

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a learning environment and a school setting. Health, safety, decency, and the prevention of distractions were the primary concerns in the development of the dress code for Andalusia City Schools.

Modesty and neatness are expected in all attire. Any individual who wears attire which causes a disturbance or who violates the school dress code may be suspended from class until clothing has been changed. Repeated violation of the dress code may result in after school detention or suspension. The dress code has been developed by Andalusia City Schools officials and approved by the Andalusia City Board of Education. The rules for dress are in effect regardless to what is "popular" or in "style".

No code or policy can be all-inclusive. There may be situations that arise which are not covered in this code. In these situations, the principal or his/her designee will deal with these on an individual basis.

1. All clothing must fit properly.
 - a. No oversized clothing
 - b. No clothing that is immodestly tight
2. All pants (including shorts and skirts) will be worn at the natural waist level.
3. Pants, shorts and skirt pockets must be visible.
4. Shirttails or tops must be tucked into pants, shorts, or skirts. Sweater sets, etc. must be long enough that NO midriff is visible at time when arms are raised or when student sits down.
5. Undergarments should not be visible when one is sitting or standing.
6. All shirts and tops must have sleeves.
7. Belts should be clearly visible and fit appropriately.
8. No trench coats may be worn to school.
9. Tank top shirts or undershirt types, halters, half-shirts, spaghetti strap tops, strapless tops, mesh tops, open back tops, and immodestly tight or revealing tops are not allowed.
10. All pants, skirts, dresses, etc. worn during school hours must be no shorter than six (6) inches above the BOTTOM of the knee.
11. Clothing with holes, rips, and tears should not be worn to school.
12. Shoes are to be worn by everyone at all times.
13. Dresses/skirts, etc., with splits cannot be worn if the split is six inches above the bottom of the knee.
14. All snaps and/or bottoms on trousers, coveralls, overalls, etc. should be fastened.
15. Clothing with profanity or other suggestive remarks or gestures must not be worn to school. No pants with words across the seat may be worn.
16. No clothing with markings that represent hate groups may be worn.

17. No clothing the name of beverages, or the name of any establishment whose primary purpose is the sale of alcoholic beverages, or any alcoholic related advertisement will not be allowed at school.
18. Hats should not be worn or brought to school. Exception: Baseball/softball team members may bring caps to be worn during the game.
19. No sunglasses should be worn in any classes, auditorium, cafeteria, or in the office. Exception: Medical reasons.
20. No bicycle pants of any length will be allowed.
21. No tights should be worn unless dresses or shorts cover to requirements.
22. No bandannas, coats or any other type that may be interpreted as gang-related paraphernalia will be allowed.
23. Hairstyles, clothing or make-up that is disruptive to the normal school day is not allowed. No braids or plats will be allowed. Extreme hair color/styles that create a disruption or distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed.
24. With the approval of the principal, the extra-curricular activity sponsor may establish additional rules for grooming and dress as a prerequisite for membership and participation.

Appearance

Students will be expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Students should remember that they represent their school to the community. Any form of dress or hair style that is considered contrary to good hygiene or that is disruptive in appearance and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school will not be permitted. Failure to abide by these rules may constitute a cause for disciplinary action.

Appearance Violation

A student found to be in violation of the dress code will be required to change the article of clothing. The violation will be documented and the parent will be notified. If the parent cannot be contacted for the purpose of enabling the student to conform to the dress code, the student will be placed in the in-school suspension program for the remainder of the day. A second violation of the dress code may result in suspension.

Telephone

The office phone is a business phone and is to be used by students for check in and check out purposes only. Students will be contacted by the office should a parent or guardian leave a message.