



Ark Community Charter School

2010-11 SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

ACCS students are required to wear uniforms each school day. The uniforms are functional and designed for all school activities. They consist of the following items:

- **ACCS polo shirt.** This is available only at the school in long or short sleeves and a choice of four colors (white, black, purple or green). Shirts must be tucked in or no longer than hip-length. **You may substitute only a PLAIN WHITE polo shirt, collared blouse, dress shirt or turtleneck shirt.** **NO T-SHIRTS, COLLAR-LESS SHIRTS, OTHER LOGOS, DECORATIONS OR COLORS.** All undershirts should be white or black and must be tucked in.
- **PLAIN BLACK or TAN DRESS pants, capris, shorts, skirts, jumpers or skorts.** Pants should fit without a belt at waist level and not be over-sized in length. Girls may choose to wear a skirt or jumper; however they should wear pants, shorts or skorts on gym days. Skirts, skorts and shorts need to be at least mid-thigh length. **NO JEANS OR DECORATIONS.**
- **ACCS logo black button-down sweater.** You may substitute a plain white or black cardigan-style or V-neck sweater or vest. **NO SWEATSHIRTS, HOODIES, JACKETS OR DECORATIONS.**
- **Closed-toed, black or white shoes.** Sneakers are allowable and expected on gym days. **No sandals, flip-flops, heels or open-toed shoes.** Tights or socks must be plain white or black with no lace or decorations.
- **No hats, caps, do rags, scarves or bandanas.**

School clothes should be neat, clean, not over-sized and in good repair. Please plan laundry days ahead and purchase sufficient quantities to ensure that your child comes to school each day clean and appropriately dressed.

Please contact the school immediately if you have any problems complying with our dress policy.

ACCS-logo Prices:

Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt: \$14 (5 for \$60)
Long-Sleeved Polo Shirt: \$15 (5 for \$60)
Sweater: \$20 (additional sweaters \$26)

Lodge's in Albany (74 North Pearl, 463-4646) is an excellent source for reasonably-priced and good-quality uniform pants, blouses, shirts and sweaters.



*Our school community is dedicated to tolerance, a celebration of diversity and social justice - within ACCS, the local community, and in the larger world community. Because we are committed to social justice, we purchase our uniforms from **Fair Trade Uniforms**, which supports programs in the developing world to make school uniforms. Our uniforms are made in sweat-free shops in Thailand and Mexico. Recognizing that many of our students come from economically disadvantaged families, our partnership with **Fair Trade Uniforms** allows us to "wear our values on our sleeves." Our uniforms are made according to fair trade standards, such as reasonably paid employment and decent working conditions for women so that workers can provide for their families and better their lives, just as we aim to better the lives of our students.*