



# **Parent/Student Handbook 2024-2025**

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# Dress Code

Our entire dress code is based upon 1 Timothy 4:12 - Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. The dress code is based on Christian modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and good taste.

Uniform regulations are to be observed during class time until 3:00 daily, and on field trips, unless the Administration gives specific regulations different from those listed below. If a student changes out of uniform to remain on campus after school, they must still follow the guidelines for Christian modesty as outlined above. School authorities reserve the right to determine whether a style of dress, make-up or accessories, or a style or length of hair is appropriate and in keeping with the philosophy of Christian Education. Admission to class may be denied because of any violation of the uniform or dress code, including hair styles.

Our ACS dress code is based upon modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and good taste. Uniform regulations are to be observed while at school or at any school function, including field trips, unless the school gives specific regulations different from those listed below.

The Front Office Manager reserves the right to determine whether a style of dress, make-up or accessories or a style or length of hair is appropriate and in keeping with the philosophy of Ambassador Christian School. Admission to class can be denied because of any violation of the uniform or dress codes, including hair styles. Any student not observing the uniform or hair regulations will be directed to the front office for a temporary uniform and every attempt will be made to notify parents. Detentions will be issued for non-compliance with uniform and hair codes. Parent conferences and probationary status will be arranged for continued non-compliance of uniform infraction(s).

## **ACS Uniform**

Ambassador Christian School uniforms may only be purchased from Normans.

## **Norman's School Uniforms**

371 W. 6th St.

San Pedro, CA 90731

<https://www.normansuniforms.com/>

(310) 832-8342

# **Standards of Dress for All Students:**

## **Standard Uniform for Young Men**

### **Top Options** *(all tops need to be ordered with the ACS embroidered logo)*

- **Short Sleeve Polo** (white, garnet, black)
- **Long Sleeve Polo** (white, black)

### **Bottom Options**

- **Chino Pants** (khaki, black)
- **Chino Shorts** (khaki, black)

### **Outerwear Options** *(all outerwear needs to be ordered with the ACS embroidered logo)*

- **Zip-front Hoodie Sweatshirt**
- **Pullover Crewneck Sweatshirt**
- **V-Neck Pullover Sweater**
- **Quarter Zip Pullover**
- **Fleece Jacket**

### **Shoes & Socks** *(must be worn at all times, & can be purchased from any store)*

- **Athletic or Casual Shoes** (any color)  
The following footwear is prohibited, including during Spirit Weeks:  
Slippers, Crocs, open-toe shoes, flip-flops, Ugg boots, boots above mid-calf and Heelys.
- **Socks** may be no higher than crew length.

## **Standard Uniform for Young Ladies**

### **Top Options** *(all tops need to be ordered with the ACS embroidered logo)*

- **Short Sleeve Polo** (white, garnet, black)
- **Long Sleeve Polo** (white, black)

### **Bottom Options**

- **Skirt** *(Required: all ladies must wear biker type shorts, black leggings, or tights under skirts, which may be purchased at another store)*
- **Skort**
- **Chino Pants**
- **Chino Shorts**

### **Outerwear Options** *(all outerwear needs to be ordered with the ACS embroidered logo)*

- **Zip-front Hoodie Sweatshirt**
- **Pullover Crewneck Sweatshirt**
- **Cardigan Sweater**
- **V-Neck Sweater**

- Quarter Zip Pullover
- Fleece Jacket

**Shoes & Socks (must be worn at all times, & can be purchased from any store)**

- **Athletic or Casual Shoes** (any color)  
The following footwear is prohibited including during Spirit Weeks:  
Slippers, Crocs, open-toe shoes, flip-flops, Ugg boots, boots above mid-calf and Heelys.
- **Socks** may be no higher than below the knee. Ladies are allowed to wear solid white or solid black tights, with no fishnet, symbols, logos or patterns on the tights.

**Boys' and Girls' Uniforms - Additional Details**

**Walking shorts:** black or Khaki twill. Shorts for girls may not extend more than 4 inches above the knee. Should the shorts extend more than 4 inches above the knee, your daughter will be issued a warning, and the length of the shorts will have to be corrected within one week from the date the warning is issued. If the short length is not corrected in the time frame given the shorts will be confiscated and the privilege of wearing shorts to school relinquished for the students remaining time at ACS.

**ACS skirt:** the uniform skirt length may not extend more than 4 inches above the knee. Should the skirt extend more than 4 inches, your daughter will be issued a warning, and the hem of the skirt will have to be corrected within one week from the date the warning is issued. If the skirt length is not corrected in the time frame given the skirt will be confiscated and the privilege of wearing a uniform skirt to school relinquished for the students remaining time at ACS. Black opaque tights may be worn with skirts. No sweats under skirts.

**Shirts/blouses:** white oxford, short sleeve or long sleeve, with ACS logo

**Polo shirt:** white/black/red knit, short sleeve or long sleeve, with ACS logo,

**Vest:** black/gray with ACS logo

**Jackets:** (these are the only three options) wind shirt (black), polar fleece (black) jacket, or zippered jacket (black) with ACS logo

**Footwear:** Athletic shoes, dress, or casual shoes with closed toe and heel are allowed. House shoes or moccasins are not considered shoes and therefore not acceptable. Shoes must be worn at all times. Uggs, Slides, Crocs, and Sandals are prohibited.

**OUTERWEAR OPTIONS:** Only the following may be worn:

- Official Ambassador Christian sweatshirt (black, white, gray, red, beige) may be worn over a uniform shirt (see above).
- Jackets: Any official ACS jacket is acceptable (e.g., letterman jacket, or any jacket with our ACS logo). All jackets must be worn over a regulation shirt (see above).

## Accessories / Hair/ Make-Up

- Undershirts may be worn under uniform shirts and must be solid white, gray, or black (free of graffiti/logos, etc.). Maybe short or long sleeves or turtlenecks.
- Belts are not required.
- **Earrings:** Girls may wear no more than 3 pairs of moderate-style earrings. Boys can wear earrings. Ear piercings and nose piercings (studs only) are allowed to be worn on campus. Ear spacers are not allowed. No other body piercings are allowed on campus..
- **Hair:** Styles for both males and females should be moderate and reflect neatness and good grooming. Hairstyles with extreme cuts or unnatural colors must be avoided: e.g. streaks of unnatural colors, Mohawks, designs cut into the hair, spikes, etc.
- Uniforms must be worn every day, except for Lion Pride Days.
- On Lion Pride Days, Ambassador tops, including ACS sponsored clubs, may be worn with jeans/cargo pants (with no rips above the knee), or with ACS uniform bottoms.
- PJ pants, sweatpants, athletic shorts, & leggings are not allowed during Spirit Weeks, unless part of your spirit day costume & worn with modesty.
- All outerwear must be Ambassador wear. (Rainy days are the exception, but outerwear needs to be taken off in the classroom)
- Students can wear solid color, long-sleeve t-shirts under their short-sleeve uniform polos; this does not include sweatshirts, hoodies, & blouses.
- Clothing must be modest at all times while on campus and at school events held off campus.
- Negative counter-cultural fads of dress (e.g. rock music groups, chains, collars & spiked bracelets, nail polish on guys) are prohibited.
- Jeans should be as free of rips, holes, or fraying hems as possible.
- Students may not wear head coverings in class, the office, or in chapel (unless for religious reasons). Prohibited head coverings include, but are not limited to, hoods, “do rags,” bandanas, scarves, or non-ACS hats. (Bandanas are allowed on Class Competition Days only)

Please ask these questions when selecting clothing & hairstyles. Is what I'm wearing modest & appropriate for a formal learning environment?

## Prohibited Items

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following:

- Any non-ACS sweatshirt, including hooded zippered fleece sweatshirts or any other solid-colored sweatshirt. This also includes sweatshirts worn under regulation jackets or shirts. Such items may be confiscated.
- T-shirts, tanks, or camisoles with spaghetti straps worn as an outer garment
- Undershirts displaying graphics, logos, emblems, or printing
- Long underwear (if visible under skirt/shirt/shorts)

- Frayed, ripped, or torn clothing
- Leggings and stirrup pants (or any other knit shorts or pants) when worn as pants as outerwear
- Bike shorts/spandex pants
- Sweatpants and sweatsuits
- Backpacks with huge graphics /logos, emblems or printing
- Slippers, Crocs, open-toe shoes, flip-flops, Ugg boots, boots above mid-calf and Heelys.
- House shoes are not considered shoes and are not acceptable

### **Friday - Lion Pride Days**

Fridays are our Lion Pride Days and students can wear ACS t-shirts & outerwear (including ACS team apparel). Students may wear jeans/cargo pants (with no rips above the knee), or ACS uniform bottoms. PJ pants, sweatpants, athletic shorts, & leggings are not allowed. There are no exceptions unless otherwise provided by the administration.

### **Extracurricular Activities and Athletic Events**

Attire with gang affiliation is not allowed. The school's standards of modesty and good taste will prevail. A student may be denied entry to the activity with disciplinary consequences if not dressed appropriately.

### **Athletic Dress**

Game day dress during school hours is the ACS athletic team uniform top. Jeans are allowed on game days only, as part of the school uniform. Students participating in athletic events will change into the appropriate team attire prior to the contest. Student cars may not be used to change clothes.

### **Banquet, Graduation and Student “Dress-Up” Days**

Throughout the school year, classes or individuals may be granted the privilege of having a dress-up day on which students dress in a business style. Attire for both males and females should fit properly and reflect modesty and good taste. This dress code is also to be adhered to by all students attending any ACS banquet (including athletic and awards banquets), brunch, etc.

**Gentlemen:** necktie, dress shirt, dress slacks, dress shoes, and socks. Dress/sports coats are acceptable. No earrings are permitted at any time.

**Ladies:** Dresses should have sleeves, which cover the shoulder (strapless or sleeveless dresses are not acceptable), have a solid back, and be business length. Dressy pants outfits are acceptable. Dress shoes (closed heel or with back strap). High heels are acceptable but are not recommended for school days. Doc Marten boots are acceptable.

Business suits/jackets are acceptable.

### **Dress Code for ACS-Sponsored Co-Curricular Activities**

All students are expected to adhere to ACS' standards of modesty and good taste when dressing for an ACS-sponsored co-curricular activity. Students who choose to deviate from the following

guidelines and/or present themselves in attire deemed immodest and unacceptable by the Administration will not be admitted to the event.

These items are prohibited

**Gentlemen:**

- tight fitting ribbed tank tops
- wallet chains

**Ladies:**

- strapless dresses and blouses including tube tops
- exposed bras and/or bra straps
- low backed or backless shirts or dresses that fall below mid-back
- clothing that exposes the midriff and/or torso (including but not limited to sheer clothing items) or contains cut-outs that expose the torso
- skirts, dresses or shorts that are excessively short
- display of excessive cleavage is inappropriate and unbecoming

**Dress Code for Homecoming (semi-formal dress)/Prom (formal dress)**

Gentlemen are required to wear tuxedos or suits to Prom. A sports coat, tie & nice slacks are acceptable for Homecoming.

Fitted dresses may not be excessively tight. Dresses should be comfortable for dancing and sitting. The length of the dress **MUST CONFORM TO THE ACS UNIFORM SKIRT DRESS CODE WHICH IS 4 INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE**, with solid material, not transparent, throughout.

**STRAPLESS OR BACKLESS DRESSES ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

Dresses **MAY NOT** show a bare midriff, contain cut-outs that expose the torso (front or back), nor may the back of the dress fall below mid-back. Ladies may wear a formal women's dress suit/tux. Ladies are reminded that the display of excessive cleavage is inappropriate and unbecoming. Dress shoes are required for ladies and gentlemen. Most locations require that shoes remain on at all times while on the premises. Student attire should be appropriate, modest, and in good taste.

Please do not assume any liberties with these guidelines when you or (in the case of students with guest passes) your date purchase dress attire. All non-ACS guests are required to conform to these guidelines. Anyone not adhering to the above-stated guidelines will not be permitted to enter the dance, and will be sent home. In these cases, the ticket money will not be refunded.

The school reserves the right to refuse admittance to any person not properly attired.

### **Class Color Day**

1. This is NOT a free dress day
2. Pants allowed: same as Lion Pride Fridays
3. Class-color socks are acceptable.
4. Sweats and pajamas of any kind are not permitted (unless directly associated with the Spirit Day).
5. Slippers, Crocs, open-toe shoes, flip-flops, Ugg boots, boots above mid-calf and Heelys are prohibited.

### **Dress Code for Spirit Days**

1. Spirit days are NOT free dress days.
2. If a student is not dressed for the spirit day, regular uniform clothing is mandatory.
3. Any portion of a student's outfit that is not in line with the spirit day theme needs to follow uniform standards.

### **Dress Code for Retreat Days & Free Dress Days**

1. All clothing must adhere to our ACS regular standard of dress code
2. Clothing may not be excessively tight or excessively baggy.
3. No short shorts please