

**ADVANTAGE ACADEMY
GPE SECONDARY CAMPUS
Dress, Grooming
and Accessories Code
School Year 2021-22**

In order to attend regular classes, secondary students must be in full compliance with code standards. All requirements will be strictly enforced.

Advantage Academy believes that the business of school is student learning. An established dress, grooming and accessory code supports that purpose and promotes a safe and orderly learning environment free from distractions and disruptions. A student's dress, grooming and accessories should reflect the seriousness and business-like atmosphere that supports academics and instruction. A student's dress, grooming and accessory choices must be in accordance with the requirements outlined below. It is the District's responsibility to ensure that enforcement of these standards is performed in a consistent manner with respect to safety, age appropriateness and reasonable modesty.

The school's *Dress, Grooming and Accessories Code* applies to all district campuses, facilities and all locations on or off-campus where secondary students are receiving instruction or participating in or are in attendance of a school sponsored activity unless otherwise specified (e.g. field trips, athletic competitions or other educational events/activities). The Superintendent has delegated to Campus Discipline Administrators, the authority to make final determinations as to whether a student's dress, grooming and/or accessories meets or does not meet the Secondary *Dress, Grooming and Accessories Code* Standards. While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the final decision lies with the District.

Parent, Guardian and Student Responsibility

Parents, guardians and students have the primary responsibility for ensuring acceptable dress, grooming and accessory code compliance each school day during normal school hours and as indicated above. The secondary dress code is meant to serve the best interests of all students in the school district while allowing students a wide variety of choices. The cooperation of parents, guardians and students is essential to the effectiveness of the school's dress code.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or that depict, advertise or promote tobacco products, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs or other prohibited substances. The school prohibits any dress or grooming that, in the district's judgment, may reasonably be expected to interfere with the school's learning environment or normal school operations.

Clarification regarding dress should be obtained **prior to wearing item to school**. Guidance can be acquired from the Campus Discipline Administrator.

DRESS

The following Dress Standards apply to all secondary students. All clothing must be appropriately sized and hemmed. There should be no visible rips, tears, frays, cuts or excessive fading.

Tops (Shirts, Blouses) must:

- Touch the waist of pants/skirts (measured with the student standing straight and arms hanging naturally.)
- Be appropriately sized to avoid revealing the mid-section or upper part of the body.
- Have a conservative neckline.
- Be tucked in with a belt if longer than hip length.

(Tops Restrictions)

- Sleeveless tops, shirts, blouses.
- Tank tops, strapless tops, backless tops, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps.
- Unbuttoned tops, shirts, blouses.
- Extra-long shirts or tall T-shirts.
- Long or oversized sweaters and sweatshirts (longer than hip length or baggy)
- Exposed midriff or cleavage.
- Undershirts must be without visible stripes, designs or wording.
- Underwear as outerwear or exposed underwear or nightwear (plain white t-shirts are considered underwear.)

Bottoms (Pants (includes jeans), Dresses, Skirts, Shorts) must:

- Be worn at the natural waistline, (measured with the student standing straight and arms hanging naturally.) Sagging will not be permitted.
- Be no shorter than two (2) inches above the bend of the knee (dresses, skirts, split skirts.)
- Be no shorter than four (4) inches above the bend of the knee (shorts.)

(Bottoms Restrictions)

- Immodest, tight fitting, pants, dresses, skirts and shorts. (Hip-hugger styles are not permitted.)
- Shorts may not be biking shorts, workout shorts, boxer shorts or cutoffs.
- Exposed skin.
- Jean leggings “Jeggings.”
- Cannot reveal underclothing.
- Spandex shorts or tights.
- Workout or jogging pants/shorts (oversized, baggy, ill-fitting.)
- See-through (transparent, thin, mesh) unless worn over appropriate garments.
- Underwear as outerwear or exposed underwear or nightwear.

Footwear/Shoes

- Standard leather or canvas footwear that is closed toe.
- Socks are NOT required.

(Footwear/Shoes Restrictions)

- Open toed or “flip flop” style shoes.
- House shoes/slippers.
- Rubber shoes such as Crocks.
- Shoes with metal cleats, wheels or taps.
- Heels over one (1) inch.

- Bare feet.

Leggings

- Leggings, leotards, yoga pants must be worn with an appropriate covering (students bottom must be covered.)
- Leggings, leotards, yoga pants must be single color.

Belts

- Must be worn if pants have loops for a belt.
- Neutral in color (black, tan, brown etc.)
- Standard in style and size (no decorative holes, spikes, etc.)

Outerwear (Sweaters, Jackets, Coats)

- Single color: Black, Grey, White or Blue.
- Minimal designs, writings and symbols (no larger than 2 inch X 4 inch.)

(Outerwear Restrictions)

- Hoodies that cover any part of the face.
- Long coats, trench coats, dusters, blankets, etc.
- One-piece jumpsuits.

GROOMING

Grooming Standards apply to all secondary students.

Hair

All Students:

- Only *natural* shade hair colors are allowed.
- Tipping or highlighting hair will be permitted as long as it is of a natural hair color.
- Hair/Bangs may not cover/obstruct eyes or eyesight.
- Wigs may be worn for medical reasons only.

(Hair Restrictions)

- Hairstyles that are distracting/disruptive such as mohawks, spikes, dreadlocks, etc.
- Excessive decorative items in the hair.
- Hairstyles that contain designs which display inappropriate symbols or messages.
- Hairstyles with unusual streaks or patterns.
- Non-natural colored hair or extensions (e.g., green, blue, purple, orange or multi-colored.)
- Hair rakes and hair rollers.

(Hair-Male Students)

- Hair length shall not extend more than one (1) inch from the top of shirts or other tops.
- Male students may not tuck, curl or groom their hair in order to meet the hair length standard.
- Mustaches and goatees are allowed if neatly trimmed; beards are prohibited.

Make-Up

- Female students are allowed to wear make-up deemed school appropriate/modest by campus administrators.

- Male students may not wear make-up.

ACCESSORIES

Accessory standards apply to all secondary students.

- Female students may wear earrings of modest taste.
- Female students may wear up to three (3) earrings per ear.

(Accessory Restrictions)

- Earrings that are distracting/disruptive or considered dangerous.
- Male students may not wear earrings or have any object in the ear lobe or ear.
- Visible objects in any body piercing other than earrings for female students.
- *Face Piercings:* tongue rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, ear gauges, facial jewelry such as hoops or rings or other facial decorations.
- Jewelry that is distracting, disruptive or considered dangerous.
- Bracelets/Necklaces/Chokers that are spiked/studded, made out of safety pins or chain links.
- Accessories that may be used as a weapon.
- Sunglasses-may not be worn in school buildings.

Identification Badges

Where applicable: All secondary students shall wear school issued identification badge at all times while on a campus or attending a school-related extracurricular activity. Badges must be visible at all times and cannot be worn underneath clothing or carried in pockets, backpacks, bags, purses, etc.

Prohibited Dress, Grooming, Accessories

Students shall not display any aspect of dress, grooming or accessory that is disruptive, likely to distract from the learning environment or draws undue attention to that student, including images or messages that are illegal, inappropriate, lewd, vulgar, sexually suggestive, containing profanity or that depict, insinuate or promote violations of school rules (i.e., drugs, tobacco use, alcohol, violence, gang affiliation, death, sex, profanity or hate). Students shall not display any aspect of dress, grooming or accessory or other articles which contain distasteful writings or pictures. The following are prohibited according to Code:

- Hoods, hats, caps or other head coverings-may not be worn inside school buildings.
- *Garments with Hoods:* may not be worn with the hood over the head inside school buildings.
- Visible body piercings or objects attached to any body part.
- Sweatpants, pajamas, boxer shorts or loungewear.
- Bandannas, sweatbands, hair nets, skull caps, head scarves or similar accessories.
- Full camouflage (top and bottom) military fatigues.
- Distracting, disruptive or excessive make-up.
- Removable teeth bridges or removable teeth/mouth grills.
- Visible tattoos deemed disruptive or inappropriate (must be covered at all times.)
- Chains attached to any article of clothing or accessory.
- Spiked or studded bracelets, necklaces, belts.

Code Exclusions

Secondary *Dress, Grooming and Accessories Code* Standards do not prohibit the District or Campus Administrators from allowing special events, celebration or extracurricular group apparel to be worn on designated days approved by the District which involve dress, grooming or accessories normally prohibited (i.e. “Homecoming” or “Red Ribbon Week”, etc.) Students participating in school-related activities, such as extracurricular, athletic activities or other special functions, may have non-standard dress or grooming requirements in place.

Code Enforcement

Students in violation of the dress, grooming and accessories code will be expected to remove items not in compliance with this policy or to make dress or grooming adjustments when violations are brought to their attention. To avoid discipline infractions, parents/guardians may bring appropriate attire to the school for the student.

Students who refuse to come into compliance may be sent home and asked not to return until they are compliant. Students who persistently violate the dress, grooming and accessories code will receive a Code of Conduct infraction (level I Dress/Grooming/Accessory Code Violation) and will be subject to disciplinary consequences, including suspension. Dress and grooming decisions made by Campus Discipline Administrators are final and may not be appealed.

Advantage Academy reserves the right to establish new or updated dress and grooming standards during the school year, which may include restricting or prohibiting certain articles of clothing, grooming styles or accessories.