

## **2.006 School Dress Code**

ALA's Board of Directors created a dress code to help promote unity by encouraging a sense of belonging and pride in the school community. It also is designed to discourage bullying, victimization and socio-economic discrimination.

It reduces social pressure and peer conflicts and encourages students to concentrate more on their studies than on their wardrobe by creating a learning environment free of unnecessary distractions. ALA's dress code is designed to promote school unity and pride.

In all aspects of student dress, ALA administration reserves the right to deem student apparel out of compliance and inappropriate if it is determined that it is distracting from the learning environment.

### **TOPS**

Tops are defined as shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, blouses, jackets, vests, and sweaters. Students are not permitted to wear tank tops, camisoles, or cut off t-shirts as these apparel items do not qualify as allowable tops. ALA students are required to wear tops that have a primary color of grey, white, black, white or navy. Tops should not expose undergarments. Tops may have logos or graphics other than an authorized school logo as long as the primary color of the top is grey, white, black, or navy. Tops may not contain any messages that are vulgar, obscene, have profane language or that ALA administration deems inappropriate. Any official ALA school apparel, regardless of color, is an acceptable top. This includes tops related to athletic teams, clubs, and other programs endorsed by Ascend Leadership Academy.

All jackets, coats, pullovers and hoodies, worn in the school building, must meet the same standards of tops as described above. If a student wears a jacket or coat that does not meet these requirements they must remove it once they enter the school building.

### **BOTTOMS**

Bottoms are defined as pants, jeans, capris, shorts, skirts, and dresses. ALA students are required to wear bottoms that have a primary color of navy, blue, grey, black, khaki or white.

Bottoms must be sized appropriately with no holes, rips, or distress. Bottoms can be leggings/jeggings, or athletic pants/shorts as long as they meet the primary color requirements. Bottoms may have logos or graphics other than an authorized school logo as long as the primary color of the bottom is grey, white, black, blue or navy. Blue jeans are acceptable. All bottoms should be sized appropriately and should not reveal the undergarments of any student. Students who wear bottoms that ALA administration deems inappropriate as too revealing, -tight, short, or big will be considered out of dress code.

### **OTHER**

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*Socks/Shoes:* Must be matching with no holes. Flip flops, slides, and slippers are not permitted. All shoes must have a back or heel strap.

*Hats, Bandanas, Sunglasses and Beanies:* Items are not allowed inside the school building at any time. Students are permitted to wear items outside of the school building. These items should not display any obscene, profane, gang related, or drug related messages or ideas.

*College Day Guidelines:* Students may wear a top with a College/University logo or lettering displayed on it.

*Dress Down Day Guidelines:* Students can dress outside of the primary color requirements and clothing should meet all other dress code requirements. Administration's discretion is applied.