

EXCITING NEWS!



SIGNIFICANT DRESS CODE CHANGES & UPDATES

for 2020-2021

BACKPACKS

⦿ **Students may use one personal bag (purse OR backpack) to carry items for school.**

(like on an airplane—you may carry ONE personal item)

- Purses/backpacks are to be kept under the student's desk/chair in any classroom/area she is in during the school day. If a bag is too large to fit completely under the student's desk/chair without spilling into the aisles (even if it is a room with small desks), the bag is too large and may not be carried during the school day.
- The student Tablet PC must be in the school-supplied carrying case when not in use or when being transported whether stored inside a backpack or carried separately.

SHOE COLOR

⦿ Athletic, casual, or dress shoes of any color

- No longer limited to black, white, gray, brown, tan, or maroon; fluorescent and neon colors are allowed.
- No longer have to be solid in color, and patterns, logos, and embellishments (such as mesh) are okay.

LEGGINGS

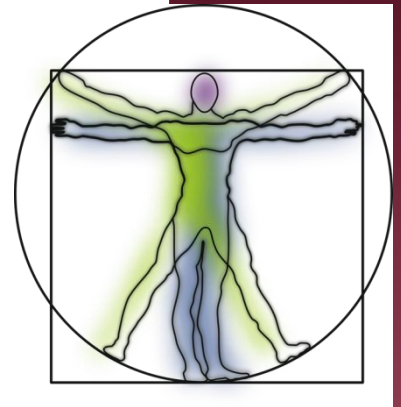
★ this change is being made on a one-year-only trial basis ★

○ Legwear: socks, tights, or leggings

- Socks: solid white or black socks that are visible above the top of the shoe; socks may have a small black or white single logo on them; socks must be worn with leggings and may be worn with tights.
- Tights: solid black opaque or flat knit cotton-spandex tights; cable knit, patterned, fishnets, and sheer hosiery are not allowed.
- **Leggings: black leggings may be worn under the uniform skirt, but not in place of it; leggings must be ankle-length and worn with socks (see above); leggings must be plain and solid in color with no see-through panels, designs/patterns, or visible logos; sheer or athletic-style leggings are not allowed; leggings must be in good condition and free of rips, holes, runs, etc.; yoga pants are not leggings and may not be worn**
 - *Notes: leggings may not be worn as pants on Spirit Wear or on dress down days; if leggings don't meet the uniform code requirements, students will be issued detentions instead of being given an option of taking them off*

SKIRT LENGTH

- ◎ Skirt is to be worn at or near the waist and should be of-moderate length (all the way around, front and back) at least an inch longer than the student's fingertips when her relaxed arms are down at her side
 - *can be checked quickly without using anything to measure or invading personal space of students*
 - *length is individualized for each student (tall girls not penalized; arms are usually proportional to legs)*



SENIOR T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS

- ⦿ **Seniors may wear their senior class T-shirt in place of the uniform polo shirt and their senior class sweatshirt in place of the sweater/quarter-zip sweatshirt.**
 - Senior T-shirts may now be worn year round.
 - May now wear either a uniform polo or the senior T-shirt under the senior sweatshirt—but must have a shirt on under the sweatshirt (sweatshirt is considered outerwear)

IMPLICATIONS TO NOTE

- ⦿ Leggings have been added to the uniform code to address temperature variation issues in the building—**teachers will no longer give students permission to wear sweatpants because they are cold.**
- ⦿ All students have the option to wear either a senior sweatshirt or uniform quarter-zip sweatshirt (in addition to the uniform sweater)—**teachers will not give permission for students to wear any other sweatshirt because they are cold.**
- ⦿ **If you are a student who gets cold easily, be sure to purchase either a senior sweatshirt or uniform quarter-zip sweatshirt and/or leggings that will meet the dress code requirements.**

WATER BOTTLES

- ⦿ **Water bottles must be reusable, clear, and re-sealable (bottles may be a color as long as they are transparent).**
 - If they have logos or writing on them, these cannot impede the ability to see easily what is in them. Acceptable water bottles are available for purchase in the AHS campus store but may also be purchased elsewhere.
- ⦿ **Students may not carry bottled water (in disposable bottles) or cups with straws with them at school.**