



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Allegiance STEAM Academy–Thrive’s student dress code policy is designed to promote safety and inclusivity. It is the intent of ASA Thrive that students be dressed and groomed in an appropriate manner that will not interfere with, or detract from, the school environment or disrupt the educational process. Dress should be suitable, modest, comfortable, and safe for normal school activities and reflect pride and attention to personal cleanliness. At ASA Thrive, we strongly believe we all come to school ready to learn. School dress codes support a safe and effective learning environment. Students who are safe and secure are better able to learn and exemplify the essentials of good citizenship. Therefore, in an effort to attain uniformity and school spirit, students are to follow this dress code policy at all times.

ASA Thrive’s dress code has been adopted by the Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors in compliance with the provisions of Article IX, section 5 of the California Constitution, and Assembly Bill 1575 (Education Code section 49010 et seq.), which prohibit the charging of any student fees for participation in an educational activity at the public school.

Given that ASA Thrive aims to serve the educational needs of a diverse community, the policy is designed to support access to all. No student will be sent home from school or denied attendance to school, or penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against, for noncompliance with this dress code policy. However, any student who arrives at school in nonconforming clothes will be provided with conforming clothing by the school office for the day.

Any student who needs assistance with identifying conforming clothing should contact the school office directly. In any and all cases concerning interpretation of this policy, the school administration reserves the absolute right to determine what constitutes proper compliance. The CEO/Principal will exempt a student from all/part of the dress code policy if an accommodation is requested concerning a particular religion, religious customs or medical necessity.

In the case where compliance to the dress code policy poses a financial hardship for an ASA family, ASA’s Board will ensure that suitable and compliant clothing is supplied free of charge. Requests for financial assistance can be made to the CEO/Principal. ALL requests will remain confidential.

ASA Thrive Student Dress Code consists of:

- Tops: white or forest green polos or ASA spirit wear shirts
- Bottoms: khaki or black colored: shorts, skorts, skirts (knee length), pants, jumpers.
- Footwear: closed toed shoes that allow full participation in PE

On Friday's students may wear an ASA spirit wear shirt and bottoms of their choice

At all times, including on alternate dress code days, students must comply with the following:

ACCEPTABLE STUDENT DRESS

1. Socks are required.
2. Flat heeled boots and flat-heeled shoes with closed toes and heels are required.
3. Appropriate jewelry.
4. Hats/visors/beanies are permitted on the playground only, but may not have professional sports team logos. College/University logos are acceptable.
5. Sunglasses for outdoor use only (back strap is recommended).
6. Leggings are permitted when worn with a skirt or shorts.

UNACCEPTABLE STUDENT DRESS

1. Any disruptive clothing (e.g., emblems, lettering, colors, and pictures pertaining to drugs/alcohol, sex, gambling, profanity, gangs, or other offensive themes/messages).
2. Dress/blouse/top that does not cover back, midriff, cleavage or shoulders: muscle shirts and tank tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halters.
3. Bottoms with immodest length/slits. Long shorts/skorts, skirts, or mini-skirts.
4. Shirts, tops, or sweaters unbuttoned below the sternum.
5. Sweat pants, or any type of workout or warm-up suits (including nylon suits, shorts, long/baggy basketball style shorts).
6. Hairstyles must not materially and substantially interfere with school operations.
7. Tight, form-fitting pants and tops that inhibit movement or outline body parts.
8. Low slung, oversized, or wide legged baggy pants.
9. Sandals, flip-flops, open toe shoes or jellies.
10. Make-up or artificial nails.
11. Chains, spikes, headbands, bandanas, long dangling belts, or gang paraphernalia.
12. Clothing, hats/visors/beanies, etc. with professional team logos.

13. Tattered, torn clothes or clothing with holes. Pants must be hemmed (top of shoe).
14. Jewelry which creates a health/safety hazard, causes a distraction, or can readily/reasonably be used as a weapon. No hoop or dangly earrings. No nose rings.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION, LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES, EXCEPTIONS

Disciplinary action may be taken to ensure compliance with the dress code policy (except toward students exempted by the parents/guardians as provided for by this policy). Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student for not complying with the dress code policy, the student or the principal or designee shall conference with the student's parent/guardian to solicit parental cooperation and support. However, no student shall be suspended from school, or from class, or receive a lowered academic grade as a result of not complying with the dress code.

The CEO/Principal or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms. The CEO/principal shall identify a source for any needed financial assistance.

No student shall be considered noncompliant with the policy when:

1. Noncompliance is due to financial hardship
2. A student wears a button, armband or other accouterment to exercise the right to freedom of expression as provided for in Education Code 48907 (unless the symbol is related to gangs) or is in violation of student dress code
3. A student wears the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization (example: Scouts) on regular meeting days
4. The adherence to the dress code violates a student's sincerely held religious beliefs
5. A student has on file with the school a "request for exemption from the student dress code requirement" signed by a parent/guardian in the presence of a school employee

ASA will evaluate the dress code policy on an annual basis to determine the effectiveness of the policy and to consider appropriate modifications.

Dress by a student which violates ASA guidelines but is not expressly delineated within ASA regulations shall be considered and reviewed by the CEO/Principal. The CEO/Principal shall make a determination if the dress matter at issue violates this policy and, if so, shall undertake appropriate action to immediately bring about the student's compliance with the dress code including, but not limited to, contacting the student's parents/guardians and seeking the cooperation and assistance of the parents/guardians.

1. Upon first violation of the dress code, the CEO/Principal or designee shall conference with the student and parent/guardians to solicit parental support and cooperation.
2. Upon the second violation, the student will be warned and parents/guardians will be notified. The CEO/Principal or designee will determine, if available, whether school issued temporary dress code compliant items will be provided to the student.

3. Upon a subsequent violation, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate attire to the school. The student and parent/guardian will be notified that if there is a third violation of the dress code. The CEO/Principal or designee, taking a student's disciplinary record into account, will determine the progressive disciplinary response consistent with the ASA Student Code of Conduct.

ASA will make every effort to work collaboratively with students and parent/guardians to ensure adherence to the dress code policy.