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**Gentlemen:**

Red, White or Navy Polo or Button-up  
 Khaki, Navy or Black Dress Slacks  
 Neutral Colored Belt & Shoes

**Optional:**

Red, White or Navy Sweater or Vest  
 Red, White or Navy Solid or Patterned Tie

**Ladies:**

Red, White or Navy Polo Shirt  
 (only top button at collar may be undone)  
 Khaki, Navy or Black Dress Slacks OR  
 Skirt. Approved plaid skirts may be worn.  
 Neutral Colored Belt & Shoes

Optional: Red, White or Navy Sweater or Vest

# NVA Dress Code



Pants must not be tight, baggy or cargo style and must reach the mid-section or hips. Students must wear a belt if pants have belt loops.

No denim of any color is allowed.

Skirts and skorts must reach no less than 3 inches above the knee.



## American Heritage Charter School Uniform Dress Code

Students are reminded that their appearance (clothing and grooming) significantly affects the way others respond to them. Since it is the duty of the Board of Directors to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning, minimizing disruptions or distractions, and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, all students will abide by the uniform code of dress outlined by AHCS when the student is on any school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location. AHCS's Uniform Code of Dress is outlined below, and may be changed by the Principal with approval from the Board at any time.

*Uniform Dress Code* (Principal may choose to alter the Uniform Dress Code on a per student basis as requested by parent.)

1. Clothing must be clean and in good condition.
2. No denim is allowed.
3. No head coverings are permitted indoors except as permitted under special circumstances outlined by Principal/Designee.
4. Students are prohibited from wearing excessive cosmetics **or coming to school with extreme hairstyles as determined by the Principal/Designee.**
5. Students are permitted to wear no more than one pair of earrings while at school or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location.

### Shirts

- Red, white, or navy blue shirts in solid colors with collars and sleeves, such as a Polo<sup>®</sup> or a button-down shirt. Turtlenecks in approved colors may be worn under shirts with collars and sleeves.
- Vests and/or sweaters in solid, approved school colors may also be worn over shirts.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- May not be made of fleece or nylon material typically used in athletic wear.
- Must be made of opaque material.
- Must extend past waist and/or top of pants.
- May not show any chest or torso in front or back.
- Must have sleeves that cover any tattoos.

### Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Capri's

- Tan or navy blue pants/skirts/shorts/skorts/jumpers/Capri's made of cotton, cotton-polyester blend, linen, wool, or corduroy. May not be made of fleece or nylon material typically used in athletic wear.
- Must reach a student's hips or midsection. (No undergarments may show above the pant line.)
- Shorts must be no less than mid-thigh in length. Skorts/jumpers/skirts must reach no less than three inches above the knee while student is kneeling.
- No pockets are permitted on the sides of clothing.
- Must cover any tattoos.

### Footwear

- Socks/tights-solid colors of tan, brown, navy blue, white, or black.
- Shoes-no flip flops are permitted; heels must be of moderate height.
- Winter footwear-must be removed at the door and replaced with appropriate footwear.



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### Outerwear

- Worn outside is not considered part of the dress code and must be removed while indoors.

Students may wear clothing they currently own if it conforms to AHCS's uniform code. Parent may purchase appropriate clothing at any clothier of their choice. Often vendors offer schools a discount so compare pricing before purchasing apparel.

Students are not to wear or carry items of apparel (accessories, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry—including body piercing) which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol or word: drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia; gangs; violence; sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or offensive material; or illegal acts. The wearing, using, or displaying of any gang clothing or attire (based upon the Principal/Designee's reasonable belief that gangs may be present in a school) jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes or other things which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited on any school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location.

Head coverings are inappropriate in the school building during regular school hours, unless the Principal/Designee specifically makes an exception to the policy.

Unless the Principal/Designee indicates otherwise, students will wear footwear at all times. When students are in lab classes, closed-toe footwear is required.

### *Interpretation and Implementation of Policy*

The building Principal/Designee will use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building Principal/Designee will be final. Principals, administrators, and teachers will use reasonable discretion in enforcing this policy.

### *Enforcement*

Parents will be notified each time a student is in violation of the dress code. Parents will be responsible for facilitating prompt compliance with the dress code. Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until arrangements may be made for their proper attire. All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances for violating the uniform dress code.

### *Temporary Exceptions*

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building Principal/Designee has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specially scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day.