



The Alva School Student Dress Code

2023-2024

Grades 4-8

Students and Parents at The Alva School are trusted to make good choices regarding personal attire.

The purpose of the Dress Code is to reinforce a focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming. **Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times.**

The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student.

We believe that personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

- *Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school. Shirts must cover the shoulder and extend beyond waist level. Shirts should be long enough to touch the waistband even if arms are raised above the head.*
 - *No tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, racer back tops, lace/sheer back, or sleeveless*
 - *Pants, slacks, jeans, or shorts must be free of holes and fit appropriately (not loose and sagging nor too form fitting).*
 - *Skirt, short, or dress length must approach the knee and cover at least three quarters of the thigh.*
 - *Pants must be worn fastened and at the waist.*
 - ***Sweatpants, joggers and tights may be deemed inappropriate if too loose or too form-fitting.***
- *Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury—such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes, tongue rings, or studs—are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.*
 - *Hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.*
- *Closed-toed shoes shall be worn at all times. Crocs can be worn with the strap on the back of the heel. Sneakers must be worn to PE/Gym.*
- *Gang-related tattoos, or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment are prohibited. Additionally, stickers, drawings on skin, or other temporary markings that distract are prohibited.*
- *The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except at an authorized athletic practice or outdoor classroom activity is prohibited.*
 - ***Hats may NOT be worn during passing time. Inappropriate hat usage may result in disciplinary action.***
 - *All sunglasses and hats must be placed in a backpack while on the school campus.*
- *Only clear plastic bottles filled with water are allowed on campus. **Soda, energy drinks, etc will be discarded.***

Students wearing inappropriate dress will be verbally reminded and given the chance to change into clothes from our donation closet, or parents may bring replacement clothing before the student can return to class.

The above information establishes the minimum acceptable standards for a student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the administration and staff at The Alva School.