# Athlos Academy

## **Uniform Dress Policy**

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#### I. PURPOSE

Athlos Academy expects students to keep themselves well-groomed and neatly dressed while at school or at school-related events.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

A. Spirit Wear Days: Days established by the School Leader where select exemptions from the standard uniform may be observed.

#### III. POLICY

- A. Students are expected to comply with the uniform dress policy at all times during the regular school day.
- B. General Modesty Standards:
  - 1. Head: No midriff showing when child touches his/her head.
  - 2. Shoulders: Shoulders should be fully covered, no cap sleeves, no tank tops or spaghetti straps.
  - 3. Knees: Skirts and shorts should touch the top of the knees, and skirts must be worn with a "modesty short" underneath.
  - 4. Toes: Toes and heels covered.

### C. Dress Code:

- 1. Students' free exercise of religious beliefs through dress and appearance shall be protected;
- 2. Clothing should be clean and should fit properly; and
- 3. Parent/guardian(s) are advised to mark all removable clothing with the student's name in permanent ink.
- 4. Tops:
  - a. Athlos Uniform Top: Logo visible, collared, any color available from official website.
    - i. Alternatively, a student may wear a solid white polo shirt that is made of 100% polyester with a sew-on patch acquired from the school.
  - Second layer: Sweater, cardigan, zip-front jacket in a solid black color (no prints or patterns on jackets worn in class).

- c. Base layer: Students may wear solid-colored, long sleeve black or white shirts under their Athlos Uniform Top for warmth.
- d. Athlos logo jackets are available from the website.
- e. Outerwear such as coats, scarves, and boots worn outside and to/from school should be appropriate for current weather conditions and free of offensive words and graphics.

#### 5. Bottoms:

- a. Shorts and Pants: Athlos shorts and pants are available from the official website.
  - i. Alternatively, a student may wear solid black, non-form-fitting athletic pants and/or shorts made of 100% polyester with a sew-on patch acquired from the school.
- b. Skorts: Athlos skorts are available from the official website. Solid black leggings or tights may be worn with the skort.

#### 6. Footwear:

- a. Athletic Shoes: Closed at toe and heel, with non-skid soles.
- b. Footwear should be appropriate for current weather conditions.

#### 7. Accessories/Hair:

- a. Hairstyles are expected to be non-distracting and out of the student's eyes.
- b. Hair accessories are to be minimal and non-distracting.
- Jewelry and other accessories should be minimized so that it is not distracting or pose a safety threat.
- d. Hats or hoods will be worn outdoors only, and in the manner for which they were designed.

## 8. Backpacks:

a. Backpacks must be free of offensive words and graphics.

#### D. Best Dress:

- 1. Parent/guardian(s) will be informed of Best Dress days as they arise.
- 2. General modesty standards apply.
- 3. Students may dress-up according to the following guidelines or remain in the school uniform.
  - a. Boys: Black or tan dress pants, dress shoes, button front shirts, ties optional.

b. Girls: Dresses or skirts must be knee length or longer, shoulders must be covered, and neckline must be modest, dress shoes or sandals (no flip-flops) are acceptable.

#### E. Fieldwork Dress:

- 1. Parent/guardian(s) will be informed of Fieldwork Dress days as they arise.
- 2. General modesty standards apply.
- 3. Students may stay in uniform or wear clothing specified for the activity.

## F. Spirit Wear Days:

- 1. The School Leader may designate certain days as spirit wear days.
- 2. The School Leader shall determine guidelines for appropriate uniform on spirit wear days.
  - a. General modesty standards shall always be followed.
- 3. No more than 25% of school days in a given year may be designated spirit wear days.
- G. If students are unsure as to where their clothing falls within these guidelines, they are encouraged to inquire with a school administrator or teacher before wearing them to school. Students may be required to change clothing at the discretion of school administration.
- H. Families who qualify as economically disadvantaged are encouraged to contact the School Leader for participation in a uniform assistance program.
- I. The School Leader may, at any time during the school year, grant an exemption from wearing a school uniform to a student because of extenuating circumstances. This decision is subject to *Policy 5501 Communication and Grievance*.

## **Legal References:**

Utah Code § 53A-15-1102