

2025 - 2026 Dress Code Policy

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At Argosy Collegiate, we believe that structure is important in the day to day success of scholars, and this begins with our dress code. Our dress code policy sets the foundation for strong school culture to ensure a sense of community and equitable access, and to develop a professional mindset for school. All clothing must be worn so that body parts and undergarments commonly considered as private are private. Senior scholars have expanded options and guidelines to allow for more self-expression as they demonstrate maturity and responsibility.

Tops

- **Permitted:**
 - Argosy logo tops, distributed by Argosy Collegiate and our vendors
 - Argosy logo crew neck sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleece options
 - Argosy logo or plain, long sleeve t-shirts in school colors can be worn as layers under uniform shirts
- **Not Permitted:**
 - Non-Argosy outerwear
 - Sleeveless shirts
 - Any clothing that does not maintain the privacy of body parts and undergarments commonly considered as private
 - Hoodies

Bottoms

- **Permitted:**
 - Khaki pants, joggers, sweatpants, khaki shorts/skirts, jeans, jean shorts/skirts, leggings/legging shorts, and yoga pants
 - All bottoms must be in solid Argosy Colors: navy/dark blue, red, black, tan (khaki), white, or gray
 - Shorts/skirts must maintain the privacy of body parts and undergarments commonly considered as private. A minimum 5 inch inseam and/or fingertip length is required.
- **Not Permitted:**
 - Shredded garments or garments with holes, such as ripped jeans
 - Pajama bottoms
 - On Gym days, non-restrictive clothing is required to allow for full scholar participation
 - Any clothing that does not maintain the privacy of body parts and undergarments commonly considered as private

Shoes

- **Permitted:**
 - Crocs, Birkenstock mule style shoes, sneakers, boots with less than a 2 inch heel, and flats of any color
 - On Gym days, sneakers are required
- **Not Permitted:**
 - Flip flops, slides, slippers, sandals, open-toed shoes, high heels, boots with heels, and wheelies

Other Guidance (Dress Down Days)

All clothing must be worn so that body parts and undergarments commonly considered as private are private. Please consider the visibility of undergarments or skin, and the length and/or neckline and coverage that clothing items provide.

The following clothing articles are NOT allowed to be worn in school:

1. Earrings larger than a quarter (including hoops)
2. Sharp-edged/jagged jewelry
3. Clothing which exhibits language or designs which are explicit, violent, obscene, sexually suggestive, or offensive to individuals or groups
4. Clothing that depicts alcohol, tobacco, marijuana
5. Clothing that depicts illegal materials
6. Shorts / skirts that are shorter than fingertip length and/or have an inseam shorter than 5 inches
7. Sheer, mesh, and / or see-through items
8. Fishnet and thigh-high stockings
9. Sleeveless shirts (“muscle” shirts, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, and “spaghetti” straps are not permitted) and crop tops
10. Hats, headwear, bandanas, and sunglasses
11. Shredded garments or garments with holes, such as ripped jeans
12. Pajama bottoms
13. Ski and shiesty masks

Head Wear: Once scholars enter the school building, the wearing of hats or headwear is not permitted unless it is in accordance with religious observation, a documented medical reason, or related to extenuating circumstances. Scholars are allowed to wear headbands if plain in nature. Bandanas are not permitted.

Lanyards and ID: Scholars must have their Argosy Collegiate lanyard with their school ID on their person at all times. Scholars receive one lanyard with their ID card at the start of the school year, and are expected to keep it in good condition. Replacements may be purchased from the main office if needed, for \$5.

Additional Information:

- **Where to purchase uniforms:**
 - <https://spectrumdesigns.com/argosy/>
- **Senior Dress Code:** Seniors **must** follow the dress code policy; however, seniors are **not** required to wear an Argosy top.
- **Collegiate Day:** Scholars who have earned Collegiate Day may wear a college or university t-shirt/sweatshirt on Friday (hoodies are not allowed).

For uniform questions or to request an accommodation:

- Ms. Cassidy, the Middle School Dean of Students, kcassidy@argosycollegiate.org.
- Mr. Oliver, the High School Dean of Students, coliver@argosycollegiate.org.

Administration will provide feedback on any other garments or accessories that may not specifically be acknowledged by the Dress Code Policy.

Dress Code Checks and Violations

During morning arrival / morning homeroom, all scholars are greeted by a staff member; during this greeting, scholars will also engage in a uniform/lanyard check. If a dress code violation has occurred and can be fixed on the spot (like recovering their school ID and lanyard), then the scholar earns a demerit. If the dress code violation cannot be fixed on the spot (wearing the wrong Argosy top), scholars will report to the Scholar Support Space where they will remain until the dress code violation is resolved. Scholars with repeated dress code violations will be subject to consequences, including after school detention. Scholars are expected to be in uniform when they walk through the door.

Designated Dress Down or Spirit Days:

Occasionally, Argosy Collegiate scholars are offered a themed dress day for fundraising, recognition, or celebration. Like any other school day, a scholar's dress and personal appearance should be consistent with a professional learning environment and not disrupt the educational process. It is important that scholars choose appropriate garments on these non-dress code days. Scholars may bring a 'back-up' garment if they have questions about the appropriateness of their dress down attire.