



ASTEC Schools' Uniform Policy

Middle School & High School

2020-2021

The purpose of the ASTEC Charter Schools' Uniform Policy is to encourage and support the learning environment of our school and to develop responsible scholars. The ASTEC Board of Directors, administration, and faculty reserves the right to make good faith interpretations of this policy and to address and resolve any issues that may not be specifically listed. The uniform is a dressy-casual, TAILORED look.

Decisions will be made with this standard and intent in mind.

“Professional Uniform” (May be worn any day, including Friday)

- solid white long sleeve Oxford style shirt (see clothing details)
- solid black blazer
- khaki pants, or skirt (skirts should fall no more than one hand-width above the knee)
- solid black dress shoes and black socks
- solid black leather belt w/simple buckle
- solid black tie (optional)

“Standard Uniform” (Monday - Friday)

Middle School

- solid black polo shirt with ASTEC patch
- Khaki pants or skirt (skirts should fall no more than one hand-width above the knee)
- Solid black or brown belt with a simple buckle
- Solid black athletic shoes or solid black or brown dress shoes

High School

- solid grey polo shirt with ASTEC patch
- Khaki pants or skirt (skirts should fall no more than one hand-width above the knee)
- Solid black or brown belt with a simple buckle
- Solid black athletic shoes or solid black or brown dress shoes

NOTE: Field Trip attire, unless given written permission, will be the standard uniform.

Outerwear (Monday - Friday)

- ASTEC official jacket when available
- Jackets may not be worn zipped up while in the building.
- Sweaters must have an ASTEC patch on the left side.
- Outerwear may not have a hood, may not be oversized, and no longer than slightly below the waist.
- Solid black sweater or jacket.
- ASTEC letterman jackets are permitted

Clothing Details:

- Clothing must fit properly. Oversized clothing of any kind is NOT permitted.
- Frayed hems or holes in clothes are not allowed.
- Scholars may not wear tight or low-cut shirts or tight pants.
- Additional information may be posted at www.ASTEC-K12.com or distributed throughout the school year.

Tops

- Only solid white undershirts or solid black undershirts may be worn.
- Middle School - black polo shirt. High School - grey polo shirt.
- HOODIES are **NOT** allowed at school. Mock hoodies (sweatshirts that have a partial hood around the neck) are NOT allowed at school.
- The ASTEC patch must be sewn or “ironed on” and must be straight. (Patch may not be stapled, glued or pinned on the shirt.)
- Shirts are to be tucked in (without blousing), with the belt visible.
- Jackets may not be worn zipped up while in the building.

Bottoms

- **SKINNY PANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED**
- Khaki pants, shorts, skirts only
- May not be tight
- Pants must be hemmed and strike the top of the shoe in the front and fall no lower than the top of the heel in the back - not touching the ground. Joggers (pants with elastic around the ankles) are NOT allowed.
- Pants are to be worn at the natural waist and cannot sag. Pants may not be worn tucked into shoes/boots.

Accessories

- Solid white or black socks must be worn.
- Girls may wear plain black or beige hose with skirts, dresses (Note: When standing up, the length of the dress/skirt, shall be no more than one hand-width above the knee).
- As a matter of safety, fingernails may not exceed 1/8” and must have rounded edges.
- Scholars may wear solid black scarves, no other scarves are allowed.
- A solid plain brown or black belt, with a plain buckle, is to be worn at all times.
- Purses must be compact in size, small enough to fit inside the backpack. **NO BIG PURSES.**
- Backpacks on wheels are NOT permitted.
- Shoes must be ABSENT of any other color or colored symbols.
- Shoestrings must be the SAME color as the shoes with which they are worn.
- Only SOLID black, white, or gold/yellow hair ties and clips are allowed (ties and clips featuring more than one of these colors are not appropriate, oversized hair ornaments are not allowed).

Scholar Appearance Details

- One pair of earrings, no larger than ¼” may be worn.
- Nose, eyebrow, tongue and other visible piercings are not allowed.
- No bracelets, including rubber bracelets (unless ASTEC approved).
- Prescribed medical bracelets may be worn.
- One necklace may be worn, but it must not be visible.
- Only one simple ring per scholar can be worn, such as a class ring or a purity ring.
- Hair must be well groomed and worn away from the eyes.
- Distracting, unconventional, non-professional haircuts or hairstyles are prohibited.
- Shaving designs into the hair is prohibited. A line shaved into a boy’s hair that is perceived as a natural part is allowed.
- Shaving lines in eyebrows are NOT permitted.
- Hair must be the scholar’s natural color (i.e. multi-colored hair is not accepted).
- Nail polish must be a soft tone or a natural color (not dark, bright, garish, or glittery).
- There must be no visible tattoos, ink drawings, etc.
- Natural, age-appropriate makeup (as determined by ASTEC faculty or administration) is allowed. Heavy eyeliner, bright or glittery eye shadows, and the like, are not allowed.

Please Note: Scholars unable to procure uniforms (in whole or in part) should contact a school secretary, the Dean of Students, or a trusted faculty member.

Uniform Vendors

Fashion Sports & Uniform - 1300 NW 23rd St. & N. Classen, OKC, OK (405) 524-9990
Walls - 4011 SW 29th, Del City, OK (405) 672-4438

(Purchases may be made at Target or Walmart, but must comply with the official uniform guidelines)

Special Event Dress

On occasion, ASTEC scholars have the privilege of dressing for a special event. For example, on game days, basketball players are expected to attend school in business dress – clothes one might wear to an important religious service or a job interview. Other special events, such as banquets, prom and graduation ceremonies, also call for special dress.

Young Women

Special event dress must be modest, with no cleavage, putting the focus on the scholar as a person, rather than on her dress or body. Wide straps or sleeves of some kind must be worn (i.e. exposed spaghetti straps and strapless dresses may only be worn with jackets or sweaters which are not removed at any point). The same applies to backless and partially backless dresses. Skirts should fall no more than one hand-width above the knee (from all angles). Gowns, dresses, or skirts should not be floor length. Professional dress for a young woman should include dress pants and/or a skirt with a jacket. Dress shoes – pumps, wedges or dress heels - are appropriate. Stiletto heels, heels with platforms taller than one inch, flip-flops, and tennis/athletic shoes are not appropriate. Female scholars should remain mindful that appropriate jewelry will complement, not dominate or overshadow, the natural beauty each possesses. Glitter on the face, skin or hair is never allowed, even at evening events.

Young Men

Dress must be tailored and conservative, appropriately sized and worn in a traditional manner consistent with the spirit of the ASTEC dress code. Dark slacks, dress shirts, and dress shoes are appropriate. At no time are jeans appropriate professional dress. Ties, sports jackets and/or vests (worn alone or in combination) can greatly enhance the “professional look” of a young man’s special event attire. Athletic shoes of any kind are not allowed.

Choosing attire for each ASTEC special event is a rare and important opportunity to practice “dress-for-success” skills that will help both male and female scholars advance and succeed in their lives after high school. With each and every ASTEC special event scholars attend, they can, and will, become more competent in evaluating the “best dress” for a given occasion. As a result, they will be prepared to dress for various social and professional events (at college and in their working lives) with confidence.

Scholars who need assistance understanding or procuring appropriate special event attire should contact one of the school secretaries, the Dean of Students or a trusted faculty member.

Scholars who are sent home for inappropriate professional dress will not be allowed to participate in the evening event.

Scholar Name Tag/ID Badges

- Will be issued by ASTEC Schools, and are considered to be the property of ASTEC schools.
- Are considered to be part of the daily uniform.
- Cost \$15.00 to replace if lost or damaged/defaced.
- Serve as the scholar’s meal ticket.
- Shall be worn at all times at school, except during physical education class, with the picture facing forward.
- Must be worn on all school trips and at all school events.
- May not be defaced in any way, including the addition of stickers or writing on the front or back of the name badge.
- Defaced badges will have to be immediately replaced at the scholar’s expense

Backpacks/Sports Bags:

Books are kept in the classroom and are checked out by the teacher to be taken home. Coats are to be placed on the back of the classroom chair.

Backpacks are not allowed in middle school.

While they are not required for high school, scholars may carry clear backpacks with black trim or solid black mesh backpacks on campus, if they choose. Scholar backpacks may not feature stickers and/or markings - nor may they contain materials that obstruct their contents from view. Scholar backpacks may only have black trim. No other trim color will be allowed. Further, scholar backpacks must NOT feature ROLLERS, and they must fit below classroom chairs and be placed below those chairs during class, unless a teacher instructs otherwise.

Clear messenger style bags with black trim are also allowed. The messenger style bag must be clear with black trim only; no other colors may be present. Scholars, who have signed a laptop agreement and bring their own laptop to school, may carry a solid black bag for their laptop only; it may NOT be used as a backpack.

For safety reasons, sports bags are not allowed in the school building. See your coach for further instructions.