



ARLINGTON  
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

## Uniform Policy

Research has proven that a high standard of dress and personal grooming encourages respect, provides an increased focus on learning and results in a higher standard of behavior. At Arlington Community Academy (ACA), we agree with this research and believe that uniforms set the tone and pace for a vigorous academic environment. For these reasons, uniforms are required for each grade level and must be worn daily.

Uniforms should be purchased from our vendor:

All Uniform Wear  
9357 Philips Hwy #2  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
<http://www.alluniformwear.com>

Shirts, jumpers, sweaters, skorts, and pants must have the official ACA logo. Children are required to wear basic uniform Monday-Thursday and a more formal uniform on Fridays for Chapel and other special events, which will be strictly enforced.

### **Options for our Boys:**

- Burgundy polo shirt with ACA logo
- Khaki pants or shorts with ACA logo
- Black or brown belt (Pre-K boys are not required to wear a belt)
- Black, brown, navy, or white shoes (since students do not change for Physical Education (P.E.), tennis shoes are recommended)
- Black, brown, navy, or white socks; plain or crew (no ankle or no-show socks)
- Navy blue sweater with ACA logo (All Uniform Wear will embroider child's name for additional fee)
- Light Blue Oxford with ACA logo (to be worn on Fridays for Chapel and other special occasions as determined by Administration)

### **Options for our Girls:**

- Burgundy polo shirt with ACA logo
- Khaki skort with ACA logo
- Khaki pants with ACA logo (October-March Only)
- Black or brown belt with pants during designated months (Pre-K girls are not required to wear a belt)
- Black, brown, navy, or white shoes (since students do not change for Physical Education (P.E.), tennis shoes are recommended)
- Black, brown, navy, burgundy, or white socks; plain, crew, knee high, or stockings in winter months (no ankle or no-show socks)
- Navy blue sweater with ACA logo (All Uniform Wear will embroider child's name for additional fee)
- White Peter Pan Blouse & Navy Jumper with ACA logo (to be worn on Fridays for Chapel and other special occasions as determined by Administration)

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## Hair & Jewelry Policy

At ACA, we recognize hair is an important part of everyone's identity. We respect the need to express creativity and individuality through hair styles, jewelry and other accessories. To maintain a high standard of academic excellence by fostering an environment that focuses more on learning than decoration, we have set limitations to exclude hair and accessory trends.

### **For Hair:**

- Students must display their natural hair color. Dyed, bleached, colored hair, weaves and clip-ons are not permitted. These other options can be distracting and even cause competition among students.
- Please refrain from styling your child's hair with small beads; they could cause a potential choking hazard for your or other students.
- Hair must be clean, neat, tapered, and well groomed. Twists, locs and braids must be well-kept and away from the face.
- Please refrain from excessively-gelled and spiked hair. If weave/extensions are necessary, it must be limited. Well-arranged styles are always expected.
- Hair bows and/or headbands should match ACA uniform colors (white, navy, khaki and burgundy).

### **For Jewelry and Accessories:**

- Only small post earrings are permitted.
- Dangling or loop earrings, bracelets, calculator watches and necklaces are not allowed.
- Only clear fingernail polish is permitted.
- Make-up is not permitted.

## Summary

Parents/Guardians must agree to follow to the Uniform, Hair & Jewelry Policy as part of the admissions process at Arlington Community Academy. Extremes in apparel or in hairstyles will not be allowed at the school and students not properly attired or groomed may be sent home.

Parents are responsible for children arriving to school in proper uniform. If a child is repeatedly out of uniform, he/she will not be permitted to participate in designated "Free Dress" days, and our goal is always 100% participation in those.

Parents/Guardians who do not support these policies will be asked to attend a conference with Administration to discuss whether ACA is the right fit for their child. We certainly hope it is and feel these standards offer the best learning opportunities for your child.