



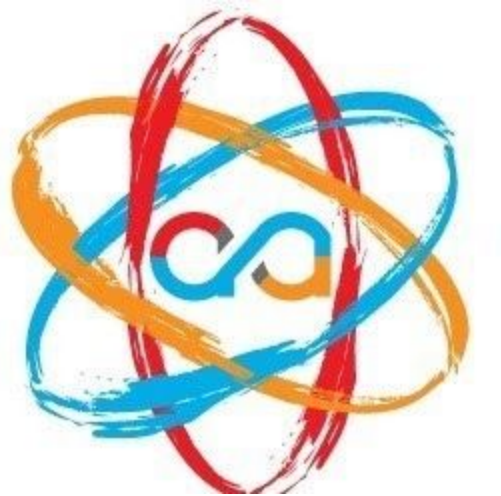
"If a simple change in attire can positively influence more than 30 percent or even 25 percent of a school's student population, then perhaps administrators, teachers, students, and community members find it worth the effort. Essentially, students reported positive impacts by simply changing the clothes they wore to school, and comparatively, there wasn't much of a downside." (Sanchez, J. 2012)

At the Art and Science Academy, we believe in research-supported decision making. ASA will employ a school uniform policy that is reasonable and flexible enough to allow for student individuality while maintaining the research-backed benefits of student uniforms.

Rationale: School uniforms have some distinct benefits including:

- Uniforms help foster community identity and school spirit
- Uniforms address the issue of students using clothing as a status symbol
- Uniforms foster a more business-like approach to academics.
- Uniforms allow trespassers on the school grounds to be easily identified

"After implementing school uniform policies, schools often report decreases in discipline, gang involvement and bullying; and increases in safety, ease of going to school, confidence and self-esteem." (Wharton, C. 2013)





Elementary Uniform (K-4th)

Clothing

Any solid color Polo (short sleeve or long sleeve), ASA spiritwear, Solid color 1/4 zip, Solid Non-Hooded Sweater, Solid Non-Hooded Sweatshirt or any shirt with ASA logo

- Non ASA logos must be less than 1 inch tall by 2 inches wide.
- All shirts underneath sweaters or sweatshirts must be solid color shirts. Long sleeve shirts worn under short sleeve polos must be solid colors
- ASA hooded sweatshirts will be allowed
- No non-ASA jackets or outerwear worn in the classroom. If students would like to layer, they need to have ASA uniform approved sweatshirts. Jackets worn for outdoor recess can be any jacket, but then must be removed for classroom time.

Navy, Black or Khaki pants, shorts or skirts (leggings allowed under skirts and jumpers only)

- No unhemmed or frayed pant bottoms, no rips or tears
- Skirts and shorts must be modest in length, 3" above the knee or longer
- Skirts must have built-in shorts or be worn with shorts/leggings in uniform colors
- Navy or black knit tights/leggings/shorts must be worn under skirts/jumpers (no designs or fishnet stockings)
- Jean Fridays - Jeans may be worn on Fridays with no holes, rips, tears, unhemmed or frayed bottoms. Jeggings are not allowed.
- No denim in any color except on Jean Fridays

Shoes

- Must wear closed toe and closed heel shoes (no sandals, flip flops, slippers or crocs)
- Shoe heel must be less than 1"
- Roller shoes are prohibited

Accessories - the following will be allowed

- No hats, scarves or other headwear during school hours (except for outdoor activities and religious purposes)
- Students will be asked to remove any accessories that become a distraction

Belts

- Solid brown, Navy, black or Khaki color
- No oversized buckles or buckles with graphics or logos

PE clothes

- Non-marking athletic shoes



Middle School Uniform (5th-8th)

Clothing

Any solid color Polo (short sleeve or long sleeve), ASA spiritwear, Solid color 1/4 zip, Solid Non-Hooded Sweater, Solid Non-Hooded Sweatshirt or any shirt with ASA logo

- Non ASA polo logos must be less than 1 inch tall by 2 inches wide.
- All shirts underneath sweaters or sweatshirts must be solid color shirts. Long sleeve shirts worn under short sleeve polos must be solid colors
- ASA hooded sweatshirts will be allowed
- No non-ASA jackets or outerwear worn in the classroom. If students would like to layer, they need to have ASA uniform approved sweatshirts. Jackets worn for outdoor recess can be any jacket, but then must be removed for classroom time.

Navy, Black or Khaki pants, shorts or skirts (no jeggings or leggings)

- No unhemmed or frayed pant bottoms, no rips or tears
- Skirts and shorts must be modest in length, 3" above the knee or longer
- Skirts must have built-in shorts or be worn with shorts/leggings in uniform colors
- Navy or black knit tights/leggings/shorts must be worn under skirts/jumpers (no designs or fishnet stockings)
- Jean Fridays - Jeans may be worn on Fridays with no holes, rips, tears, unhemmed or frayed bottoms. Jeggings are not allowed.

Shoes

- Must wear closed toe and closed heel shoes (no sandals, flip flops, slippers or crocs)
- Shoe heel must be less than 1"
- Roller shoes are prohibited

Accessories - the following will be allowed

- Small stud earrings, one small bracelet, one small necklace, watch
- Uniform color headbands, barrettes, binders and bows under 4"
- No hats, scarves or other headwear during school hours (except for outdoor activities and religious purposes)

Belts

- Solid brown, Navy, black or Khaki color
- No oversized buckles or buckles with graphics or logos

PE clothes

- Non-marking athletic shoes
- Separate athletic shirt and shorts/pants.
- No leggings or yoga pants
- Athletic outerwear must be different than what the student wore to school.