

### Backpacks, Purses, and Computer Cases

Students may use one personal bag (purse or backpack) to carry items for school. Purses/backpacks are to be kept under the student's desk/chair during the school day. If a bag is too large to fit completely under the student's desk/chair in any classroom/area she is in 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. To discourage illegal cell phone usage, students are not allowed to keep bags on their desks or laps during class; additionally, teachers may require that students leave their bags in the classroom when going to the restroom, etc. The student's laptop must be in the school-supplied carrying case when not in use or when being transported whether stored inside a backpack or carried separately.

### Name Badges/Building Access Fobs

All students are issued name badges that serve as student IDs and which they are required to wear on a school-provided lanyard around the neck during school hours. The name badge is to be visible at all times during the school day, and, as a student ID, should be in a student's possession whenever she is on campus. Name badges not only allow teachers to identify students, they are used as building access fobs that allow students access to the various areas of our campus during the school day. Students must use their current IDs/name badges to check in and out of study, the Media Center, and the Guidance and Counseling Center; they are also used to check out materials from the media center. Cafeteria lunch accounts will be accessed using the name badge.

- **If a name badge is lost, it should be immediately reported to the main office staff so it may be deactivated as a building access fob.**
- Students who lose their name badges must come to the main office as soon as possible to purchase a replacement for a total cost of \$30; replacement lanyards cost \$3, replacement card holder sleeves cost \$2, and replacement name badges cost \$25. Items must be paid for at the time requested; the student may pick up the replacement name badge the next morning in the main office and will receive a temporary badge to use for the current day.
- Failure to visibly wear the name badge during the school day may result in disciplinary consequences. Students are expected to wear their name badges even on spirit wear and dress down days, on field trips, etc. Teachers may permit students to remove the name badges for particular activities, but the student is responsible for remembering to put her name badge back on before leaving the classroom.
- If a student arrives at school without her name badge, she may come to the main office before first period and request a temporary badge to use for the day; students who request more than **four temporary name badges during a semester** will receive a detention for each additional badge. Students who request a temporary name badge for five consecutive days will be required to purchase a new name badge with case and lanyard for \$30.
- Altering or defacing a name badge in any way will require the student to purchase a replacement. Only official, school-authorized stickers may be placed on the back of the student's name badge/badgeholder and may not cover the student's name.
- Damaging or defacing another student's name badge will result in disciplinary action and paying for her replacement name badge.
- Wearing or using another student's name badge will result in disciplinary action. At no time should a student allow anyone else to use her name badge.
- Juniors receive new name badges with updated photos at the beginning of the year; they are required to turn in their old name badges at that time, and those who do not will be assessed a \$30 security/inconvenience fee. • **Skirt:** solid wine or plaid uniform; 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. Skirts must have an operable zipper and should be neatly hemmed (no staples or safety pins). Skirts may not be intentionally cut at any time and should not be rolled. If shorts are worn under the uniform skirt, they may not hang below the hemline of the skirt and should not be visible.

- **Pants:** black pants with the A logo monogram; uniform pants with the AHS emblem may still be worn if students already have them. Uniform pants may not be worn in combination with the uniform skirt. The waistband must be worn at the waist, and pants must be neatly hemmed; they may not drag on the ground/floor.
- **Shirt:** white short- or long-sleeved polo purchased from Shaheen's with the A logo monogram. All shirts must be tucked into the waistband of the skirt/pants at all times.
- Plain white **T-shirts** may be worn under the blouse/polo shirt; long-sleeved T-shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved uniform blouses/shirts; T-shirts may not hang out from uniform blouses/polos. Shirts with writing on them, including PE shirts, are not permitted.
- **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** (optional): solid black opaque or flat knit cotton-spandex tights; cable knit, patterned, fishnets, and sheer hosiery are not allowed.
- **Leggings** (optional): 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.
- **Sweater** (optional): black V-neck with A logo monogram; seniors may wear the senior sweatshirt in place of a black sweater.
- **Quarter-zip Sweatshirt** (optional): black with A logo monogram; seniors may wear the senior sweatshirt in place of a quarter-zip sweatshirt.
- **Shoes:** athletic, casual, or dress shoes of any color. Shoes must cover the toes and heel and may cover the ankle by no more than one inch; boots, boot-type shoes, clogs, slippers (including moccasins), and sandals are not permitted with uniform or non-uniform attire; shoes with laces must be tied.
- **Senior Sweatshirt/T-shirt:** Seniors may wear their class sweatshirts in place of the uniform sweater/quarter-zip sweatshirt; either a senior T-shirt or a uniform polo shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt. Seniors may wear their senior class T-shirt with the uniform skirt in place of the uniform polo shirt year round; T-shirts are to be tucked in.
- **ACTS Uniform for Sophomores:** To meet the dress requirements for various agencies and to project a positive image while performing service in the community, all sophomores are required to wear black AHS uniform pants (from Shaheen's) with a uniform polo on ACTS Wednesdays during the second semester. Uniform sweaters or the quarter-zip sweatshirt may also be worn. Students are also to wear their AHS lanyards with name badges to ACTS. Students who do not comply with this requirement will be issued a uniform infraction; if they cannot get in the proper uniform for ACTS before leaving for their agencies, they will not be allowed to participate in ACTS that day and will receive an unexcused absence from ACTS.
- **A Logo and AHS Emblem:** The official A logo and the AHS monogram are the only acceptable emblems on the uniform.

- **Outerwear:** Coats, jackets, sweatshirts (other than senior sweatshirts for seniors or the quarter-zip uniform sweatshirt) sweatpants, bandannas, scarves, and hats may not be worn with the uniform in the building during the school day. Because they may not wear them, students may not carry these items with them during the school day.
- **Hair, Body Art, and Jewelry:** The school reserves the right to restrict items such as, but not limited to, excessive jewelry or cosmetics. Extreme haircuts and hair color are prohibited; only hair colors in which human hair naturally occurs are permitted. No body piercings other than ears are allowed. No tongue piercings are allowed. Visible tattoos are not allowed. Students may not cover obvious body piercings or tattoos with Band-Aids or any other coverings. The prohibition against piercings, other than ears, and tattoos extends to students when they are participating in school-sponsored events, such as dances and ceremonies (Junior Ring Ceremony, Baccalaureate, Senior Honors Assembly, Graduation, etc.), as well as during the school day.
- **Wearable Technology:** Students may not wear smart electronic devices that connect to the internet or use Bluetooth technology during the school day; this prohibition includes, but is not limited to, devices such as activity trackers, smart watches, wireless headphones/AirPods, and digital eyewear. Wearable technology may not be seen or heard during the school day; violations will be handled as for cell phones, with one demerit issued if wearable technology is audible or visible and two demerits issued in cases of active use. Wearing a smart electronic device (watch, AirPods, etc.) while taking a test or quiz will be considered cheating because the device could give the student access to test/quiz material and the integrity of her work cannot be guaranteed.
- **Non-Uniform Attire:** Whenever students are given a uniform break, they must wear appropriate clothes that are modest and in good taste. Clothing that refers to drugs, alcohol, sex, or profanity (written or by picture) is not acceptable at school or at school functions. The school reserves the right to restrict items such as, but not limited to, halter tops, leggings, yoga pants, shorts, Capri pants, and skirts/dresses that are at least an inch longer than the student's fingertips when her relaxed arms are down at her side. Tank tops are never permitted.
- **Spirit Wear:** Every Monday is designated as AHS Spirit Day. Students who participate must wear an AHS sweatshirt or T-shirt, with jeans or AHS pants purchased from the Assumption Campus store (no shorts or leggings). A uniform shirt or sweater may NOT be worn in place of an AHS sweatshirt or T-shirt, and the sweatshirt or T-shirt must have the official AHS name on it. School-provided athletic warm-ups that clearly have "Assumption" or "Rockets" written on them are permitted on Spirit Day. Non-AHS jackets may NOT be worn over spirit wear. School-approved shoes must be worn with spirit wear. Students who choose not to wear Spirit Day attire must be in their full Assumption uniform.
- **Dress Down Days:** Several times during the year, students who make a specified minimum donation to a charitable cause are allowed to have a Dress Down Day. Students may dress down and wear spirit wear, jeans, denim overalls, sweatpants, flannels, and non-AHS T-shirts and sweatshirts; jeans and other clothing needs to be free of rips and holes, and any artwork or text must be appropriate for wear at school (nothing promoting, related to, or implying drinking, sexual activity, etc.). Students may wear shorts only if they are specifically given permission to do so for a particular Dress Down Day, in which case they would need to be long basketball-style shorts (no Daisy Dukes, no Sofees, no running shorts). Students may NOT wear yoga pants or leggings as pants, although leggings may be worn under shorts (if allowed) or skirts. Footwear does need to be in compliance with the uniform code (no moccasins, boots, sandals, clogs, etc.) on a Dress Down Day.

While an attempt has been made to present the dress regulations as completely as possible, there may be cases where the appropriateness of an accessory or article of clothing is in question. The

general rule to follow is this: if the article of clothing or the accessory is not mentioned above, assume it is inappropriate. The decision of the Dean of Students regarding the appropriateness of any item is final.

### **Dress Code for Dances**

To show respect for the event and those who plan and host it, students and their guests need to dress appropriately. For a semi-formal event, girls are required to wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit (e.g. jumpsuit, dressy pants outfit, tuxedo), and boys are required to wear slacks, a dress shirt (which must be worn and buttoned the entire night), and a tie; for a formal event (Senior Prom, for example) girls are required to wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit (e.g. jumpsuit, dressy pants outfit, tuxedo), and boys are required to wear slacks, a dress shirt (which must be worn and buttoned the entire night), and coat and tie. Creative attire is acceptable but needs to be respectful of the event; costumes are not acceptable attire for a semi-formal or formal dance.

Dresses for dances need to be appropriate for a Catholic high school dance, which means they are modest and age appropriate. No jackets, sweaters, or other garments may be used to cover a dress that is inappropriate. These dance dress code requirements are often at odds with fashion and cultural trends. The following list is not exhaustive, but specifies a number of current fashion trends that would NOT be acceptable/appropriate for a Catholic high school dance:

- dress length shorter than mid-thigh in the front or back or with slits higher than mid-thigh; NOTE: dress must 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
- more than minimal (1 inch) bare midriff areas or bodices that look like bras or bikini tops; NOTE: strapless is okay
- plunging necklines; center cut of the dress extends beyond a normal bra cut (note: a push-up bra does not have a normal bra cut)
- lacks structured sides, has more than minimal side cut-outs, side of breast is exposed
- is backless or has a plunging waistline (extends below the waist); strappy backs and corset backs are okay
- Bodycon dresses: a one-piece figure-hugging garment that clings tightly to the body from the bust to the lower hem; fitted and mermaid styles are okay
- NOTE: mesh covering large areas may not be skin-colored or see-through

Students who are not dressed appropriately for a school dance will be sent home or required to change by the administrator on duty at the dance, whose judgment as to what is appropriate will be final. NOTE: if putting on a T-shirt will cover the parts of a dress that are inappropriate, the student will be given a big T-shirt to wear and allowed to remain at the dance; she must keep the T-shirt on throughout the dance and will also receive disciplinary action.