



Uniform Guidelines

Standardized dress promotes a safe, secure, and disciplined learning environment. It helps maintain respect for one another. It enhances student achievement and raises the level of decorum in the classroom. Students are responsible to maintain the integrity of the uniform at all times when they are on campus for school activities. This standardized dress code is outlined below and is also found on the school website (www.awschool.org).

Uniforms must be purchased from the school's approved uniform companies. Girls' skirts for upper school, grades 7-12, are purchased from **Land's End**. All other uniform clothing is purchased from **Dennis Uniform**. General clothing such as socks, belts, undershirts, and white turtlenecks must follow our guidelines but may be purchased elsewhere. Contact AWS office for ordering information or see website for current information. Parents are requested to purchase an adequate supply of uniform clothing to insure proper dress code compliance.

General Guidelines

- a. **The dress code is in effect for all students at all times while they are on campus.** Uniforms are to be properly worn at all times. Any uniform item that is tattered, faded, or worn in appearance must be replaced.
- b. Any item that does not maintain the integrity of the uniform is prohibited, including tattoos and body piercings.
- c. **Polo Shirts:** AWS polos come in three different colors and are to be worn according to grade level. High School – Navy Blue, Junior High – Cardinal, Elementary – Dark Green
- d. **Outerwear:** Navy blue sweatshirt with AWS logo, navy blue fleece pullover, navy blue fleece zipper jacket, and dark green sweater, only available at Dennis Uniform. Fleece jackets can be purchased elsewhere, but must be an approved equal: zipped, no emblems or logos, and navy blue.
- e. **Cold Weather Attire:** Layering by wearing a white turtleneck under the AWS polo shirt is recommended. The uniform provides five (5) layers for warmth—undershirt, turtleneck, polo shirt, sweatshirt or sweater, and fleece jacket. Extra layering during cold weather may be added if it is not visible.
- f. **Jewelry:** No jewelry, including bracelets, may be worn whether over or under the uniform. **Jewelry will be confiscated and not returned.**
- g. **Hats:** Hats are not to be worn or brought to campus without the express consent from faculty or staff for PE, field trips, or off campus activities.
- h. **Belts:** Belts must be plain, black or brown leather, length-appropriate, free of decorations (such as lettering or metallic decoration) and must be visible.
- i. **Scarf:** A navy blue or white plain scarf may be worn over polo shirt, inside sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket with ends not visible.
- j. **Shoes:** Black or brown dress shoes with a sturdy sole. Shoes should have a slightly thick sole and tread to provide safety for the occasional running on campus and wet weather. No open toe, heel, or sides, no heels higher than one inch, no platform, canvas, sneakers, boots, or above the ankle shoes. **Elementary students;** black or brown athletic shoes to be worn for school and PE.
- k. **Off-Campus Activities:** Uniforms must be worn for all school functions held off-campus during school hours unless teacher permission is given otherwise.
- l. **Casual Dress:** When permitted, casual dress must be appropriate to AcaciaWood's standards. Long pants must be worn that are not tattered or torn. Shorts are prohibited. Tight fitting clothing or clothing that has logos, pictures, or inappropriate wording is not allowed. Comfortable shoes are permitted, but no sandals. All general uniform guidelines apply. A student who is deemed by a teacher to not be appropriately dressed will be required to change his/her clothing.

Guidelines for Girls

- a. **Upper School Skirt:** Uniform attire consists of khaki skirts, mid-calf in length, which must be worn at the waist with the AWS polo shirt tucked-in and a belt which is visible. **Elementary Skort:** Khaki skorts, knee length, must be worn at the waist with a tucked-in AWS polo shirt. No belt is required.
- b. **Socks:** Plain white or khaki socks, knee highs, tights, or natural colored hose. For warmth layers are permitted. If leggings are worn for warmth, they must not be visible.
- c. **Hair:** Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. No hair styles that are distracting or exemplify an attitude of rebellion are permitted. Hair accessories that are distracting as deemed by any teacher will not be allowed. Hair elastics must be neutral, white, tan, or black (one may be worn on the wrist for hair use, when needed.) There is to be no hair coloring, tinting, or highlighting. Students will be required to recolor their hair to its natural color until natural hair growth restores the original natural color.
- d. **Cosmetics:** No cosmetics, including nail polish, are to be worn.

Guidelines for Boys

- a. **Pants:** Uniform attire consists of *Dennis Uniform* khaki twill which must be worn at the waist (properly fitted), with a green, tucked-in, AWS polo shirt and a belt which is visible.
- b. **Socks:** Socks which are black, brown or white must be worn.
- c. **Hair:** Hair is to be neatly trimmed and groomed, and may not extend over the ears or over the collar. No hair styles that express or exemplify an attitude of rebellion or inappropriate life style are permitted. There is to be no hair coloring, tinting, or highlighting. Students will be required to recolor their hair to its natural color until natural hair growth restores the original natural color.
- d. **Facial Hair:** All boys must be clean shaven. Sideburns may extend no lower than the middle of the ear.

Physical Education

- a. **Shorts:** Dennis Uniform green shorts with school logo must be worn for all PE related activities. Long navy blue sweat pants may be worn in addition to the shorts.
- b. **T-Shirts:** Plain navy blue crew neck t-shirt with sleeves or any AWS logo t-shirts.
- c. **Shoes/Socks:** Shoes must be athletic shoes designed for physical fitness training. Socks of appropriate color and length must be worn.
- d. **Cold Weather Attire:** AWS navy fleece and/or AWS sweatshirt, plain navy blue sweatshirt pull-over, hooded or zipped. Navy or black long exercise/sweatpants.

Sports Program Uniforms

- a. PE uniform as stated above
- b. AWS sports jersey or team uniform as per coach's instruction

Ordering Uniform

A white Dennis Uniform "mini-catalog" is available in the school office which includes information for ordering, store hours, and directions.

Dennis Uniform

22825 Savi Ranch Parkway, Yorba Linda, CA 92887
(714) 637-8928 or National Customer Service (800) 854-6951

When ordering on line:

- ◆ www.dennisuniform.com
- ◆ Enter school code: **AN00EB**

Land's End

Use pink Land's End information sheet for girls' upper school skirt.