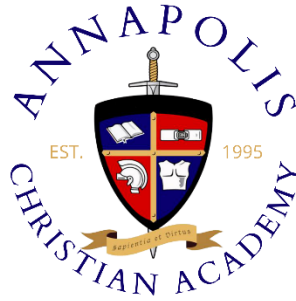




# Uniform Guide

ANNAPOLIS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY





## **2023-2024 Student Dress Code Policy**

Annapolis Christian Academy is committed to establishing an atmosphere that promotes excellence in all areas of life including dress and appearance. To promote excellence and beauty in appearance and dress and to provide for a high-quality academic environment, uniform standards of student dress and appearance have been established. Annapolis uniforms may be ordered online from Lands' End ([Lands End School Uniforms](#)), ACA Preferred School #900109679, or purchased at Academic Outfitters at 1334 Airline Road, Corpus Christi. ([Academic Outfitters](#)).

Uniforms are to be worn every school day, with exceptions for special days as determined by the appropriate administrator. Wearing uniforms other than those on the approved ACA list is a violation of our dress code policy. As it is difficult to fully define every nuance of the “look and feel” of the Annapolis uniform, the Administrator will clarify and define expectations as needed, in order to maintain the appropriate standard for student appearance.

### **General Uniform Requirements For All Students:**

#### **SHIRTS:**

- Shirts should be neither too tight nor too baggy, fitting loosely enough to be comfortable and modest and of a sufficient length to be tucked in.
- Male students must keep shirts tucked in at all times on campus during school hours (exceptions to this rule include playground sports activities).
- Female students must keep shirts tucked in on-campus except female uniform shirts meant to be worn untucked are not required to be tucked in.
- If an oxford button dress shirt is worn, it must be buttoned appropriately at all times.
- For undershirts, students are only allowed to wear a plain white short-sleeve undershirt with no visible logos. The undershirt may not extend lower than the uniform shirts' hem unless it is tucked in.
- Students wishing to dress for cooler weather should wear long-sleeved uniform shirts or sweaters, instead of long-sleeved undershirts under a short-sleeved uniform shirt.

#### **PANTS/SKIRTS/SHORTS:**

- Hems of skirts and pants and shorts must be kept neat and of appropriate length. Pants are to be neither too tight nor too baggy and must be worn at the waistline. Fringed edges or any other unusual alterations to the uniform are not permitted.
- Girls' skirt length must be no more than 1" above the kneecap when standing straight and the skirt is level at the waistline.
- All pants should be no longer than the bottom of the heel on the shoe.
- Students may wear uniform shorts approaching the knee, and are not to shorten the length of the uniform shorts.

#### **BELTS:**

- Belts must be worn at all times by boys while on campus during school hours.
- If girls are wearing pants or shorts with belt loops, they are required to wear a belt as well.
- Belts may not be worn with skirts.
- Belts must be solid black, brown, or khaki, or those on the approved uniform list with a normal-sized belt buckle (no studs or designs of any kind are permitted on the belt or buckle).

#### **SHOES:**

- For all students, shoes must be worn at all times on campus during school hours.

- Shoes must have a fully enclosed toe and heel. No sandals of any kind are allowed. All shoelaces must be tied.
- Loafers, boat/deck shoes are encouraged. The style of footwear should coordinate with your uniform (e.g., don't wear cowboy boots with shorts).

#### **OUTERWEAR:**

- During school hours on campus, students are permitted to wear uniform approved sweaters and jackets. These include letterman jackets, chapel blazers, warm ups for ACA extracurricular teams/groups, and those sweaters and jackets listed on the specific uniform guidelines published each school year. Solar may wear House outerwear sold from approved ACA vendors.
- Students can wear spirit attire sold by the Athletic Department or approved ACA vendors on school Spirit Days.
- On cold or rainy days, students are permitted to wear non-uniform jackets or rain jackets while outside, but they must be removed and stored in a locker or on a jacket hook upon entering a school building (Exception: With administrative approval to the classrooms in a building, when the interior of that building is unusually cold, due to extreme temperature drops, non-uniform outerwear may be worn inside the school building).

#### **HATS/CAPS:**

- Hats, caps, or other head coverings such as beanies, hoods, and bandanas are not a part of the uniform and are not allowed to be worn on campus during school hours.

#### **K-5 GRAMMAR UNIFORMS BOYS:**

|              |  |   |
|--------------|--|---|
| Polo Shirt   | Pique and Dry Fit, Dark navy, red, white or light blue; short or long sleeve( with logo) | Required for Daily Uniform                            |
| Oxford Shirt | Blue or Dark Cobalt Blue (LE) or White (LE/AO), short or long sleeve (with logo)         | Optional for Daily Uniform; White required for Chapel |
| Blazer       | Navy (with logo)   | Optional for Chapel                                   |

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|---------------------|---|---|
| Full Elastic Pants  | Khaki or Navy, Full elastic ( <b>Kinder only</b> )                  | Optional for Kinder Daily Uniform; Khaki Optional for Kinder Chapel |
| Chino Pants         | Khaki or Navy Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder)  | Optional for Daily Uniform; Khaki Required for Chapel               |
| Full Elastic Shorts | Khaki or Navy Full elastic ( <b>Kinder only</b> )                   | Optional for Kinder Daily Uniform                                   |
| Chino Shorts        | Khaki or Navy, Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder) | Optional for Daily Uniform  |

#### **K-5th GRAMMAR OUTERWEAR BOYS:**

|                 |                                      |   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Fleece full zip | Dark Navy or Red (with logo)         | Optional for Daily Uniform                      |
| Sweater or Vest | Classic Navy or Red (with logo) (LE) | Optional for Daily Uniform; Optional for Chapel |

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| Sweatshirt | ACA Classic Navy Blue Sweatshirt (available at Stitch It) | Optional for Daily Uniform |
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### **K-5th GRAMMAR UNIFORMS GIRLS:**

- Modesty shorts are required under dresses/skirts for grammar school girls.

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| Peter Pan Blouse | Jersey Knit , short sleeve, white (no logo)  | Required for Chapel                |
| Polo             | Pique or Dry Fit, Dark navy, red, light blue, white, short or long sleeve, unisex or fem fit (with logo) | Required for Daily Uniform         |
| Oxford           | White, short or long sleeve (with logo)  | Optional for Daily Uniform         |
| Blazer           | Navy (with logo)   | Optional for Chapel                |
| Twill Shirt      | 3/4 Sleeve Performance (with logo)   | Optional (White, Dark Cobalt Blue) |

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|-----------------------|---|---|
| Jumper                | Plaid, Khaki or Navy drop waist jumper (with logo)    | Optional for Daily Uniform; Plaid Required for Chapel |
| Polo Dress            | Navy or Red with logo (Red available through LE only) | Optional for Daily Uniform                            |
| Two Tab Scooter/Skort | Navy or Khaki   | Optional for Daily Uniform                            |
| Pleat Skirt           | Plaid 55, Khaki or Navy, Stitch Down Box Pleat Skirt  | Optional for Daily Uniform                            |
| A-line Skirt          | Hunter Plaid, Khaki or Classic Navy A-line skirt      | Optional for Daily Uniform                            |
| Modesty Shorts        | Navy  | Required  |

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|---------------------|---|---|
| Full Elastic Shorts | Khaki or Navy Full elastic (Kinder only)                            | Optional for Kinder Daily Uniform                                   |
| Full Elastic Pants  | Khaki or Navy, Full elastic (Kinder only)                           | Optional for Kinder Daily Uniform; Khaki Optional for Kinder Chapel |
| Chino Shorts        | Khaki or Navy, Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder) | Optional for Daily Uniform  |
| Chino Pants         | Khaki or Navy Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder)  | Optional for Daily Uniform  |

**K-5th GRAMMAR OUTERWEAR GIRLS:**

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Fleece full zip | Dark Navy or Red (with logo)                              | Optional for Daily Uniform  |
| Cardigan        | Fine Gauge Cotton, Dark Navy (with logo)                  | Optional for Daily Uniform and Chapel (This is the only sweater allowed in chapel.) |
| Sweater or Vest | Classic Navy or Red (with logo)                           | Optional for Daily Uniform  |
| Pea Coat        | Classic Navy or Red (logo not required)                   | Optional for Daily Uniform  |
| Sweatshirt      | ACA Classic Navy Blue Sweatshirt (available at Stitch It) | Optional for Daily Uniform  |

**6th-12th UNIFORMS BOYS:**

- Logic & Rhetoric students wearing shorts should expect to have a minimum inseam of 11”.

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| Polo Shirt   | Pique and Dry Fit, Dark navy, red, white or light blue; short or long sleeve( with logo) | Required for Daily Uniform                            |
| Oxford Shirt | Blue or Dark Cobalt Blue (LE) or White (LE/AO), short or long sleeve (with logo)         | Optional for Daily Uniform; White required for Chapel |
| Blazer       | Navy (with logo)   | Required for Chapel                                   |

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|--------------|---|---|
| Chino Pants  | Khaki or Navy Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder)  | Optional for Daily Uniform; Khaki Required for Chapel |
| Chino Shorts | Khaki or Navy, Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder) | Optional for Daily Uniform                            |

**6th-12th OUTERWEAR BOYS:**

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|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| Fleece Full Zip | Navy or Red (with logo)                                   | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Sweater or Vest | Classic Navy or Red (with logo) (LE)                      | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Sweatshirt      | ACA Classic Navy Blue Sweatshirt (available at Stitch It) | Optional for Daily Uniform |

**6th-12th UNIFORMS GIRLS:**

- Logic & Rhetoric students wearing shorts should expect to have a minimum inseam of 11”.

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| Polo   | Pique or Dry Fit, Dark navy, red, light blue, white, short or long sleeve, unisex or fem fit (with logo) | Required for Daily Uniform               |
| Oxford | White, short or long sleeve (with logo)  | Optional for Daily Uniform; Optional for |

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|             |                                    | Chapel  |
| Blazer      | Navy (with logo)                   | Required for Chapel   |
| Twill Shirt | 3/4 Sleeve Performance (with logo) | Optional (White, Dark Cobalt Blue); Optional for Chapel (White) |

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|----------------|--|---|
| Jumper         | Plaid, Khaki or Navy drop waist jumper (with logo)   | (6th only) Optional for Daily Uniform                                       |
| Pleat Skirt    | Plaid 55, Khaki or Navy, Stitch Down Box Pleat Skirt | Optional (Khaki, Classic Navy or Hunter Plaid); Optional for Chapel (Khaki) |
| A-line Skirt   | Hunter Plaid, Khaki or Classic Navy A-line skirt     | Optional (Khaki, Classic Navy or Hunter Plaid); Optional for Chapel (Khaki) |
| Modesty Shorts | Navy   | Optional  |

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|--------------|---|----------------------------|
| Chino Shorts | Khaki or Navy, Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder) | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Chino Pants  | Khaki or Navy Adjustable waistband (optional with belt for Kinder)  | Optional for Daily Uniform |

#### **6th-12th OUTERWEAR GIRLS:**

|                 |   |                            |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| Fleece full zip | Dark Navy or Red (with logo)                              | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Cardigan        | Fine Gauge Cotton, Dark Navy (with logo)                  | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Sweater or Vest | Classic Navy or Red (with logo)                           | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Pea Coat        | Classic Navy or Red (logo not required)                   | Optional for Daily Uniform |
| Sweatshirt      | ACA Classic Navy Blue Sweatshirt (available at Stitch It) | Optional for Daily Uniform |

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#### **GRAMMAR SHOES:**

- On non-chapel days, Grammar students are permitted to wear rubber-soled athletic/tennis shoes without embellishments, characters, sparkles, wheels, or lights.
- Casual slip-on shoes or slipper-type shoes do not provide adequate support and therefore do not qualify as either dress or athletic shoes.

- Girl's shoe sole and heels may not be more than **1" in height**.
- For Chapel days, grammar students are to wear black, brown, navy, or khaki dress shoes. For boys, this includes black, brown, navy, or khaki cowboy boots.

***Examples of Acceptable Boys Grammar School (Non-chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slip on Moc shoes
- Athletic shoes

***Examples of Acceptable Boys Grammar School (Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slip on, Lace or Buckle dress shoes
- Cowboy boots

***Examples of Acceptable Girls Grammar School (Non-Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slip on Moc shoes
- Athletic shoes
- Ballet flats
- Mary Jane
- Boots

***Examples of Acceptable Girls Grammar School (Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Ballet flats
- Mary Jane

**SOLAR SHOES:**

- Non-athletic / non-tennis shoes that are black, brown, navy, or khaki.
- All black leather or canvas tennis shoes with a black sole (no other color on the shoe is permitted. Logo must also be all black)
- Only boys may wear boots (in the approved colors) on chapel days.
- Ladies' shoe soles and heels may not be more than 1" in height for students in the School of Logic. Ladies in the School of Rhetoric are permitted to wear heels **no more than 3" high**.
- Military-style combat boots are not permitted.
- On non-chapel days only, ladies may wear boots that are black, brown, navy, or khaki in color; minor, non-distracting embellishments are appropriate.

***Examples of Acceptable Boys Schools of Logic & Rhetoric (Non-Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slip on Moc shoes
- Cowboy boots
- All black leather or canvas tennis shoes with a black sole

***Examples of Acceptable Boys Schools of Logic & Rhetoric (Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slip on, Lace or Buckle dress shoes
- Cowboy boots

***Examples of Acceptable Girls Schools of Logic & Rhetoric (Non-Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Slipon Moc shoes
- Athletic shoes
- Ballet flats
- Mary Jane
- Boots
- All black leather or canvas tennis shoes with a black sole

***Examples of Acceptable Girls Schools of Logic & Rhetoric (Chapel):***

- Loafers
- Boat shoes
- Ballet flats
- Mary Jane

**SOCKS AND ACCESSORIES:**

**GRAMMAR (K-6th) SOCKS and ACCESSORIES BOYS:**

- On non-chapel days, boys in grammar are required to wear socks (white, khaki, dark, or conservatively patterned) with their shoes or neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable) at all times on campus during school hours.
- On chapel days, Boys in the schools of grammar, logic, and rhetoric school are required to wear dress socks (khaki, dark, or conservatively patterned) with their shoes or neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable) at all times on campus during school hours.
- Patterned socks must be conservative in color, match the overall uniform, and has no visible logos, characters or graphics (stripes or patterns only).

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| Socks | White, Brown , Black or Navy                               | Required for Daily Uniform;<br>Khaki, Black or Navy<br>Required for Chapel) |
| Tie   | Navy, Dark (Russet) Red, Classic Navy/Dark Crimson Striped | K-5th Navy, 6th Dark Red<br>Required for Chapel                             |

**GRAMMAR (K-6th) SOCKS and ACCESSORIES GIRLS:**

- On non-chapel days, Girls in the grammar school are required to wear solid white, or navy socks, or conservatively-patterned matching dress socks. In addition, girls may wear neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable), conservatively patterned, or footed tights (or uniform socks selected by the school) at all times on campus during school hours.
- Patterned socks must be conservative in color, match the overall uniform, and has no visible logos, characters or graphics (stripes or patterns only).
- Girls in the grammar school are required to wear solid white knee socks or white footed tights for chapel.
- Girls may also wear skin-toned tights/hose.

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| Socks  | White Cable Knit | Required for Chapel                                      |
| Tights | White or Navy    | Optional for Daily Uniform;<br>White Optional for Chapel |



**SOLAR SOCKS and ACCESSORIES BOYS:**

- On non-chapel days, boys are required to wear socks (white, khaki, dark, or conservatively patterned) with their shoes or neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable) at all times on campus during school hours.
- On chapel days, boys are required to wear dress socks (khaki, dark, or conservatively patterned) with their shoes or neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable) at all times on campus during school hours.
- Patterned socks must be conservative in color, match the overall uniform, and has no visible logos, characters or graphics (stripes or patterns only).

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|-------|--|--|
| Socks | White, Khaki, Black, or Navy                               | Required for Daily Uniform; Khaki, Black or Navy Required for Chapel)              |
| Tie   | Navy, Dark (Russet) Red, Classic Navy/Dark Crimson Striped | (6th-8th) Dark (Russet) Red ; (9th-12th) Navy/Dark Red Striped Required for Chapel |

**SOLAR SOCKS and ACCESSORIES GIRLS:**

- Girls may wear neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no-show is acceptable), conservatively patterned, or footed tights (or uniform socks selected by the school) at all times on campus during school hours.
- Patterned socks must be conservative in color, match the overall uniform, and has no visible logos, characters or graphics (stripes or patterns only).
- Girls in the Schools of Logic & Rhetoric are not required to wear socks, but may wear solid white, khaki, black, or navy socks, neutral-colored footie socks (extreme no show is acceptable) or footed tights.
- Girls may also wear skin-toned tights/hose.

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|--------|------------------------------|---|
| Socks  | White Cable Knit             | Optional for Daily Uniform; Required for 6th grade Chapel |
| Socks  | White, Khaki, Black, or Navy | For Daily Uniform   |
| Tights | White or Navy                | Optional  |

**Chapel Uniform Requirements:**

Chapel uniforms are to be worn on chapel days and other special days or performances when designated by the Principal. Please refer to the Lands' End and/or the Academic Outfitters Uniform Ordering Guidelines for the specific clothing and apparel required for Chapel Dress.

[Lands End School Uniforms](#)

[Academic Outfitters](#)

**Uniform Violations**

Should a student come to school out of uniform or in the wrong uniform, the student will receive a uniform infraction and the parent may be notified and asked to bring the appropriate uniform item. Repeated or calculated offenses to the school's uniform policies will be considered disobedience and rebellion and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the administration.

**General Grooming**

Students are expected to be well-groomed while on campus during school hours. A student's general appearance, including hair length and style, should be neat, clean, and non-distracting. Uniforms are also expected to be kept neat and clean in appearance (ironed and washed without holes or stains). Examples of inappropriate grooming include excessively long hair on boys (i.e. in the eyes, below the top of the ear, below the top of the collar, facial hair), unnaturally colored hair, ponytails or earrings on boys, any body piercing for boys or girls, excessively wrinkled

clothing, and any visible tattoos or ink markings. Students wearing perfume, cologne, aftershave, or other scents/oils should apply them in moderation; heavy scents are a distraction.

***Pre-Kindergarten:*** Students are not required to wear uniforms. Instead, they may wear comfortable play clothes with closed in shoes. Spirit shirts are available for purchase in the school office.

***Grammar School:*** In the Grammar school, girls are not permitted to wear makeup. Jewelry, headbands, hair bows and other accessories must coordinate with the uniforms (red, navy, black, brown, white) and not be overly excessive to the point of distraction. As a matter of safety, dangling earrings, if worn, must not exceed one inch in length.

***Schools of Logic & Rhetoric:*** Jewelry, headbands, hair bows and other accessories must not be excessive or distracting. As a matter of safety, dangling earrings must not exceed one inch in length. Female students may wear cosmetics in moderation. Moderation is defined as “natural, non-distracting look with light color.”

### **Spirit Day Guidelines**

Certain days are designated to promote school spirit. Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing official ACA Spirit t-shirts or official ACA sports team jerseys with denim or khaki capris, pants, or shorts that meet general dress code guidelines (i.e., not too tight, shorts are of walking or Bermuda length, free of holes, etc). Spirit shirts are available for purchase in the school office. Clothing must be neither too tight nor too loose. If any guidelines for Spirit Days are violated, students will be required to call home to have clothes brought to school and may lose future Spirit Dress day privileges.

***Grammar School:*** Normal school guidelines apply for shoes and socks on Spirit days for grammar students.

***Logic & Rhetoric Schools:*** Students in the Schools of Logic & Rhetoric may wear athletic shoes and white socks. Students may also wear House t-shirts as Spirit apparel.

### **Free Dress Day Guidelines**

Occasionally students will have an opportunity to receive a free dress day. Students in free dress are still expected to adhere to our basic standards of appearance and grooming. Clothing is to be neat, clean, and modest; not too tight, not too loose. Clothing must not be sheer, stained, have holes, or include inappropriate graphics or writing. Possible clothing options include jeans, capris, long pants, shorts of uniform length, skirts/dresses of uniform length, shirts/t-shirts with sleeves, hoodies, sweaters, etc. Clothing that does not adhere to these guidelines includes skinny jeans, leggings worn as pants, pajamas, tank/spaghetti-strap tops, etc. Dress guidelines for shoes and socks are the same as for Spirit Days. Students are encouraged to view free dress days as an opportunity to dress nicely while not in uniform.

### **Special Events and Occasions**

Throughout the course of the school year, there are a limited number of special events and occasions that necessitate other guidelines (E.g., Fall Retreat, Spring Formal, etc.). For these events and occasions, any specific dress code guidelines will be distributed by the Principal.

### **Uniform Swap Closet**

A uniform recycling program is in place and available as a swap closet accessible for all students and families. Please drop off gently used uniform items to the closet when they are outgrown.