

Dress Code for Grades K-8

In order to promote an orderly and safe environment that is conducive to learning, Academy at the Farm has established the following guidelines for student dress:

1. The Academy at the Farm uniform will consist of an Academy at the Farm collared polo shirt (red, white or navy blue) **purchased through the official school vendor*** and **solid** colored black, light tan (khaki), denim, or navy shorts, pants, skirts, or skorts of appropriate length (defined as not more than four inches above the knee from a kneeling position) and fitted at the waist.
2. All outerwear must zip or button up the front so the uniform shirt is visible. Jackets or sweaters worn inside the classrooms must be purchased from the school uniform vendor and include a school logo. **Heavy coats** may be worn outside and to class when needed on cold days, but will be removed upon entering the building. Due to the fact that “hoodies” cover the uniform shirt, they do not meet dress code standards and **should not be worn to school.**
3. Pants, shorts, skirts, and/or skorts must be made of heavy, durable cotton or denim type material. Leggings, tights and/or other items made of spandex or similar material may be worn under a skirt or dress of appropriate length as defined in #1 above.
4. Athletic shorts or pants do **not** meet dress code standards and should not be worn.
5. Uniforms need to be worn so they represent pride in our school. Pants, skirts, skorts, and/or shorts must be hemmed, neat, clean and **without holes or decorations.** AATF uniform shirts must be of appropriate size and length and must extend below the waist. Shirts worn under uniform shirts must be red, white, black or navy blue in color and should not extend below the uniform shirt.
6. Socks that show above the ankle should match and must be solid red, white, navy blue or black in color.
7. Types of shoes will be optional, but closed-toed, rubber soled shoes, such as sneakers, must be worn to school for PE and other outdoor activities. Sneakers may not extend more than one inch above the ankle. **Flip-flops and/or sandals of similar design (those without a strap on the heel) may not be worn to school.** “Crocs” and/or shoes with wheels are not to be worn to school.
****Students in grades K-5 have recess/PE daily and should wear sneakers for their safety.**
8. AATF t-shirts are available for purchase through the front office. Those and other **school approved** t-shirts may be worn on Fridays. Students must wear approved Academy at the Farm clothing on all field trips.
9. Student hair color must be of **natural** brown, blonde, black, or red colors. Dyed hair should reflect those natural colors as determined by the Director.
10. Body piercings should be limited to ears only.
11. Hats and/or caps are recommended for outdoor activities or PE classes **only** and should not otherwise be worn on campus.
12. Parents who cannot afford school uniforms need to contact the Director.
13. **All belongings – jackets, lunch boxes, etc. should be labeled with the student’s first and last name.**
14. **Any item turned into our lost and found without a name is subject to being donated.**

The Director may waive the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for either disability, medical condition or sincerely held religious belief, as long as proper documentation is submitted.

Non uniform days may be scheduled throughout the year. Students may choose not to wear their AATF uniform on these days, but must adhere to the following AATF guidelines above: #1 (length of shorts and skirts), #3 (leggings and tights), #5 (no holes in clothing), #7, #9, #10, #11 and Pasco County dress code standards.

It is the intent of the school to enforce these guidelines. Parents will be notified if their child’s clothing is deemed inappropriate for school.

***Approved school vendor: Academy at the Farm - uniforms sold in the lobby from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**