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ACH High School Dress Code

With the start of the school year fast approaching, many students and families will be school shopping and making decisions on what clothing to purchase for school. This letter is sent to parents to clarify any questions about the ACH HS Dress code and updates that have been made.

It is understood that students select their clothing as a personal choice and a possible form of self-expression. Many students dress for fashion, others for ease. The ACH dress code is designed to allow for student comfort while maintaining an environment conducive to learning and that is appropriate for the educational setting.

For the 2012-13 School Year the following dress code will be enforced:

Students at ACH High School are expected to dress appropriately during school, and when participating in activities and athletics. Because all clothing is not suitable for the classroom, these guidelines will help determine what is appropriate to wear to school. Clothing should be clean, should not present a safety issue, or be disruptive to the educational process.

- 1. No tank, tube, sleeveless or halter tops, strapless dresses, backless dresses, or underwear worn as outer garments are acceptable at school. **All shirts worn by male and females must have sleeves.**
- 2. Keep your chest, mid-riff, and back covered at all times.
- 3. Do not expose your undergarments or the appearance of.
- 4. Skirts, dresses, or shorts must extend beyond the fingertips fully extended while standing and reach mid-thigh when sitting.
- 5. Stretch lycra, spandex, nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, tight fitting yoga/athletic pants are not permitted UNLESS covered by jackets, shirts, or tops that **fully** cover the students frontal and backsides **COMPLETELY** and without question while standing and sitting (preferably reaching the same length as the fingertips fully extended and/or reaching mid-thigh).
- 6. Students should not wear hose, leggings, or stockings that are lace, or considered "fish net".
- 7. Students are not allowed to dress in a style which reflects gang affiliation.
- 8. No head coverings/hats/sunglasses.
- 9. Inappropriate designs/writings on clothing are not allowed. Any article or apparel which displays obscene words, pictures, or designs; any article that conveys a sexually suggestive remark, a proalcohol message, a tobacco and/or drug related message is not permitted.
- 10. Pants/shorts are to fit at the waist within reason. No pants or shorts worn below the intended waistline and/or show the top of the undergarment worn underneath should be worn to school.
- 11. Any item that may be considered disruptive to the educational process (this may include provocative dress that may otherwise meet the "technical" portions of dress code).

12. Athletes that wish to display school spirit by wearing a portion of their uniform on game day may do so if the uniform meets dress code, or can be adjusted to meet dress code (ie. football jerseys meet dress code with no alteration; sleeveless softball tops may be worn only with a sleeved shirt underneath; cheerleaders must wear leggings under cheer skirts, and sleeved tops under shells; volleyball spanx do not meet dress code).

Students who do wear items that do not meet the standards set above will be asked to change into something appropriate. If a student does not have an alternative clothing choice to wear, the administration will provide appropriate clothing to be borrowed for the day. Parents will be called if students repeatedly do not wear clothing that meets the dress code expectations.

With your help, we know that we can provide a safe and educational environment for all of our students and staff here at ACH High school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call.