or broken. If worn, jewelry must be simple. Boys may wear one watch and one simple religious neck chain. No rings, earrings, bracelets. No smart watches.
8. Hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed when a student arrives on campus. Strands of hair may not be longer than four inches and must not touch the ears or collar; hair must not extend below the eyebrows when in its natural state.  
The bulk of the hair, defined as the “distance that the mass of hair protrudes from the scalp” cannot exceed approximately two inches. Hair accessories and ponytails or buns for boys are NOT permitted. Completely or partially shaven style haircuts are not permitted. Hair may not be colored different from a “natural look”; faddish styles and unnatural streaks of color are also prohibited. Students must be clean shaven with no facial hair.
9. Fragrances, body sprays or tattoos are not allowed. No body art of any kind, including self-drawn. Make-up is not permitted. Medication for blemishes is allowed, with the approval of the principal.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

### GIRLS & BOYS

PE is an integral part of the instructional program, and all students are required to wear the PE uniform on scheduled PE days and participate. Doctor’s note and occasional parent notes will be accepted without penalty. Grades are based on participation, and non-participation will result in a lower grade.

PE uniforms for all students:

- Annunciation hunter green gym shorts and heather blue PE shirt. Students may also wear the most recent Jog-A-Thon t-shirt for PE. Uniforms must be neat, clean, and the proper size.
- Athletic shoes that tie or Velcro with school uniform socks.
- Navy blue, gray, or hunter-green sweats (no logos other than the ACS logo) may be worn to school on PE days on cold days **in addition to** regular PE uniform. Crew neck sweatshirts only (no hoods, zippers, or buttons). No leggings or tights may be worn under gym shorts.
- Shorts and sweatpants (when worn) may not be rolled at the waist.
- Grades 3-8 only - solid or roll-on deodorant (no fragrances or body sprays).

Sharing of PE uniforms is not permitted. Shorts and shirts may be purchased in the school office; sweats may be purchased anywhere.

## NON-UNIFORM DAYS DRESS CODE

### GIRLS & BOYS

On non-uniform days the following dress code guidelines are in effect: No political statements, no jeans with holes, no yoga style or spandex shorts/long pants, tops must have at least a cap sleeve, necklines need to be no lower than the collar bone and must be long enough to be tucked in. Tops must conform to the “4 finger rule” (no halter-tops, tank tops, bare midriff, or spaghetti straps). Leggings may only be worn with a skirt, dress, or a long shirt that is at least fingertip length. No makeup may be worn and "uniform" jewelry only.

Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist and may not be “form-fitting” or skintight. Shorts/skirts must be fingertip length. Girls may wear mid-calf capris. No crocs, open heeled, open toed, sandals, or high heeled shoes.

Students must arrive in dress down clothes; students will not be called out of class to change once school begins.

ACS reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of clothing for non-uniform days.