

## **DRESS CODE**

Learning deserves an environment of respect and freedom from distraction. Aspire Board policy requires that all students enrolled in Aspire Public Schools comply with the school's uniform policy. Students who are out of uniform will be subject to disciplinary action. All uniforms should be marked with the student's name. Uniforms (including shoes) are to be clean, maintained, appropriately sized, and worn as they are designed to be worn. The uniform reflects a positive pride in self and school.

## **Uniform Policy**

The purpose of uniform dress at the school is:

- To focus students on school as a professional workplace
- To focus students away from clothing as a competition
- To symbolize our united effort on the road to college
- To develop and enhance a sense of school pride
- To enhance school safety

Outer garments must be appropriate for the comfort and normal activities of students while in school. All items must be worn in traditional and appropriate fashion. A top must cover a student's chest and midriff. Bottoms must cover a student's hips and buttocks. All clothing must be worn in the student's appropriate size.

Clothing must be in good condition and cannot be bleached, stained, ripped, torn, frayed, etc. If a color or item of clothing becomes a safety issue or a distraction from learning, the student may be asked to remove the article, or substitute with something more appropriate. This includes accessories such as shoes, shoelaces, hats, scrunches, etc. We reserve the right to update the dress code as needed at any time and provide a copy to families, students, and staff.

## **Casual/Free Dress Days**

"Casual Dress" means non-uniform; however, students wishing to remain in uniform on non-uniform days may do so. Dress may be casual but should still adhere to the Dress Code policy and reflect personal and school pride.

Clothing should be neat, clean, un-torn, and appropriate for school. Any student in non-uniform must ensure that the choice of dress covers at least as much of the body as would the uniform. Students whose clothing is inappropriate may be sent home for the remainder of the day. The administration reserves the right to determine which clothing is inappropriate.

## ROCS DRESS CODE

Aspire River Oaks Charter School requires all students to wear uniforms.  
Students will be required to wear the following:

<b>Uniform Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Pants</li><li>❖ Shorts, skirts</li><li>❖ Jumpers</li><li>❖ Dresses</li></ul> <b>Leggings are NOT pants.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ No jean or sweat material</li><li>❖ Must be long enough to reach the tips of students' fingers when their arms hang straight down</li></ul>	<b>Colors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Solid Navy Blue</li><li>❖ Khaki</li></ul>
<b>Shirts</b>  Turtleneck shirts are not uniform shirts and can only be worn under a uniform shirt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Must have a collar</li><li>❖ Polo or button-up</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Any Solid Color</li></ul>
<b>Socks and leggings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Solid colors ONLY</li><li>❖ Black socks/leggings are OK</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Any Solid Color</li></ul>
<b>Sweaters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Sweaters worn <b>inside the classroom</b> MUST be solid colors</li><li>❖ Jackets and sweaters worn <b>outdoors</b> can be any style/color.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Any Solid Color</li></ul>
<b>Shoes</b>  Hair accessories are allowed. Tank top straps must be ½ inch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Closed toe—no exceptions</li><li>❖ Sandals must have back strap</li><li>❖ ½ inch maximum heel</li><li>❖ No blinking shoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Crocs in Sports mode OK</li></ul>

Any free dress, alternative dress days, or senior privileges will be announced during the school year. Families are expected to make sure that your students are set-up for success by being in uniform at the start of every school day. Please reach out to the Main Office with any questions or concerns.

**College T-Shirt Fridays!**

On Fridays, students may wear blue solid **denim** pants, shorts or skirts IF they are wearing a shirt with a college/university logo, or a shirt with the ROCS logo.  
**Fridays ARE NOT free dress days!** Uniform shirts and sports jerseys DO NOT qualify students to wear denim bottoms.

### **Spirit Days**

Students may wear any item that matches the theme, making sure to follow dress standards for tank top straps, appropriate skirts and short lengths, and closed-toe shoes.

### **If a student comes to school out of uniform ...**

1. Classroom teachers will send home a uniform policy reminder form to the student that day.
2. Students will be sent to the office to call home for a change of clothes.
3. If students are not able to reach a parent/guardian to bring a change of clothes, the office will provide a change of clothes from our donated clothing, *if available*.