



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Middle School Uniform Policy



All middle school students (6-8) are expected to arrive dressed in their approved school uniform on the first day of school and each school day thereafter; unless prior notice is given by school administration, as authorized by state law. The dress code will be strictly enforced. Any additions or modifications to the uniform due to medical, religious or other reasons must be approved by the campus principal. *Tex. Educ. Code § 11.162(a)*

Why School Uniforms?

The purpose of school uniforms is to promote a safe learning environment for all students, encourage the practice of professionalism, eliminate academic distractions, and minimize the effects of socioeconomic disparities. Academy of Visual and Performing Arts has specific styles depending on the day of the week.

Approved Uniforms

Professional dress days (formal) are Mondays. The Board of Directors has approved the purchase of one (1) Monday Professional Attire for all 2024-2025 students. Students will receive one blazer, an oxford shirt, a bottom, and a tie. Families will receive information on the selection of the 1st uniform set at Induction. *If families wish to purchase additional items for Monday's professional attire, they may do so at their own expense.*

Monday Professional Attire								
Outerwear	Blazer	Sweater Vest	Oxford Shirt	Bottoms (Pant, Skort, Skirt)	Tie	Socks, Knee Highs, or Tights	Belt	Dress Shoes
Navy Black	Navy	Navy Red	White	Plaid Khaki	Plaid	White Navy Plaid	Black Brown Navy	Black Navy Brown Red <small>**Cros are not allowed**</small>

Non-formal dress days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Students may wear any combination of the approved attire below.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday						
Outerwear	Cardigan or Sweater Vest	Polo Tops	Bottoms (Pant, Skirt, Skort, Shorts)	Socks, Knee Highs, or Tights	Belt	Shoes
Navy Black	Navy Red	Gold Red Navy	Navy Khaki	White Navy Plaid	Black Brown Navy	Closed-Toed Closed-Heeled Non-Slip <small>**Cros are not allowed**</small>

AVPA Spirit Days are on Fridays. AVPA has a relaxed uniform policy on Friday to encourage school spirit, encourage attendance at college or trade school, and support other pre-approved celebrations. Students may wear AVPA T-shirts, College T-shirts, or Polo Tops, as desired. Students may wear jeans. Jeans must be free of any rips,



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tears, or holes. Jeans with a minimal amount of frayed edges are acceptable. Other attire may be approved by the campus principal.

Friday (Spirit Day)					
Outerwear	Tops	Polo Tops	Bottoms (Pant, Skort, Skirt, or Shorts)	Socks, Knee Highs, or Tights	Shoes
Navy Black	College T-shirt AVPA Spirit T-Shirt (or pre-approved top)	Gold Red Navy	Navy Khaki Jeans (<i>no rips</i>)	White Navy Plaid	Closed-Toed, Closed-Heeled Non-Slip

School Uniform Guides

Families may refer to the images below for further information on approved attire.

2024- 2025 AVPA SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDE							
Blazer	Oxfords	Outerwear	Polo Tops	Bottoms (Skorts, Skirts, Pants & Shorts)		Ties	
							

Appropriate Clothing and Shoes for Physical Education and Athletics

For students participating in Physical Education (PE) or Athletics at AVPA, students should wear a gray t-shirt, navy shorts, and athletic shoes that are close-toed, close-heeled, and nonslip. Families may choose to purchase the AVPA PE Uniform or purchase PE clothing from any retailer. Please make sure the clothing is not too loose or restrictive.



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Appropriate Shoes

At AVPA, ensuring students' safety and maintaining a professional appearance are top priorities. On Mondays, when students wear their professional uniforms, dress shoes in **black, brown, red, or navy** are required. These shoes should be close-toed, close-heeled, and nonslip to ensure both a polished look and safe movement. From Tuesday through Friday, students have the flexibility to wear shoes in any style or color, as long as they remain close-toed, close-heeled, and nonslip. This variety allows students to express their style while still adhering to safety standards. By following these guidelines, we ensure that our students are both safe and appropriately dressed for all school activities.



Appropriate Shoes for Dance

For students participating in dance classes at AVPA, it is essential to wear the appropriate footwear to ensure both safety and optimal performance. 6th-grade dance students are required to wear pink or black ballet shoes that provide the necessary support and flexibility for their movements. 7th-8th grade dance students are required to wear pink or black ballet shoes AND tan jazz shoes, which offer a snug fit and proper traction for various dance techniques. Both ballet and jazz shoes should fit well, allowing for comfortable and precise movements. By wearing the correct footwear, students can fully engage in their dance education and perform at their best.

Ballet Shoes (Pink or Black) (All Dance Students)



Jazz Shoes (Tan) (7th and 8th Grade Only)





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Inappropriate Shoes

To ensure the safety and comfort of our students, footwear must meet specific guidelines. All shoes must be close-toed, close-heeled, and nonslip. While students are free to choose shoes in any color, certain types of footwear are deemed inappropriate and are not allowed at AVPA.

Inappropriate shoes include but are not limited to:

- **Sandals:** Any type of sandal, including flip-flops and open-toed varieties, are not permitted due to their lack of coverage and slip resistance.
- **Crocs:** Although popular, Crocs do not provide the required level of protection and stability.
- **House Shoes:** House shoes are not permitted at any time.
- **Shoes with Open Backs or Heels:** Shoes must fully cover the heel to ensure proper support and safety.
- **Shoes with Slippery Soles:** Footwear must have nonslip soles to prevent accidents and ensure safety on various surfaces.

Examples of inappropriate shoes are below; however, the images are not meant to represent the full range of inappropriate footwear. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines to maintain a safe and conducive learning environment for all students.





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Academy of Visual and Performing Arts School Uniform Providers

Families may purchase uniforms in person or online. School uniforms can be purchase in-person at Kid-to-Kid Arlington. Please see the location address below, along with the store hours. Families may also purchase school uniforms online at Kid-to-Kid Online or French Toast Online. If ordering online, the school uniforms will be shipped to your home address within 7-10 days. Please allow enough time for delivery.

Kid-to-Kid - Arlington

Arlington Address:

3500 S Cooper St #110, Arlington, TX 76015
(817) 468-1995

Store Hours:

Sunday 12-6 PM
Monday - Saturday 10 AM-7 PM

Kid-to-Kid Online Store

Shop Online: https://kidtokiduniforms.com/collections/academy-of-visual-performing-arts?usf_sort=bestselling

French Toast - Online

Shop Online: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/academy-of-visual-and-performing-arts-QS61WQD>

Uniforms Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Do students have to wear uniforms?

A: Yes, all AVPA students must wear approved school uniforms daily. Exceptions can be made by the campus principal for special events.

Q: Who is the official provider of Academy of Visual and Performing Arts uniforms?

A: Kid-to-Kid and French Toast are the official providers of all AVPA school uniforms. Kid-to-Kid has a physical location in Arlington for parents who wish to shop in person. Families may purchase uniforms online from French Toast or Kid-to-Kid.

Q: Do I have to purchase a uniform from AVPA?

A: We advise that all polos be purchased at Kid-to-Kid or French Toast Online, AVPA's official uniform provider. This is so you can be sure the colors and styles match exactly what has been selected for the district. We cannot guarantee that items purchased elsewhere will be approved. You must purchase AVPA patches for uniforms purchased elsewhere.



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Q: If I purchase an approved polo elsewhere, how do I obtain a patch?

A: Patches can be purchased for \$5.00 during Induction and from the Front Office during the school year. Please do not purchase patches anywhere other than AVPA.

Q: Can I wear gently worn, used uniforms?

A: Yes! Feel free to wear gently worn, used uniforms. Please purchase an AVPA patch, if the item is without one.

Q: What Outerwear can I wear?

A: Students may wear any outerwear outside of the building. Once inside of the building, students may only wear Navy or Black outerwear, as indicated in the 2024-2025 Uniform Guide. Students will have to remove unapproved outerwear upon entering the school building.

Q: What shoes can my child wear? What shoes are inappropriate to wear?

A: On Monday, students are required to wear the appropriate dress shoes in the following approved colors: black, navy, red, brown (*and variations*). On Tuesday - Friday, students may wear close-toed, closed-heel, nonslip shoes. Students may never wear Crocs, flip-flops, slides, or house shoes.

Q: Are there any uniform requirements for Physical Education?

A: During PE, students must wear a Gray T-shirt (with or without a logo) and navy athletic shorts, navy athletic pants, or navy sweatpants. Students must wear closed-toed running shoes. This uniform may not be worn outside of PE class. Families may purchase an AVPA-branded uniform attire during Induction or orders may be placed during the school year from the Front Office.

Q: What are the uniform requirements for Dance?

A: During Dance, students must wear a solid black top (leotard, full-length tank top, or form-fitting, full-length t-shirt) and solid black bottoms (tights with shorts, leggings, or form-fitting pants). This uniform may not be worn outside of the Dance class. 6th graders will need to purchase pink or black ballet shoes. 7th and 8th graders will need to purchase pink or black ballet shoes and tan jazz shoes. *More information on obtaining Dance shoes will be shared during Induction.*

Q: Where can I purchase AVPA Spirit shirts and other AVPA attire?

A: AVPA school spirit attire and other merchandise can be purchased at Induction. Families will be given an order form to purchase a spirit shirt, PE attire, and other merchandise. AVPA accepts cash, debit, or credit cards. Please allow 7-10 business days for production & shipment. Due to the custom nature of these products, orders are not eligible for return or exchange. All sales are final. During the school year, items may be purchased from the Front Office.



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Q: What happens if my student violates the dress code policy?

A: Violations of the dress code policy are managed by campus staff. Please refer to the AVPA Student Handbook and Code of Conduct for appropriate guidelines.

1st offense - the student will remove any non-AVPA outerwear and/or a parent will be notified to bring the student the proper AVPA uniform clothing. The violation will be added to the student's file.

2nd offense - the student will remove any non-AVPA outerwear and/or a parent will be notified to bring the student the proper AVPA uniform clothing. The violation will be added to the student's file and students will receive lunch detention.

3rd offense - the student will remove any non-AVPA outerwear and/or a parent will be notified to bring the student the proper AVPA uniform clothing. The violation will be added to the student's file and the student will receive a 45-minute After School Detention (ASD).

** Continued noncompliance with the school dress code policy will require a parent/student/administrator conference to address issues with compliance with the school uniform policy. Following the meeting, the administrative team will create a plan, in partnership with the parent, to ensure the student succeeds as an Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Phoenix.*

4th Offense and 5th Offense - The violation will be considered insubordination. The violation will be added to the student's file and the student will receive an In-School Suspension.

6th Offense (and subsequent) - Any violations after the 6th offense will be considered insubordination and noncompliance with the AVPA Family and Student Handbook. A violation will be added to the student's file and the student will receive Out-of-School Suspension for each occurrence.

Q: Where can I find the AVPA uniform flyers?

A: Visit our website at www.avpaschools.org, go to the Families tab, and then scroll down to Uniforms.