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The Universal American School Dress Code – Academic Year 2022-2023

Dress and Grooming Code

UAS's dress code is based on the premise all students are of equal importance and worth, therefore it makes no distinction among students of different nationalities, cultures, or socio-economic status. It seeks to practice the values of worth and dignity for individuals as members of the larger student population. Furthermore, the dress code is government by Student Honor Code that implies all students must be reasonable, decent, and display good taste in their appearance. The dress code is also required during Split Face to Face, Hybrid and E-Learning.¹ UAS uniform store is available online and parents must adhere to the return/refund policy of both online and in store purchase.

Final judgment and consequences about inappropriate clothing or haircuts is the principal and Vice Principal's responsibility. Decisions always weigh in favor of modest-conservative viewpoint because our school's focus is providing the least possible distracting learning environment. Students may be sent home to change clothing or request their parents bring appropriate clothing to school.

Students must follow dress regulations for school-sponsored activities off campus. Furthermore, they must follow all school behavior policies, rules, and regulations while wearing a UAS school uniform, both on campus and off campus. Students who violate UAS behavior policies, rules, and regulations while in a UAS uniform off school property receive the same disciplinary consequences as when they are on school property.

Students are permitted to wear clothing other than the UAS uniform **only** on designated dress-up or dress-down days. Each academic level is permitted relaxed dress day on the last Thursday of each month and if additional dress-down days are added to the school calendar, parents are notified in writing by level administration.

UAS Dress Code requires:

- a. Every student wear the UAS school uniform while on campus.²
- b. Grades 1 to 12: school ID must be worn at all times. During emergency, students from N to 12 will be required to wear School ID at all times.
- c. Uniforms may not be altered or styled.
- d. Only wear the physical education uniform sold in UAS uniform store.
- e. In the interest of modesty, all uniforms must be loose fitting.

¹ Split face to face, Hybrid and E-Learning students must wear a UAS uniform when attending synchronous sessions or recording videos for assessment. Otherwise consequences outlined in the Behavior Consequences Chart are enforced.

² Uniforms are ordered online—<https://uas.edu.kw/campus/uniform-store/>

- f. Arm or leg bands may not be worn unless except during physical education class or an athletic contest.
- g. Sunglasses, hats, or caps may not be worn in the school building at any time.
- h. Only UAS coats, jackets, or sweaters may be worn during the school day.

1. White Shirts and Blouses

Short sleeves must be completely rolled down. T-Shirts are not permitted except for physical education classes. Undergarments must be white and not hang out underneath the shirt's bottom or top. Girls may wear an untucked tunic-type blouse as long as it meets other dress code guidelines. MS and HS male students must keep shirts tucked in, including senior shirts.

Boy's and girl's shirts must be buttoned up to the second button from the top. Shirts cannot be altered to reduce the distance between buttons. Students must wear an approved school shirt under a sweatshirt; physical education clothing may not be worn under a white school shirt or blouse.

Shirts cannot be removed, unbuttoned, or otherwise changed in appearance at the end of the school day when students are leaving school or waiting for their ride home.

2. Navy-Blue Trousers

Trousers must be loose fitting although excessively baggie, short, or long trousers are unacceptable. They may not be altered and must be worn with a belt and fitted at the natural waist. Capris and jeans are not permitted. EC and ES students may wear navy blue physical education sweatpants when the weather is colder.

3. Belts

MS and HS males must wear a black, brown, blue, or white belt with a maximum 4 centimeters/1.5 inches' width.

4. Navy-Blue Skirts

Skirts must go below the knees. Culottes are not permitted in MS or HS.

5. Shorts

EC and ES students may wear school uniform shorts. MS and HS students are not allowed to wear shorts unless physical education class is first block.

6. Shoes

Shoes must cover the entire foot with no toes or heels exposed. Cleats, sandals and Crocs cannot be worn at school. Shoe heel height may not exceed 4 centimeters/2 inches.

7. Make-up, Fingernails, and Jewelry

Make-up cannot be worn at school, including no lipstick. Fingernails must be trimmed and clean and nail polish or fake nails are not allowed. Jewelry cannot be worn at school except a watch and one pair of small earring studs (females only—one stud in each earlobe). Body piercing is not permitted, such as nose, tongue, eyebrows, lip, etc.

School is not responsible for the students' personal items.

8. Hair

Hair must be worn in conservative traditional lengths, styles, and natural colors. Male hair must be trimmed so it does not touch the buttoned-up shirt collar, hang over and around the ears, or is lower than the eyebrows. Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed.

9. Physical Education (PE) Uniform Dress Code

Health & Physical Education Safety Policy (All grade levels)

1. Jewelry of any kind is not permitted to be worn during practical Physical Education (PE) lessons.
2. Students found to be wearing jewelry on the day of their P.E. lesson, will **not** be permitted to participate in the day's activities. This will impact their grade in the class. Taping over stud earrings is not permitted. All jewelry must be removed.
3. Students must always wear appropriate footwear. No sandals, flip-flops, boots, high heels, or bare feet are permitted. Students may **not** participate in their socks only.
4. All long hair must be tied back. Students must bring their own hair tie.
5. All students must wear the UAS P.E. uniform for practical PE lessons. These are to be purchased through the UAS Uniform Store prior to the start of the student's first P.E. lesson.
6. It is a requirement that all students change into their UAS PE uniform at the start and end of each PE lessons (with the exception of ECE/ES students who may arrive at school in their PE uniform on the day of their PE lesson and wear it on those days).
7. Any student who is unable to participate in PE class for more than 2 consecutive lessons must provide a valid medical certificate to the UAS Clinic and the Health & Physical Education Department.