



Ascent Classical Academy of Northern Colorado

# Upper School Uniforms

Ladies, Grades 7-12

*2023-2024*

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# A Note From Our Dean of Students

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This uniform guide is meant to help parents and students understand the expectations of daily attire at Ascent of Northern Colorado. While there are many campuses of Ascent, the guidelines contained here apply only to the Windsor campus. This document is your best source for information regarding ACANC uniforms and dress code; other resources may be outdated or applicable only to other locations.

## What's the point of a uniform or dress code?

- Dress code helps students prepare their minds for the day's work by preparing their bodies daily in attire that shows respect and reverence for the learning that goes on in school.
- When students pass through our doors, they become a part of something larger than themselves.
  - Students at Ascent wear our uniform to show that they are representatives of the school community. They are not customers of the school, but active participants in its work. Wearing the uniform shows that all students are here for the same purpose: to develop their minds and improve their hearts for the purpose of living truly happy lives.
- Dress code presents a daily opportunity for character development.
  - There is nothing inherently moral about khaki or navy skirts, orange or purple socks. Each morning, however, a student has the chance to know what is expected of them in the dress code and can choose to meet that expectation or not. They can practice virtue and comply with the expectations, or practice vice and choose to break expectations. Whether or not a uniform violation is caught, the habit of virtue or vice is already forming. We ask our parents to partner with us in forming young men and women of character by reinforcing the importance of following dress code as a matter of the heart, rather than of comfort or style.

The uniform is far more than just a dress code. In some ways, it is the heart of what we do. To my students: **I urge you to be faithful in the small things** - the details of socks and hair ties and what color pants to wear on Wednesdays - **so that one day you will be faithful in the great things.** The choices we make now determine who we will become.

Ad maiora ex tenebris,

Ms. Ramsey  
Dean of Students

*If you feel the dress code conflicts with the practice of your faith, please contact our Headmaster, Mr. Kramer.*



# Everyday Uniform

The Everyday Uniform must be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



## Dress Shirt

- Button-down dress shirt in solid white or French blue, logo optional
- Long-sleeve or short-sleeve
- Look for terms like oxford dress shirt
- Top-button may be left undone
- Camisoles or other undershirts are recommended
- Shirts are to be tucked in when in the building

- **NO:** Teal or dark blue colors
- **NO:** sheer fabrics
- Bras and other undergarments should not be visible through clothing



## Skirts

- Ascent plaid, khaki, gray, or navy
- Skirts must be in an A-line or pleated style
- Look for terms like cotton, twill, or chino, box pleat, knife pleat
- Length must reach the knee when standing
- Uniform-compliant leggings, tights, or bike shorts recommended

- Skirts that do not reach the knee may not be worn, even if leggings are worn underneath
- **NO:** circle skirts, skater skirts, mini skirts, maxi skirts, pencil skirts



### Pants

- Khaki, gray, or navy
- Look for styles with terms: chino, khaki, twill, trouser, in pleated or flat-front dress styles
- Pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt

- **NO**: shorts
- **NO**: denim pants, jeans, cargo pants, sweatpants, athletic pants, or tight-fitting pants
- **NO**: external rear pockets on pants

## Skirt Length Guide



**Below Knee** (when standing): Kneecap is partially visible or fully covered. This skirt length is in dress code.

**At Knee** (when standing): The hem of this skirt touches the top of the knee. Kneecap is mostly visible.

**Above Knee** (when standing): kneecap is fully visible and leg above knee is visible. This skirt length is not in dress code.

# Sweaters



Blazer



Cardigan



V-neck Pullover



Sweater Vest

## Sweaters

- Sweaters must be one of the following styles: V-neck or crewneck button-up cardigan, V-neck pullover sweater, V-neck pullover sweater vest
- Sweaters must be solid navy or gray, either plain woven or cable knit
- Collars of uniform shirts must show under all sweaters
- On Formal Days, only navy-colored sweaters are permitted indoors
- Plain gray sweatshirts without hoods are permitted in the physical education uniform



Patterned



Sweatshirt\*



Open-Weave/Long Length









Embellishments

- **NO**: patterns, graphics, or prints
- **NO**: sweatshirts (other than plain gray with PE uniform), hooded jackets, coats, fleece
- **NO**: crewneck pullover sweaters/sweatshirts
- **NO**: open-weave styles, dusters/long-length styles, cropped styles, turtleneck styles, chunky-knit styles
- **NO**: embellishments or lace









# Accessories



	
<p><b>Belts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Black, brown, navy</li> <li>➤ Must be worn with pants that have belt loops</li> <li>➤ Look for dress styles: leather (plain or braided)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> casual or non-dress belts</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> accents (e.g., rhinestones or large belt buckle)</li> </ul>
	
<p><b>Socks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Single-color in white, black, navy or gray</li> <li>➤ Knee-high, crew, ankle, low-cut, and no-show styles are all permitted</li> <li>➤ Logos must be discreet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> prints or holes in the fabric</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> multi-color socks</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> large logos</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> thigh-high socks</li> </ul>
	
<p><b>Tights/Leggings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tights may be black or skin tone</li> <li>➤ Leggings may be black or navy, full-length cotton</li> <li>➤ Bike shorts in solid black or navy are permitted under skirts and dresses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> logos, patterns, prints, or holes in or on the fabric</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> white or gray leggings</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> athletic leggings</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> cropped leggings</li> </ul>





# Shoes

 	 
<p><b>Athletic Shoes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Athletic shoes should be lace-up or velcro-close styles in solid black, navy, gray, or white <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laces must be black, gray, navy, or white</li> <li>○ Logos and accents must be in school colors</li> <li>○ Search for terms like tennis shoes or sneakers</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Socks must be worn with all shoes</li> <li>➤ Shoes must be closed-toe, closed-heel with a rubber sole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> embellishments or lights</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> sandals or Crocs</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> writing, drawing, or coloring on shoes</li> </ul>
 	 
<p><b>Dress Shoes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dress shoes should be solid black, navy, or brown</li> <li>➤ Permitted styles include ankle-height or Chelsea dress booties, Mary Janes, ballerina flats, Oxfords, and loafers</li> <li>➤ Socks or tights must be worn with all shoes</li> <li>➤ Shoes must be closed-toe, closed-heel with a rubber sole</li> <li>➤ Dress shoes are encouraged on formal days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> sandals</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> heeled shoes, wedge styles</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> cowboy boots, snow boots, heeled boots, combat boots, calf-, knee-, or thigh-high boots</li> </ul>

## Note for Next School Year

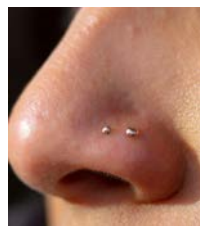
There are several types of shoes that meet the letter of our dress code but not its spirit. The brands/styles listed below will be **phased out in upper school after this school year**, and will not be permitted in the 24-25 school year and beyond:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Converse/Chucks/high-top sneakers</li> <li>➤ Hey Dudes/casual canvas slip-ons</li> <li>➤ Toms</li> </ul>	 
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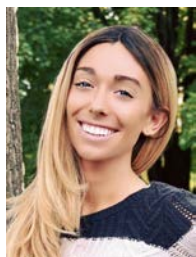
# Grooming, Hygiene, and Decorum



## Jewelry

- All jewelry must be small, discreet, and undistracting
- Only stud earrings are permitted for safety reasons

- **NO:** Hoop earrings, drop earrings, and dangling earrings of any type
- **NO:** Facial piercings of any type



## Hair

- Hair should be tidy and clean
- Hair must be out of the eyes
- Headbands, bows, clips, and scrunchies of reasonable size in navy, white, gray, or black are permitted

- **NO:** Extreme or distracting styles
- **NO:** unnatural colors
- **NO:** messy or unkempt hair
- **NO:** oversize or distracting hair accessories

## Fragrance

- ACANC is a fragrance-free environment out of consideration for staff and student allergies
- Applied fragrances such as colognes, perfumes, scented lotions and sanitizers, and body sprays are not permitted
- Students must bathe regularly and launder clothing routinely to avoid offensive odor
- Students should wear deodorant when the time comes



### Makeup/Cosmetics

- Makeup, if worn, should be natural and non-distracting.
- Nails should be a natural length and non-distracting.

- **NO**: bright colors or heavy application of cosmetics
- **NO**: sharing of cosmetics
- **NO**: false or press-on nails
- **NO**: excessive length, embellishment, or distracting colors on nails



# Formal Uniform

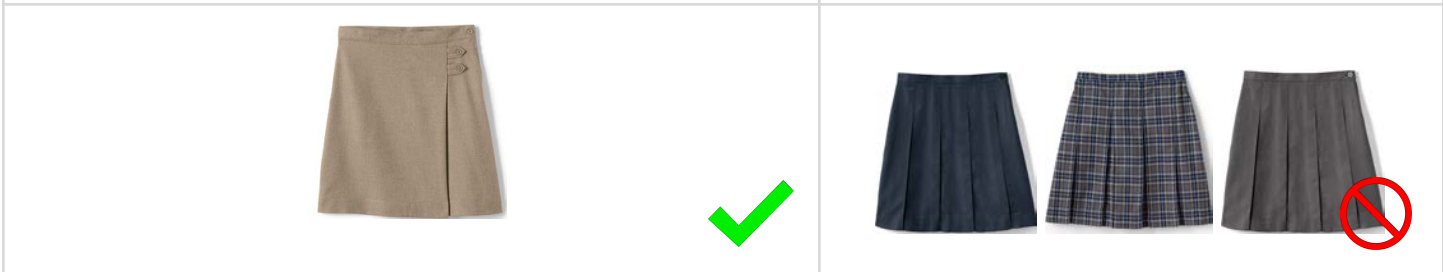
The Formal Uniform must be worn every Wednesday. Students may choose to wear the Formal Uniform any other day of the week. Students may mix Formal Uniform pieces with the Everyday Uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The school may also require students to wear the Formal Uniform for special occasions, e.g., a field trip or formal presentation.



## Dress Shirt

- White, oxford-style shirts; logo optional
- Long-sleeve or short-sleeve
- Ascent plaid tie is required on Formal Days
- Shirts are to be tucked in when in the building
- Camisoles or other undershirts are recommended

- Bras and other undergarments should not be visible through clothing
- **NO:** blue shirts on Formal Days
- **NO:** plaid ascot/cross-tie in upper school



## Skirts

- Students will wear khaki skirts on Formal Days
- Length must reach the knee when standing

- **NO:** navy, plaid, or gray skirts on Formal Days
- Skirts that do not reach the knee may not be worn, even if leggings are worn underneath



## Sweaters




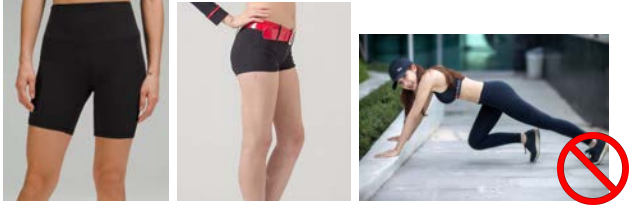
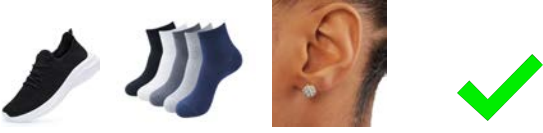



- Students wanting to wear sweaters may only wear navy in the building

- **NO:** gray sweaters on Formal Days

# Physical Education & Athletics Uniform



The physical education uniform is also the required practice uniform for all athletic teams.

	
<p><b>Tops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Solid gray crewneck T-shirt</li> <li>➤ long or short sleeve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Undergarments should not be visible</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> words, graphics, logos (other than ACA logo), rips, tears, sleeveless, or cropped styles</li> </ul>
	
<p><b>Bottoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Solid navy basketball shorts             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ White accents are permitted</li> <li>○ Shorts must reach the knee when standing</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Solid navy full-length sweatpants             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ neither too loose nor too tight</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> words, graphics, logos (other than ACA logo), yoga shorts, yoga pants, bike shorts, leggings, or tight-fitting styles</li> <li>➤ Undergarments should not be visible</li> <li>➤ Shorts that do not reach the knee may not be worn, even if leggings are worn underneath</li> </ul>
	
<p><b>Shoes/Accessories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shoes must be athletic style in solid navy, white, gray, or black</li> <li>➤ Socks must be white, navy, gray, or black</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> Dress shoes or street shoes (e.g., Converse)</li> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> Jewelry of any kind, other than stud earrings, for safety</li> </ul>
	
<p><b>Sweatshirts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Plain gray, non-hooded sweatshirts are permitted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>NO:</b> words, graphics, logos (other than ACA logo), rips, tears, sleeveless, or cropped styles</li> </ul>



# Ordering Information

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Land's End is the school's official supplier for plaid and logoed items. All required uniform pieces can also be purchased through Land's End. Parents are free to source other uniform pieces from outside sources so long as they comply with uniform requirements.

## [Land's End Online Uniform Store](#)

ACANC School Number: **900192071**

- School plaid items
- Items with school logo

## [School Store](#)

- PE uniform items with school logo
  - [shorts](#)
  - [sweatpants](#)
- Archers gear

## Helpful Links

[Old Navy Uniform Store](#)

[Target Uniforms](#)

[French Toast Uniforms](#)

[The Children's Place Uniforms](#)

Don't forget to connect with other ACANC parents for uniform swaps and sales!

## Questions?

Confused or need help? Want to make sure that pair of shoes is in dress code? Email [acanc.uniforms@ascentclassical.org](mailto:acanc.uniforms@ascentclassical.org) and we will help you out!