### 2025-2026 AJHS Student Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a learning environment and a school setting. Health, safety, decency, and the prevention of distractions were the primary concerns in the development of the dress code for Andalusia Junior High School.

Modesty and neatness are expected in all attire. Any individual who wears attire which causes a disturbance or violates the school dress code may be suspended from class until clothing has been changed. Repeated violation of the dress code may result in after-school detention or suspension. The dress code has been developed by Andalusia City Schools officials and approved by the Andalusia City Board of Education. The rules for dress are in effect regardless of what is "popular" or in "style." No code or policy can be all-inclusive. There may be situations that arise which are not covered in this code. In these situations, the principal or his/her designee will deal with these on an individual basis.

# **General Rules:**

- 1. All clothing must fit properly, no oversized clothing and no clothing that is immodestly tight.
- 2. No revealing apparel is permitted. No cleavage, midriff, bare chest, or buttocks may be showing. Undergarments should not be visible when one is sitting or standing.
- 3. Clothing with holes, rips, and tears above the knee should be covered. Tape may not be used. No skin should be visible above the knee.
- 4. No pajamas may be worn to school.
- 5. Clothing with profanity, suggestive remarks, inappropriate graphics, or distracting wording must not be worn to school.
- 6. No clothing with markings that represent hate groups may be worn.
- 7. No clothing with the name or images of drugs or alcoholic beverages, the name of any establishment whose primary purpose is the sale of drugs or alcoholic beverages, or any drug or alcoholic-related advertisement will be allowed at school.
- 8. Heavy overcoats must be kept in the students' locker during the school day.
- 9. With the approval of the principal, the extra-curricular activity sponsor may establish additional rules for grooming and dress as a prerequisite for membership and participation.

# Tops:

- 10. All shirts and tops must have sleeves.
- 11. Tank tops, halters, half-shirts, spaghetti-strap tops, and strapless tops may not be worn without a jacket, sweater, or cardigan with sleeves. No mesh tops, open back tops, and immodestly tight or revealing tops are allowed.

#### **Bottoms:**

- 12. All bottoms (including pants, shorts, and skirts) will be worn at the natural waist-level, no sagging. Waistbands must be above one's derriere at all times.
- 13. All shorts, skirts, dresses, and slits, etc. must be worn at an appropriate length, no shorter than the end of the fingertip when the arm is extended straight down the side of the body.
- 14. No athletic bottoms (gym shorts, sweatpants, joggers, etc.) may be worn to school.
- 15. All snaps and/or buttons on trousers, coveralls, overalls, etc. should be fastened.
- 16. No pants with words across the seat may be worn.
- 17. Leggings can be worn with a skirt or dress only when the skirt or dress is fingertip-length. Leggings should not be worn as pants.

### **Accessories**

- 18. Students should wear shoes that will be safe for all activities, including P.E. Shoes are to be worn by everyone at all times. Bedroom slippers are not appropriate footwear.
- 19. No blankets should be brought to school.
- 20. Chains hanging from pockets, belt loops, or waists are not permitted.
- 21. Hats or head coverings should not be worn or brought to school. Exception: baseball/softball team members may bring caps to be worn during the game.
- 22. No sunglasses should be worn in any classes, the auditorium, the cafeteria, or the office. Exception: medical reasons.
- 23. No hoods or du-rags of any type are to be worn inside the school buildings.
- 24. No bandannas, coats, or any other type of gang-related paraphernalia will be allowed.
- 25. No body piercing such as nose, eyebrow, tongue, gauges, or lip rings, etc. will be allowed. Band-aids may not be worn to cover up such items. The only acceptable type of piercing is ear piercing.
- 26. Hairstyles, unnatural-looking hair color, clothing, or make-up that is disruptive to the normal school day is not allowed.

### **Appearance**

Students will be expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Students should remember that they represent their school to the community. Any form of dress or hair style that is considered contrary to good hygiene or that is disruptive in appearance and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school will result in students being referred to the principal or assistant principal for disciplinary action. Failure to abide by these rules may constitute a cause for disciplinary action.

# **Appearance Violation**

A student found to be in violation of the dress code will be required to change the article of clothing. The violation will be documented, and the parent will be notified. If the parent cannot be contacted for the purpose of enabling the student to conform to the dress code, the student will be placed in the in-school suspension program for the remainder of the day. A second violation of the dress code may result in suspension.