

## Dress Code

**The Director/Principal shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines below. The Director/Principal will make the decision if a student's appearance meets Academy at the Farm standards and their decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.**

**Preschool:** Students are required to wear an Academy approved shirt. This includes our preschool graphic shirt, an Academy polo or Friday shirt. Sweaters and/or jackets must also be AATF. These may be purchased in the main office. Parents who cannot afford school uniforms need to contact the Principal. Any item turned into our lost and found without a name is subject to being donated.

Please provide your child with a full size book bag to hold his or her belongings. Your child will need one change of clothing including socks, shoes and underwear. These items should be sent on the first day of school in a large labeled Ziploc bag. These should be exchanged several times during the year to suit the weather and your growing child. Please replace your child's change of clothes if they have been used.

Children should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for active and involved play. They can wear hats/caps outside. Students may not wear sandals, crocs, or flip flops. Art activities and outdoor play are potentially messy, so please dress your child in older clothing. Teachers are not responsible for lost or broken jewelry.

**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 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 sneakers must be worn to school for PE and other outdoor activities. Sneakers may not extend more than one inch above the ankle. Shoes worn must be a matching pair. 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-2 have recess 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/Principal.
10. Body piercings should be limited to ears only.
11. Hats and/or caps are recommended for outdoor activities or PE classes **only** and will not otherwise be worn on campus.
12. Face coverings are optional, however, if worn should be solid colored.

13. Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which may or does disrupt the school setting or is offensive to good taste are considered inappropriate for the school environment.
14. Parents who cannot afford school uniforms need to contact the Director.
15. All belongings – jackets, lunch boxes, etc. should be labeled with the student’s first and last name.
16. 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 #12.

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.**