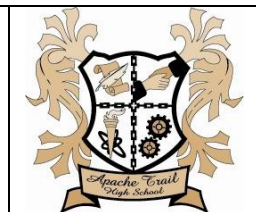


# Student Dress Code & Guidelines

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**General Guidelines for Appropriate Dress** -- *As a public school, Apache Trail High School has the right to establish the code of student dress.* The administration can, at any time, require a student to change out of clothing that is deemed inappropriate. The student must dress in appropriate attire during the school day that does not disrupt the learning environment. Undue disruption or distraction to the learning environment will be determined by the ATHS administration. Students must refrain from wearing items that portray drug, tobacco, alcohol, profanity, or sexually explicit subjects including sexual innuendo. It is understood that clothing that contains text or images that are otherwise construed as being offensive or inappropriate cannot be worn while on campus. Students will not wear any clothing that can be construed as showing gang affiliation or glorification. Students must also ensure that the body is covered. Short shorts, halter tops, swimsuits, cut-off shirts, bare midriffs and sheer garments are not appropriate.

## Hats, Head Covering & Eyewear

1. Students may not wear hats, visors, hoods, or any head covering, sunglasses or any other eyewear that obstructs the eyes while in class or inside school buildings. The following types of head covering are **NEVER** allowed to be worn while on campus: bandanas, hairnets, "do rags", pantyhose worn on the head and any other head covering that is prohibited by school administration.
2. ATHS does not allow bandanas to be worn on the person in anyway or be visible at any time.
3. ATHS reserves the right to confiscate any hat, visor, sweatshirt with hood, or any other head covering, sunglasses or any other eyewear, which is worn in violation of this policy.

## Jewelry, Piercing, Belts & Tattoos

4. Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard or can be used as a weapon. This includes spiked rings, earrings, necklaces or bracelets. Safety pins, nails, paper clips and similar items are not permitted as forms of jewelry.
5. Belts must be kept around the waist and may not hang down from the waist. Wallet chains or other forms of chains worn on clothing or as jewelry of excessive length (as determined by administration) are not allowed. Belts/belt buckles representing drugs, alcohol and other inappropriate symbols are prohibited. ATHS reserves the right to not allow belts/belt buckles as determined by the administration to be dangerous or inappropriate.
6. Students may be required to cover a permanent or semi-permanent tattoo or marking on their body if it is deemed inappropriate. ***ATHS reserves the right to restrict the public display of any tattoo.***
7. ATHS reserves the right to not allow a body piercing, facial piercing or ear gauges that are deemed inappropriate or excessive as determined by the administration. Experience has shown that some piercings can be a distraction for some students.

## Shoes

8. State health laws require that shoes be worn at all times. Slippers and other soft soled shoes are not appropriate. For safety reasons, some classes and activities may require specific types of footwear. Students will be informed of these requirements by their teacher.

## Pants, Skirts, Shorts, Etc.

9. *The waistband of the student's bottoms (pants, shorts, dress etc.) must ALWAYS TOUCH their shirt or top at all times so as not to expose any skin or undergarments between the bottoms and the tops.* This includes, walking, sitting, standing, etc. Underwear should never show.
10. **Sagging is not allowed.** Pants must be worn at the waist; the waist band can not be below the hips.
11. Pajama pants and all other sleep wear are not to be worn on campus.

**Pants, Skirts, Shorts, Etc. continued**

- 12. Shorts, skirts and other similar types of clothing must be long enough to pass the “finger length” rule, which means that they may be no shorter than where the student’s longest finger touches the leg when the arm is hanging straight down with the fingers fully extended.
- 13. No holes, tears or cuts in the fabric of pants/jeans/skirt/shorts may expose skin or undergarments that can be seen in the area defined by the "finger length" rule. In addition, excessive holes, tears or cuts in the fabric (as determined by the administration) are not allowed. [Be advised that some clothing companies sell clothing with holes, cuts and tears, that violate this dress code.]

**Shirts, Tops, Blouses, Etc.**

- 14. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff but not so long as to go beyond mid-thigh.
- 15. **Males: Students must have sleeves on their shirts.** Wearing tank tops, muscle shirts or similar items is prohibited. Exceptions to this rule may be made for specific athletic activities as defined by the athletic director or other administrator.
- 16. **Females:** Tops must have at least two straps that go from front to back (for example, a traditional tank top). The straps must be at least 1 ¼” in width. Tube tops, halter tops, strapless tops, backless tops, tops with straps that wrap around the neck or one strap tops are not permitted. The cut of the top must fully cover the student’s bra, cannot show skin below the shoulder blades and must cover the chest appropriately to show minimal cleavage as determined by the administration.

**Consequences of dress code violations**

- 17. Students who have inappropriate tops, pants, shorts, skirts, etc. will be asked to provide collateral for a dress code shirt or shorts, if available, as deemed appropriate by the school, which they will wear. When appropriate, the dress coded item will be held till the end of the day as collateral. Appropriate consequences will be implemented for students who refuse to comply. Frequent violations can result in community service, detention or suspension from school.

**Policy Acceptance**

- 18. Clothing styles change and Apache Trail High School has the right to modify the guidelines at any time as the staff and administration deem appropriate. If a change is required, guardians, parents and students will be notified of changes through our newsletter, classroom announcements, office posting, student public address announcement, our website, mass calling system, mass email system or other printed material.
- 19. By signing the *Student Dress Code* of Apache Trail High School; parents, guardians and students agree to follow the term defined above.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_