

XI. THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Archmere's dress code reflects the respect our community has for learning and the reverence we hold for our mission on a daily basis. In achieving these goals, the code reflects a standard of neatness and modesty, while maintaining a professional appearance. The student should always be dressed neatly and in the spirit of our school community's standards. The school reserves the right to define what is the appropriate wearing of the parts of the dress code, makeup, hairstyle, and other accessories. The spirit of the dress code is as important as the law. Students are expected to exercise good judgment.

If a violation of the dress code or its spirit occurs, the student will receive discipline in the form of points/demerits or be asked to remedy the violation before attending classes. The Director of Student Life will make the final decision regarding any questions about proper attire.

The apparel for the dress code may be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara, by phone, online at www.flynnohara.com or by visiting one of their stores in Exton, Broomall (formerly Drexel Hill) or Clifton Heights, PA. Clothing is to be worn as intended.

Students must be in dress code on campus from 7:30am until 3:00 pm. The code is relaxed for extracurricular activities in other buildings and outdoors, though appropriate dress is always required. At 3:00pm, students may change into Tag Day apparel (see below) but the clothing must meet the expectations of such dress. Wearing the uniform shirt unbuttoned or un-tucked or an oxford without a tie is never appropriate.

Students are to dress neatly and appropriately for all school functions. During functions in which Archmere participates outside of the school day students may not wear clothing that expresses, advertises, or promotes alcohol, illegal substances, racial, gender, and/or sexual slurs or innuendoes, nor may clothing express messages that contradict the ideals of Archmere Academy. For extracurricular activities such as concerts, athletic contests, proms, dances, athletic and honor recognition nights, students and/or their guests may be denied admission if attire is deemed inappropriate.

1. Personal Identification Swipe Cards

Staff members and students at Archmere Academy are issued a personal ID swipe card to promote a safe campus with controlled access to our buildings. **This card must be worn in a clear ID case on a lanyard around their necks at all times while on campus.** They may not cover their photos or names on the cards nor may the card be placed in a purse, bag, or wallet. Damaged or lost cards must be replaced at a cost of \$15.00 through the Technology Department by emailing a request for a new card to support@archmereacademy.com. Students who violate these guidelines will be given one point and may be assessed greater consequences if they are unable to meet these expectations after repeated violations.

2. Elements of the Dress Code

All parts of the code apparel must be in good repair and free from rips, holes, or tearings. Additionally all clothes must fit the student properly as students strive to dress neatly and professionally.

The Oxford Shirt

All students must wear a solid white or solid light blue oxford. Though these do not need to be purchased through Flynn O'Hara, they must mirror that style and color. Both long and short-sleeved oxfords are permissible. All oxfords should be plain without any brand emblems or markings. The oxford must be worn tucked in at all times. Gentlemen must wear a tie of their choice with the top button fastened, unless they are wearing the blue or green Archmere crewneck sweater purchased from Flynn & O'Hara, in which case no tie is required. Ladies may wear the oxford with only the top button unfastened.

Dress Slacks

Students wear dress slacks, which must be khaki or navy, with no outside pockets attached. These may be purchased through Flynn O'Hara or you may purchase identical styles elsewhere. They must be worn to fit at or above the hip; bellbottomed, baggy, or low hip pants are not permitted. Gentlemen are expected to wear an appropriate belt.

Skorts

Ladies have the option to wear a skort. The uniform two-panel skort must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms and may be worn in the black-watch plaid or khaki. The skort length must exceed the fingertips at all times and may not be rolled at the waist, this is a violation of the dress code. Enforcement of this guideline is the responsibility of the faculty, whose judgment is final. Students who repeatedly violate this expectation will be required to wear the uniform slacks. Ladies who choose to wear the skort must wear blue knee socks purchased from Flynn O'Hara or an identical style purchased elsewhere. They may also wear the StuCo fundraiser socks purchased through StuCo.

Optional Third Pieces

The optional third piece consists of a conservative sport coat, a navy or hunter green crew neck sweater, or navy or hunter green v-neck sweater vest. When wearing the crew neck sweater, and only the crew neck sweater, gentlemen do not need to wear ties. Students may also wear full zip or three quarter zip Archmere jackets. Shirts must remain tucked in while wearing third pieces. Hooded or crewneck sweatshirts or any other kind of outerwear are not to be worn on campus during the school day at any time.

Shoes/Socks

Tan, brown or black dress shoes are appropriate. These must be worn properly at all times. Students must wear socks at all times. Ladies who choose to wear the skort must wear blue knee socks purchased from Flynn O'Hara or an identical style purchased elsewhere. Students may also wear the StuCo fundraiser socks instead of the blue knee socks.

The Warm Weather Polo & Rugby

During the periods of hot weather, students are permitted to wear a more comfortable, informal uniform though expectations of neatness, modesty, and uniformity remain. **Students who continually violate the dress code will lose this privilege.**

The Archmere Polo or Rugby may be worn:

Fall: The first day of classes until the last Monday in October. Spring: The last Monday of March until the last day of classes.

The Archmere green or white polo shirt provided by Flynn O'Hara may be worn. Additionally, from the Campus Store, students may purchase and wear the Archmere Rugby during this period. Students who opt not to wear the Archmere polo/rugby shirt must wear the oxford during these seasons. Long sleeved shirts may not be worn under the polo nor may the sleeve of the undershirt exceed the sleeve of the polo. The polo shirt must be worn tucked into the pants or skort. Wearing of shirts too short to tuck may result in a loss of informal dress privileges.

Masks

Students may wear a face mask if they feel the need. All masks worn must be either the Archmere mask or a mask that is plain in color without any text or images.

Miscellaneous

Students must wear their hair in a neat, professional style. Gentlemen may not allow their hair length to exceed the top of the collar and must be clean-shaven. Students may wear limited earrings in a conservative fashion, though no other visible body piercings are permitted. Students may not display tattoos while in uniform at school.

3. Tag Day Dress Guidelines

Occasionally students will have Tag Day fundraisers to benefit local charities and causes during which students can purchase a “tag” for \$2.00 and dress out of uniform for that day. On these days, a certain level of decorum, neatness, and modesty is necessary. It is with these ideas in mind that students may wear attire that meets the following standards:

Jeans, Slacks, Khaki style Shorts, Skirts, Capris: students may wear these so long as they are neat and modest in appearance. **ALL SHORTS OR SKIRTS WORN BY STUDENTS ON TAG DAYS MUST CLEARLY EXCEED THE FINGERTIPS IN LENGTH.** Students may wear athletic style pants (sweatpants) or shorts, yoga pants, or spandex.

Students may wear casual style shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts or sweaters. Shirts must also be neat and modest in appearance. Sleeveless, spaghetti straps, shirts that expose the midriff or are deemed excessively tight or revealing may not be worn. Tattoos may not be displayed on Tag Days. Clothing may not have slogans or images that are contrary to the mission or values of the school (vulgarity, alcohol, drugs, violence, or insensitive (ex Communist symbols, Swastika)).

Casual shoes may be worn, such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, and boots.

Some elements of dress may **never be worn**. This includes tank tops, cut-off or frayed jean shorts, hats, sunglasses, and hoods.
