

AHS Dress Code Policy

Philosophy:

It is the philosophy of Assumption High School that the student dress and grooming are reflective of the seriousness with which students' approach their academic efforts while in attendance at Assumption High School. At the same time, student dress should be reflective of the values of good taste, cleanliness and personal modesty. For the purpose of this policy, the dress code is in effect when students are present at Assumption High School or attending any in or out of school function during the school day. The dress code stresses two areas: neatness and modesty. The student should ask himself or herself before leaving to go to school, "Am I neatly and modestly dressed?"

Application

Students are to comply with the dress code during the school day, anywhere in the building, unless specifically excused by the administration. **Faculty and staff may require students to wear specific clothing in order to meet all appropriate safety standards.** Students are expected to be in dress code for all field trips, unless specifically excused by the administration. Any member of the faculty or staff may discipline a student who is not in compliance with the dress code and inform him or her that they need to immediately correct the problem.

General Rules Are As Follows:

Neatness – for all dress code days, dress-up days, or dress-down days, clothing may not be ripped, patched, frayed, dirty, sheer, or of see through material. These descriptions of clothing are not accepted as "neat."

Improper References – All clothing and personal possessions may not contain vulgar expressions: reference drugs, alcohol, gang alliance, sexual connotations, or exhibit double meanings; advertise alcoholic beverages, bars, rock bands, and their activities, or promote values contrary to the Catholic Church.

Pants, Skirts, and Dresses - Khaki pants and cargo pants are acceptable, and may be of any color, even plaid or stripes. Pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses made of denim, regardless of color, are unacceptable. Stretchy, spandex material or leggings are not to be worn, even if it's layered with another garment. Footed tights and hosiery are acceptable. Pants and skirts must fit so that undergarments are not visible. Skirts and Dresses are to be no shorter than two to three inches above the knee. Any slit in a skirt, skort, or dress is not to be higher than a point two to three inches above the knee.

Shorts – Shorts are seasonable wear. Dress shorts may be worn until November 1st and after April 1st without administrative approval. All other times will be determined by the administration and students must have received prior notice in order to wear shorts to school. Athletic shorts are not acceptable. Shorts are to be no shorter than two to three inches above the knee. When shorts are worn they must be neat and modest and comply with all other aspects of the dress code.

Shirts, Blouses, and Tops - Shirts, blouses, or tops must cover the waistline area so that no skin is exposed during all movements and activities, or when seated. No cleavage can be exposed during any movements or activities. Shirts, blouses, or tops may be of any color, even plaid or stripes. However, they must be free of logos or advertisements (i.e. colleges, professional athletic teams, universities, etc.). T-shirts are not acceptable as a main garment, unless they are approved Royal Wear. Both boys and girls may not show skin lower than two inches below the clavicle (collarbone).

Sleeves – Sleeves are required on all shirts (blouses, dresses, tops, etc.) for boys and girls.

Undergarments – Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. Students should select clothing that prevents their undergarments from being exposed during movements or activities. Tank tops, camisoles, undershirts, or T-shirts may be exposed above the two inch clavicle rule when worn under a dress code acceptable top. No undergarments of any kind including: tank tops, camisoles, or undershirts may be exposed at the waistline area during all movements or activities.

Outerwear & Sweatshirts – Sweatshirts, fleece, or hooded sweatshirts may be of any color, even plaid or stripes. Designs and patterns are also acceptable. Zippered hoodies are acceptable, provided that they are worn over a dress code acceptable shirt. All of these garments must be free of logos or advertisements (i.e. colleges, professional athletic teams, universities, etc.). The only advertisements that are acceptable are those garments that qualify as Royal Wear. Outerwear (i.e. coats, gloves, mittens, jackets, etc.) may not be worn in the building without prior administrative approval.

Shoes – Shoes must be worn during school hours. Students may not wear any shoes that are only secured in-between the toes. No hunting, cowboy, or work boots are allowed. No “healie” type shoes or rollerblades are to be worn in the building.

Headwear - Hats, caps, bandannas or other types of headgear are not permitted to be worn during the school day without special permission of the administration.

Accessories – Any accessory, or style, that draws undue attention to a student is not permitted. (i.e. makeup, hairstyles, long looping chains, all unreasonable body jewelry, including but not limited to that worn in the tongue, nose, lips, eyebrows, excessive piercing of the ears, etc) Body art (tattoos) are not to be publicly visible.

School Bags – Backpacks and/or school bags may not be brought to classes without administrative approval.

Hair Length – Hairstyles must be clean, neat, cut to a reasonable length, and be a “reasonably natural” color. All students are to be clean-shaven. Sideburns below the ears are not allowed.

Combat Clothing – Combat style clothing, including fatigues, combat boots, or shoes, or any military style or camouflage clothing is not allowed.

Blankets – Students may not have blankets in school.

Royal Wear – Royal Wear clothing will be allowed under the dress code. This includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts that support our school and promote school spirit. Items of clothing existing prior to August 27th 2008 that have blue, white, or gray as their primary background color and promote the school, its teams, or organizations will be acceptable. Clothing that doesn't meet this standard, as well as, any groups that have new garments that they wish to have considered acceptable as Royal Wear must have them approved by the Dress Code Committee.

Athletic Uniforms – Athletic uniforms, while participating in an athletic contest, will be royal blue and white. On game days, teams may wear jerseys, warm-ups, or a team required outfit (i.e. denim long sleeve shirts and ties) during the school day. However, all players must wear the same garment.

Special Occasions:

Mass Days – Boys must wear the following: shirt and tie, sport jacket over a collared shirt, or a sweater. Shirts must be tucked in. Girls must wear the following: dresses, skirts, or dress pants. Royal Wear or shorts are not allowed. Fleece and/or sweatshirts will not be allowed. It will be acceptable for blouses, tops, or dresses to use an undershirt, or layering, in order to be modest, provided that no skin is exposed lower than two inches below the clavicle (collarbone). All dresses and tops must have sleeves, unless a jacket or sweater is worn at all times. Dresses and tops must not have low cut backs. Dress sandals or sandals with a stacked heel are acceptable. During the lunch period following Mass, students may change into regular dress code attire. Other than the above changes, all other dress code rules apply.

Dress Down Days – T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, and denim are all acceptable on dress down days. Keep in mind that garments must not promote values or activities contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Other than the changes state above, all other dress code rules apply.

Procedures for Violations of the Dress Code:

1. The student will be informed that he or she is in violation of the dress code.
2. Faculty or staff will mark the student in violation of the dress code on either the school's software program, or send a note to the Dean of Students or Principal.
3. The student will be required to fix their garments in order to conform to the dress code. If the problem can not be fixed, the student will be sent to the office and provided acceptable clothing.
4. For every three violations of the dress code the student will receive a detention.
5. Repeated violations may result in further discipline as deemed necessary by the Dean of Students and/or Principal.