PERSONAL GROOMING AND DRESS

The Board desires to extend reasonable liberty to students in their grooming and the selection and wearing of clothing, with due regard to the school’s goals and standards.

All students of ABS are expected to be neatly groomed according to the following guidelines. Students and their parents (or guardians) bear the responsibility of insuring that grooming and dress guidelines are followed.

It is expected that all faculty, staff, coaches, and administration will enforce the dress code. Where differences in judgment exist between student and administration regarding the dress code, the administration’s judgment will prevail.

Students are expected to represent the values and standards of the school whenever they represent ABS officially or unofficially. Students attending any official school event on or off campus should adhere to P.E/field trip guidelines for dress. Any student seen in public or on social media in lewd or indecent dress is subject to disciplinary action.

HAIRSTYLE AND GROOMING

No unusual or radical hairstyles, as judged by the administration, will be permitted on girls or boys. Neither boys nor girls will be allowed to attend ABS with visible tattoos or body piercings, with the exception of earrings for girls.

Hairstyle for boys will be distinctively masculine, as suitable to the age of the boy. The maximum hair length of boys must be such that the hair is off the eyebrows and collars, and the ears are only slightly covered. Sideburns will be no lower than the bottom of the ear. Boys’ faces will be clean-shaven. The only exception will be that boys will be allowed to wear a mustache that is neatly trimmed and grows no longer than to the corner of the mouth. Hair style for girls will be distinctively feminine, as suitable to the age of the girl.

GENERAL ATTIRE GUIDELINES

The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the dress code at any point in time. Clothing for all students will be modest, neatly worn, and appropriate to the occasion. Clothing worn by the student will be clearly characteristic for the sex of the student. Students will not at any time be permitted to wear clothing which is uniquely typical of the opposite sex. Students are expected to wear shoes at all times. Boys are expected to wear closed-toed shoes. Girls may wear sandals. No clothing or accessory will be permitted at any time that displays inappropriate slogans or insignias. No clothing or accessory will be permitted which is associated
with or suggests organizations, groups or products whose activities or reputation is contrary to the goals of ABS. Students are expected to wear clothing in good condition, modest in design and decently worn, with no rips or tears above the knee. Clothing should be loose-fitting. Students may wear pants in which an inch of material may be gathered in each hand everywhere above the knee without stretching the fabric. Shirts should not be tight enough to accentuate the male or female form. At least one opaque layer of clothing must follow the guidelines addressed here. The following are also prohibited for classroom wear: lounge pants, sweat pants, and athletic pants. Pants and shirts should overlap in such a way that neither midriff nor undergarments are showing at any time. No shorts, tightly-fitting or revealing clothing will be permitted.

Casual clothing for activities outside the classroom, such as athletic events, field trips, picnics, and similar occasions, will also conform to similar guidelines as determined by the school official in charge.

ATTIRE FOR BOYS

Acceptable clothing for boys during the normal classroom activities will be long pants and shirts with sleeves.

ATTIRE FOR GIRLS

During the school day, girls are permitted to wear dresses or skirts with the hemline touching no higher than the top of the knee, front and back, when sitting and standing. Slits in skirts may not come higher than the top of the knee. Material should be opaque all the way to the knee, and the use of leggings/tights does not change the length requirement. Girls may wear capris that reach midway between the bottom of the knee and the ankle when standing. Tops are to be loose-fitting, so that the lines of the undergarments are not visible under clothing. Tops are not to be revealing, see-through or low-cut. Necklines should not be more than the student’s hand’s width lower than the collarbone, undergarments should not be visible, and no cleavage should be showing. Sleeveless dresses or shirts may be worn if the shoulder material is over two inches in width and the armholes are not oversized or cut-in. At least one opaque layer must meet each of these standards.

ATTIRE FOR FORMAL OCCASIONS

Clothing for formal occasions will be suitable for the occasion and will conform to the general principles specified for classroom attire. All formal dress for girls must meet approval by the administration or designated committee. The Board of Directors will review and distribute guidelines regarding formal attire by the end of July each year.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) ATTIRE

Normal P.E. attire will be determined by the P.E. Teachers and administration. Teachers reserve the right to suspend a student from participation due to inappropriate attire. The length of pants should be to the top of the knee while sitting or standing for girls and boys. Tops must have sleeves or, if sleeveless, must cover the shoulder joint and be hemmed by the manufacturer. No tank tops or cut-out shirts will be permitted.

Students who participate in athletic events will wear suitable clothing approved by the administration of ABS (athletic director and principal). Athletic pants will be no shorter than the top of the knee; shirt sleeves must extend to the shoulder joints; pants and shirts will be loosely fitted to the athlete; no tank tops will be allowed; materials must be opaque.

TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL GUIDELINES

Student attire guidelines for special circumstances, or adjustments for temporary conditions, will be determined as needed by the administration and will be posted or announced as necessary.

ENFORCEMENT OF GROOMING AND DRESS GUIDELINES

Students who fail to comply with these guidelines will be warned and corrected by the faculty, staff, administration, and coaches. Flagrant disregard for the grooming and dress code will require direct consultation with parents (or guardians) and may result in disciplinary action.

PARENTS, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS

In order to set a good example and demonstrate consistency, we would like to encourage parents, alumni, and friends of the school to voluntarily comply with these standards when they visit on campus or attend school activities.

Allowance for K-3 only
Loose fitting knit pants, sweats, and athletic pants (1 inch)
Shorts must be worn under skirts or dresses

Allowance for K-6 only
Students in K-6th grade may wear loose fitting shorts of a cargo, dress or golf style with pockets that reach to the middle of the knee. Athletic shorts are prohibited.