



## FLAGSTAFF ACADEMY DRESS CODE

Flagstaff Academy is dedicated to creating a positive environment that is conducive to learning. Students are expected to be well-groomed, dressed in a manner reflecting respect for themselves and those around them, and use good judgment in the choices they make.

However, any items that contains negative messages, including, but not limited to:

- vulgarity / profanity / inappropriate language
- gang related symbols or references
- any illegal substance, including drugs, alcohol, tobacco
- sexually suggestive or pornographic images or sayings
- suggest violence or death images, including Goth appearance and skulls
- advocate racial, ethnic, political, or religious prejudice are inappropriate and unacceptable.

Specific Guidelines:

**HEAD:** Hats, visors, bandanas, sunglasses, etc. must be removed indoors.

**HAIR:** Hair should be well-groomed. Hair should be worn in natural occurring hair colors and styles that are not distracting to the educational environment.

**JEWELRY:** No visible piercings, except standard sized earrings. Jewelry should be simple, not distract or excessive. Long, dangling earrings should be avoided as a matter of safety.

**CLOTHING:** Clothing should be well fitted, not excessively baggy or tight. Clothing should not be excessively ripped or torn. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate modesty in dress; (all necklines are acceptable as long as they are modest. Recommended guideline to determine appropriate neckline; put your palm with fingers closed (horizontally) at the base of your neck. The neckline of the top should not be lower than bottom of your hand); undergarments should not be visible either directly or through clothing. Bare midriffs are not allowed. Sleeve length must be sufficient to cover the shoulder. (No tank tops, sleeveless, or cut-away arm-holes. Cap sleeves are allowed.) Shirts should be “tuckable” (long enough to tuck in). Shirts cannot contain any visible logos, graphics, or images that are not an inherent part of the fabric (i.e. brand name or symbols, sports team logos, printed shirts, tags, etc.). This restriction on logos applies only to tops worn in the classroom.

Official Flagstaff Academy logo wear is considered appropriate at all times.

Acceptable pants styles include full-length dress pants, boot cut or straight-legged pants, cargo pants, caprice, jeans, shorts, and straight-legged athletic pants. Pants must be maintained in good condition and should not be dragging

on the ground. Pants must fit appropriately and are not to be worn sagging. Industrial style pants are not allowed (i.e. pajamas, camouflage or military fatigues, scrubs, jail wear, etc.) In addition, athletic sweat pants (cotton, gathered at the ankles) are not allowed.

Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must be past fingertip when standing with arms straight at the sides or mid-thigh (whichever one is longer). If dresses or skirts are worn, students are strongly encouraged to wear shorts underneath to maintain modesty.

**BELTS:** Belts are not required, but should be worn if needed to meet the fit requirements outlined above.

**SHOES:** Closed toe footwear must be worn at all times while on the school premises. All shoe types, including sandals, must be closed toe and have a heel strap or enclosed back that keeps the shoe in place. Students are strongly encouraged to wear socks, including with sandals. In addition, there may be specific requirements for footwear on days when students have P.E. class or science classes.

**OUTERWEAR:** Outerwear should be removed once the student enters the building.

### **Clarifying Statements:**

**Uniforms:** (Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, Athletic, etc.) were identified as clothing that may cause distraction. They often have embroideries or language on the top garments that would clearly violate the Dress Code. Skirts and pants that identify the student as a member of these organizations are within dress code guidelines.

### **Dresses:**

To keep in the purpose and letter of the dress code, the top of the dress should not contain any items that are not “an inherent part of the fabric.” However, the bottom part of the dress should follow the guidelines in the pants/skirts section of the dress code.

### **Tie-Dyed/Camouflage shirts:**

Camouflage pants were specifically identified as clothing items that would represent an “institution,” and therefore not allowed. It would therefore go to imply that the same criteria would be applied to the more strict guidelines of the tops as well. Tie-Dye seems to fall into a grey area. A shirt that has been dyed implies that the color of the dye is now an inherent part of the fabric. Therefore, technically they follow the guidelines; however they may be distracting for other students. If the shirts are causing a disturbance in the classroom, then the teacher/principal should address the matter with the student and ask that he refrain from wearing the shirt to school.