

Allen Jay Middle School: A Preparatory Academy

STUDENT STANDARD MODE OF DRESS (SMOD)

The AJP SMOD plan is designed to enhance the social and academic focus at the Preparatory Academy. This plan was presented in draft status for parent feedback and edited accordingly by the school leadership team. Parents may also select clothing in accordance with the plan below. Families in need of assistance should contact the AJP Social Worker. The following standard mode of dress will be required for all students at AJP.

*** The list below is the ONLY approved articles of clothing. ***

SMOD COLORS:

Tops: white, black, blue, gray - solid without trim, may have AJP logo, if other logo then no larger than a quarter

Bottoms: black, blue, navy, gray, khaki— solid colors without trim, if logo no larger than a credit card

General Guidelines

- NOT ALLOWED: Skintight clothing, denim, “skinny” jeans, jeggings, nylon, oversized pants, oversized shirts, stripes, jumpsuits/overalls, decorative “adornments” (stitching, beads, chains, etc.), holes, cut-ups or cut-offs, sweat pants, pajama pants, and joggers.
- All heavy coats or hooded garments must be stored in the student’s locker upon entering the building. AJP hoodies are not considered SMOD approved tops. Light weight SMOD color jackets are approved with appropriate undershirt.

SMOD Bottoms:

- Flat front or pleated style dress pants
- Pleated or a-line skirts (no splits or slits)
- Flat front or pleated shorts or capris
- Skorts or jumpers
- Cargo pants / shorts

Bottoms Guidelines

- Waistbands must rest no lower than 1 inch below the elbow with arms bent.
- Hemlines must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and no longer than 1 inch below the ankle.

SMOD Tops:

- Long or short sleeved collared shirts with two or more buttons
- SMOD color crewneck sweatshirts or sweaters and official AJP sweatshirt
- Hoodless cardigan sweaters with approved shirt underneath
- Blazers with approved shirt underneath
- Long or short sleeved turtlenecks

Tops Guidelines

- All shirts must remain tucked in at the waist at all times with belt/waist line visible.
- Any top may not hang past straddle of pants (not baggy).
- T-shirts cannot be worn as the primary shirt except on AJP Pride Days; an AJP t-shirt can be worn on top of collared shirt.
- Only the top two buttons on any shirt may be unbuttoned.
- Undershirts must be in SMOD colors (waffle/thermal shirts are considered undershirts).
- Outer garment must be an approved SMOD top.

Accessories

- All clothing manufactured with belt loops must be worn belted.
- All accessories, including jewelry, must be appropriate and not distracting to learning. Promotional pins/buttons, stickers on scholar faces, and the like are not allowed.

Accessories Guidelines

- No flip-flops, slides, open-toed shoes, or slippers.
- Shoes must match one another, appropriate, and not distracting.
- Hats, sunglasses, non-prescription glasses, gloves, and bandannas must be removed when entering the building and stored in lockers.

Exceptions to SMOD will be made on AJP Pride Days and for some off campus trips. Administration will always communicate with families regarding days that scholars are not required to wear SMOD.

Scholars will receive +5 in LiveSchool for dressing in SMOD daily. Failure to meet SMOD expectations will result in a -5 in LiveSchool, notification to parents and change of clothing from the SMOD closet if necessary. Extreme violations will require waiting for a parent to deliver appropriate clothing to school. Repeated noncompliance will be a violation of the scholar commitment to excellence and will result in disciplinary action.