

2022-2023 MS & US Dress Code

Compliance with the Dress Code is an essential part of each parent's and each student's responsibility. All questions and clarifications are to be directed to the appropriate Division Dean whose judgment is final. Repeated failure to comply with the Dress Code will result in disciplinary action.

Tops:

What is appropriate?

- Collared shirts
- Solid colored t-shirts
- Any Tuscaloosa Academy shirt and t-shirt
- Girls may wear blouses of a solid or patterned print
- Outerwear (hoodies, sweatshirts, and jackets) must be solid color, TA, or collegiate.

What is NOT Permitted?

- Any non-TA screen printed t-shirts, including collegiate t-shirts with words or graphics.
- Sleeveless shirts measuring less than three finger widths.
- Backless or mesh backing shirts
- Midriff exposure; crop tops, halter, spaghetti straps, strapless, racer back, or any top revealing cleavage.
- White t-shirts designed to be worn as undergarments.

Bottoms:

What is appropriate?

- Any non-athletic bottom to include shorts, slacks, or jeans of appropriate length. AFTCO shorts are acceptable.
- Tennis skirts of appropriate length.
- Non- sweatpant joggers are permitted.
- Bottoms that are tactfully frayed or have frayed ends are permitted.

- Length of shorts/skirts/dresses must be thumb length

What is NOT Permitted?

- Athletic shorts/pants
- Loungewear
- Leggings of any kind
- Koch shorts
- Overalls
- Cutoff jeans or material
- Oversized jeans
- Jeans may not have rips or tears that show the skin underneath.
- Hunting attire

Shoes:

What is NOT acceptable?

- As a general rule, any shoe that one would typically wear in the water (beach, pool, shower, boat, etc.) is not appropriate for school.
- Crocs, slides, and other rubber shoes/flip flops.
- Slippers or house shoes.

Hair & Body:

What is appropriate?

- Hair should be neat, clean, and of modest style.
- Facial hair should not be excessive and should also be well groomed.

What is NOT acceptable?

- Extreme hairstyles (length, color, design, etc.)
- Outrageous and unnatural hair color
- Visible body piercings and tattoos other than ear piercings on girls.
- Hats, caps, and visors are not permitted inside the building.

General Expectations:

- Girls may wear dresses of solid color or pattern that meet the criteria for tops and bottoms in terms of cut and length.
- Athletic wear is not permitted. On some occasions as approved by Administration, athletes may wear a TA sport jersey with a bottom that adheres to the dress code (with the exception of cheerleading).
- Spandex and other extremely tight-fitting clothing are not permitted.
- Transparent clothing is not permitted.
- Students may only wear TA or collegiate outerwear and may not wear tops promoting other lower, middle, or high schools.
- Dress Up days and Spirit Days will be permitted and announced to students.