



ATHLOS SPARTANS

2019-2020 Uniform Policy

Athlos Leadership Academy believes that a neat and orderly appearance is a positive factor for school safety and success. In keeping with that belief, the following dress code shall be adhered to by all students enrolled in Athlos Leadership Academy. The expectation is that students will dress in a manner that reflects positively on the district at all school related activities. All students are required to be in uniform daily with the exception of free dress days and spirit days that will be noted on the website calendar. Students who, in the judgment of the administration or any staff member, are dressed inappropriately for school will be excluded from class until a change of clothing is secured. The final interpretation of all uniform policies will be made by a school administrator. Consequences for non-compliance with the uniform policy will generally involve progressive disciplinary action.

All uniforms must be purchased through the Athlos Leadership Academy website at: <http://www.athlosbrooklynpark.org/>. Please read guidelines carefully to be sure items purchased are the acceptable styles and colors. Athlos Leadership Academy expects all students to be in their Athlos uniform on a daily basis.

Students will not be allowed to wear hoodies that are not purchased from the Athlos apparel website. Due to colder weather in the winter months, there are apparel options on the Athlos uniform site to keep students warm during school. Students may wear white, black or grey long-sleeved shirts underneath Athlos polo shirts and white, black or grey leggings underneath Athlos skorts/shorts. Hoodies may not be worn under uniform shirts.

May Madness t-shirts from the current year and prior years may be worn as uniform shirts at any time during the school year.

Inappropriate Attire

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive. It represents, at a minimum, those items of attire and those wardrobe choices which are specifically prohibited. This list will be modified as needed to reflect changing fashions and trends in style. All clothing must be clean and in good repair.

- Over-sized clothing items
- Jewelry and other accessories that include obscene, violent, gang, tobacco, drug/alcohol-related writing or images.
- Jewelry and other accessories that belittle others (e.g. race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or physical characteristics)
- Hats, hoods, head coverings, bandanas, sweatbands, sunglasses and scarves

- High heels, Heelies (shoes with wheels), and shoes that emit sound.
- Exposed chains, jewelry, dog collars, spikes, piercings and other articles judged to be potentially harmful.
- Oversized purses, hand bags, or non-approved book bags.
- Belts made with metal or chain link, or belts having nameplates or wording
- No undergarments may show-this includes colored bras or underwear showing above waist of pant.
- Any button jewelry, hair accessory or other accessory which displays vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive language is prohibited. This includes any accessory that advocates the use of alcohol or drugs and any accessory that makes reference to or identifies gangs.
- Makeup, hair styles and hair colors that are judged disruptive to the educational process are prohibited
- Cleats- (Due to safety, cleats cannot be worn on the playground or in the building during the school day or during extended day.)

Exceptions to School Uniforms

- Students are allowed to wear a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts on those days when that organization carries out a scheduled function.
- Students are allowed to wear attire that is required by their religion. Administration will review and approve modifications on a case-by-case basis.
- The building administrator may allow modifications to the dress code on specified days (e.g. spirit day, holiday, or other school-wide event.)

School staff will make phone calls to families the first five school days for all new students who are not in uniform. School staff will inquire about uniform order status' as well as reminding families to send students in white shirts and black pants while their order is in the process of being shipped. Students who have orders confirmed by Athlos staff will be placed on an exception list for ten school days. If a student is still not in uniform, school staff will follow up with the family.

After the first five days of school, PreK – 3rd grade teachers will continue to contact families if students are not in uniform or to review uniform expectations.

After the first five days of school, 4th – 8th grade students who are not in uniform and are not on the exception list may receive lunch detention. Multiple infractions may result in lunch and recess detention or in-school suspension.