



ARPS Uniform Standards and Guidelines

As a school of choice, Aspen Ridge Preparatory School takes pride in how our students present themselves on campus each and every day. Specific guidelines and standards can be found below. Some of the benefits include:

- A reduced level of peer pressure to wear certain fashion styles or specific clothing brands that in turn, help build genuine relationships and networking skills instead of through popularity of what is being worn.
- Creating a certain level of discipline from our students; it requires parental discipline to ensure their child is meeting expectations. When discipline is practiced, it can be applied to other aspects of life. Children following uniform guidelines and standards may find it easier to stay focused on their studies, complete homework and assignments after school and build strong friendships and relationships.
- Saving time each day trying to decide what to wear. Instead of standing in front of their closet, our uniform guidelines streamline morning routines and can save up to 30 minutes each morning simply because the expectations of how they should look have been laid out for them in advance.
- Quick identification of individuals who should not be present on campus, creating an incidental preventative safety measure for all.
- Stopping cliques. Because uniform standards and guidelines focus on equality instead of inequality, these policies work to prevent some of the common reasons why students target one another.

Aspen Ridge students are expected to be in compliance with the uniform standards and guidelines during school hours and during school scheduled activities, unless otherwise specified. Parents will be notified when students are out of compliance.

Guidelines and Standards

All students are expected to come to school in a clean, properly-fitting uniform each day. The uniform is to be worn properly until the student leaves school grounds. Clothing will not be worn that causes or is likely to cause disruption of the educational process. School sponsored activities, including band, choir and special events may have specific guidelines concerning appropriate dress.

Tops

- Shirts must have a collar
- Students may wear sweatshirts (no hoodies) and sweaters over collared shirts.
- The Aspen Ridge Preparatory School logo is the only acceptable logo that may be visible on any and all tops and this logo must be embroidered on the upper left of the top.
- Spirit hoodies, sweatshirts etc. may only be worn on dress-down days.
- Color options for all tops are as follows:
 - Dark Green (Forest or Evergreen)
 - Navy
 - Black
 - Grey
 - White

Bottoms

- Pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers and dresses must have a flat or pleated front
- They may not have any visible logos
- Painter's pants, cargo pants, sweatpants, nylon warm-ups or leggings worn by themselves are not allowed unless previously planned and approved by the Principal.
- Shorts must be knee length or longer
- Tightly fitting clothing is not allowed at any time.
- Solid colored spandex/tights that follow the approved color choices may be worn under skirts during cooler weather.
- Color options for all bottoms are as follows:
 - Black
 - Navy
 - Khaki (tan)
 - Navy/Hunter Green Plaid (skirts and jumpers)

Dress-Down Day Guidelines and Standards

In order to reward students for being in compliance with the uniform standards and guidelines, students will be eligible to participate in "dress-down days" each early release day. The standards are outlined below. Dress-down day specifics will be communicated to all families each fall.



On specified dress down days, students may choose to wear clothing of their choice. This includes:

- Spirit wear (tees, hoodies, sweats, etc that are specifically designed for Aspen Ridge)
- Blue jeans
- Non-uniform apparel

Dressing “down” is not required and uniforms may be worn as desired.

Note: A donation will be required to participate in dress-down days. These funds directly support the school mission and vision.

Dress -Up Day Guidelines and Standards

Dress -up days are designed for students to wear clothing that presents itself in a more formal attire. Examples include ties, bow ties, dresses, slacks and sports jackets to name a few. Dress up days are scheduled around special presentations and events at Aspen Ridge. These include Thankful Presentations and Valentine’s Day.

Other Clothing and Accessories Guidelines and Standards

Hats, sunglasses, purses and handbags may only be worn before or after school hours and should not be worn during class. Hats include visors, scarves and bandannas. Hats and protective wear may be worn during recess or scheduled outdoor activities.

Outerwear and boots that are worn for warmth to and from school and at outside recess should be stored in lockers, cubbies or hooks during school hours.

Shoes must be as specified, in a matching pair, and are required at all times during the school day. Non-marking soles are preferred to keep our floors and buildings clean. Beach shoes, Crocs, shoes with wheels, open-toed shoes, open heeled shoes, and shoes with heels are not allowed, as they can be dangerous on the playgrounds, during PE, and moving to and from the school buildings.

Makeup must look natural, and nails should be cleaned and groomed. Modest jewelry is allowed, with the regards to safety considered first. Hoop earrings and any other jewelry items that may get caught in clothing, hair or otherwise, are not allowed. Objects that have a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e. bicycle chains or collars).

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Additional Uniform Standards and Guideline Considerations

- Students are required to wear their school tee shirt for field trips and field day unless otherwise noted.
- Professional sports team colors or jerseys may be worn for opening day and championship games for Colorado professional sports teams.
- ARPS middle school sport team members may wear their school jersey on game days.
- Rewards identified through the classroom teacher or by school staff may include dressing down from time-to-time. These days will be communicated as earned

Compliance with the uniform standards and guidelines is mandatory. Consequences for noncompliance of uniform standards:

- 1st Offense: Parents will be notified via email or through communication logs by classroom teacher.
- 2nd Offense: Parents will also be called and asked to bring a change of clothes that follows the uniform policy.
- 3rd Offense: Student will also not be allowed to return to their classroom until in compliance.
- 4th Offense: Student will also lose “dress-down day” privileges at the discretion of administration.
- 5th Offense: A compilation of time spent in the office will be made-up in after school detention.

Exemptions with respect to uniform standards and guidelines are made at the discretion of the Principal, or his/her designee, including items not specifically referred to in the above policy. These include items that are considered inappropriate, unsafe or a distraction from the learning environment.