Dress Code

Atlanta Youth Academy has a uniform requirement for all students during school hours. Only the prescribed uniform components may be worn to school unless it is a designated Dress Down Day or Formal Dress /Chapel Day. Dress code violations are a level 1 infraction according to our discipline policy. Parents will be called to bring proper attire if a student fails to comply with the AYA dress code policy. The student will not be permitted to attend classes during this time.

Regular School Dress Uniform

- Polo type shirt in white, light blue, or navy in color only with the Atlanta Youth Academy logo. Red polo also allowed for Middle School. (These are ordered through the business office only). Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Khaki pants, knee-length shorts, or knee-length skirts for Middle School
- Navy blue pants, knee length shorts, or knee-length skirts for Elementary School
- Only plain white or black undershirts (**with no writing or logos**) may be worn under boy's and girl's shirts.
- Brown, black or navy belts must be worn with all pants or shorts that have belt loops.
- Students are required to wear athletic shoes or their black or brown dress shoes on non-Chapel days. Athletic shoes must:
    - ★ Have one or two primary colors. Multi-colored (3 or more distinct colors) shoes are considered an infraction.
    - ★ Have single-color laces and remain tied during the school day, including co/extra-curricular activities and events
    - ★ Not reflect light, make sounds or expose any part of the student's feet.
    - ★ Boots are not allowed (this includes rain boots, ankle boots, booties, and Uggs)
- Socks (and/or tights for girls) must be worn at all times and must be solid black, white, or navy. Patterns, characters, prints, stripes, or logos are unacceptable.
- No hats of any style are to be worn in the building.
- Only solid (logo-free, other than AYA) navy, white, black or gray sweaters may be worn during school hours.
- During the cooler months a long sleeve shirt that is white, black, gray, or navy may be worn underneath a uniform polo. Long-sleeve polo shirts can be ordered through the business office.
- Hoodies, windbreakers, and pullovers must be logo-free or have an AYA logo, and must be solid blue, black, white, or gray.
- Heavy winter outerwear may not be worn in the school buildings, and must be stored in cubbies or lockers.
- AYA T-shirts are only to be worn on designated days.

Accessories

- Boys are not to wear any type of earring or have any other body piercing.

- Boys are not to wear any chain or other dangling necklaces.
- Cologne/Perfume should be worn in moderation.
- Girls may wear earrings less than the size of a quarter and limited to one earring per ear-lobe. No other body (tongue, lips, nose, etc.) piercings should be displayed.
- Jewelry should be chosen with discretion and not be distracting to others. One necklace is allowed for girls but should not fall below the second button on the polo shirt.
- Girls may wear bows in their hair if it matches their school uniform.
- Make-up is not permitted during the school day.

Grooming

- Boys are to keep their hair neat and in good taste. No patterns or designs are permitted.
- Boys should not wear facial hair of any kind.
- Girls are to keep their hair neat and in good taste.
- Hair styles should not be distracting to the individual or those around.
- All students must have appropriate hair color that falls within the natural color wheel (no purple, pink, red, blue, green, etc.)

Formal Dress/Chapel Days

Once a week (Friday Chapel) and on other occasions throughout the school year, students are required to dress in formal attire.

- Boys will be required to wear khaki pants (Middle School) and navy pants (Elementary School), with a belt and a solid white dress shirt (no polos) with a solid navy-blue tie.
- Solid black or brown dress shoes for boys.
- Girls will be required to wear a khaki skirt (Middle School) and navy skirt or jumper (Elementary School) with a solid white button-down blouse (no polo shirts) with a navy cross bow tie. Skirts and jumpers must be knee-length. Navy blue or white tights or knee socks are required.
- Girls must wear black, brown or navy dress shoes with a heel no more than 1 ½ inches high.
- Navy blue blazers must be worn by all third through eighth graders. The blazer must have an AYA patch attached on the left side over the heart. The school will provide one free patch per student. Students must keep their blazer on throughout the morning until after lunch on Formal Dress/Chapel Days.

Dress Down Days

Throughout the school year, we will designate special days for which students may "dress as you like" or dress down—within limits— instead of wearing the AYA uniform. During dress down days, an AYA shirt/T-shirt will always be required unless otherwise stated. During "dress as you like" days students will NOT be allowed to wear:

Girls:

- Short skirts/shorts/cutoffs
- Crop tops or skin revealing attire
- Heels higher than 1 ½ inches
- Jeans must be clean and without holes or rips
- Clothing with symbols or messages inconsistent with the mission of the school will not be allowed.
- Any logo or statement T-shirt/ item must be AYA related. Politically motivated messaging is inappropriate for school attire.

Boys:

- Cutoffs
- Clothing with symbols or messages inconsistent with the mission of the school will not be allowed.
- Jeans must be clean and without holes or rips.

*Students who wear inappropriate clothing will receive a level 1 infraction and will need to call their parents and have their parents bring proper attire to school.
**Appropriateness of overall appearance will be left to the discretion of the administration.