

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dress Code/Uniform Policy

The Academy Charter High School has a strict uniform dress code for its students. Each student must wear the school uniform throughout the entire school day unless otherwise instructed by an administrator. **Parents/guardians** have the primary responsibility for ensuring that students are dressed in the school uniform every day. **Parents/guardians** are expected to give proper attention to personal and uniform cleanliness. When children grow out of uniforms, the uniforms should be updated to fit the child's appropriate size and to ensure proper color. Teachers and all other TACHS personnel will exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in a school setting. TACHS scholars will wear:

- Formal Uniform (*Must be worn on a daily basis*)
 - White button-down shirt/Academy Polo Shirt
 - Gray Dress Pants or Gray Skirt
 - Academy Tie
 - Purple Academy Sweater Vest or Black Blazer with Academy Logo
 - Academy Headband (same pattern and color as the tie) is appropriate
 - Black Dress Shoes
- Casual Uniform (*Families will be informed when this uniform can be worn*)
 - Academy Polo Shirt (Purple, Gray or White)
 - Gray Dress Pants or Gray Skirt

Also Note:

- ⇒ *No denim fabric.*
- ⇒ *No leggings or skin-tight pants.*
- ⇒ *Pants must be solid color and not faded.*
- ⇒ *Pants must be worn at the waist, with no visible underwear.*
- ⇒ *Shirt fabric cannot be see-through, and undergarments cannot be visible.*
- ⇒ *Dyed hair or a hairstyle that serves as a distraction—at the determination of the school—will not be permitted.*
- ⇒ *No outerwear during the school day, including the school's logo wear (i.e., Academy sweatshirt w/ logo). No hats, coats, gloves, or sunglasses.*
- ⇒ *Safe footwear should be worn daily. Sneakers are only acceptable with the gym uniform. Flip-flops and high-heeled shoes (above 2 inches) are not acceptable for safety reasons. Footwear must be all black.*

- ⇒ Jewelry is permitted, but must be removed for Physical Education and sports participation, and occasionally for science labs. If jewelry is disruptive to class (i.e., clanking on work surfaces) it will need to be removed.
- ⇒ No items may be worn that are potentially dangerous, either as jewelry or on clothing (i.e., long or acrylic nails, spikes, chains).
- ⇒ No items may be worn that are revealing, provocative, or contains symbolic or actual messages that are offensive (i.e., gang related items, sexual, drug, or alcohol references).
- ⇒ Exceptions to Dress Code will be made for religious or medical reasons with parent conference

Dress Code Violation Consequences

Students are expected to attend school in full uniform as indicated in the uniform policy in the following section. Failure to comply with the school's uniform policy will result in the following:

- The first time a student is out of full uniform, the student will be asked why he or she is out of uniform and informed of the violation of school policy. The student will be sent to the Dean's office for a brief period. The parent/guardian will be contacted by phone to inform them of the school's policy.
- The second time a student is out of full uniform, in addition to the above, the parent/guardian will be asked to meet with the principal to resolve the matter.

**** During times of inclement weather boots may be worn to school and children can change into their appropriate footwear before the start of the school day.***

The uniform must be worn every day, regardless of weather, unless parents and students have been advised otherwise in writing. The Principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code during registration and at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year. Repeated failure to wear the uniform will be considered a violation of our school's discipline policy. The student will be entitled to a due process hearing as outlined in the school's Discipline Policy.

Appropriate School Clothing

TACHS has adopted a dress code that includes a specific expectation for school clothing. The goal is to create a professional atmosphere that sets the tone for academic focus in school, and that minimizes outside influences and competition that can arise from excess vanity and conformity. The school policy applies to students at any time while on the school premises. Any staff member may enforce the policy with a student. With good student cooperation, days will be announced for "dress down" and senior privilege.

At TACHS, we expect students and staff members to dress and to be groomed in an appropriate manner that shows respect for oneself, for others, and for the process of learning. Students are being guided towards use of good judgment, and toward awareness of typical workplace expectations. We urge good judgment in choice of footwear, with thought given to safety issues.

Participation in physical education and science class require special attention to safety. The teachers will present additional rules for those classes. Academy Shorts, an Academy t-shirt, and black sneakers are required for physical education. For science class, students are required to wear appropriate shoes and appropriate safety gear as directed by teachers.