

UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1. This dress code has been established because the Board of Trustees (The Board) at the Utah County Academy of Sciences (UCAS) believes that students represent the school when they participate in classes at Utah Valley University, when they ride public transit, and when they participate in the community.
- 1.2. Dress codes address possible safety concerns by increasing the ability to spot trespassers at the school.
- 1.3. Some forms of dress and hair styling tend to attract improper attention to the individual and sometimes interfere with the normal educational process. All students are expected to conform to the standards of dress and grooming outlined below when participating in any school activity.
- 1.4. The only exceptions shall be for certain special days or activities, which are declared exempt by the school administration. Personal exceptions will be determined by the administration.

2. STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS

- 2.1. Hair shall be neat, clean and well groomed. Extreme styles that pose a distraction to the learning environment are not acceptable. Clothing shall be modest, neat, and clean.
- 2.2. Students must wear shoes.
- 2.3. Tops must provide shoulder coverage with shoulder straps or sleeves at least three (3) inches wide. Clothing must fully cover undergarments and may not expose the midriff, chest, or back during normal school activities.
- 2.4. Underwear must always be covered and not be visible. Skirts and shorts length must be at least mid-thigh (approximately an 8-inch inseam). Skirt slits and holes in jeans must comply with this policy.
- 2.5. Clothing and/or jewelry shall not be worn which displays obscene or suggestive words or pictures or which advertises any substance which a student cannot legally possess or use. Offensive tattoos need to be covered.

- 2.6. The wearing of chains or any article of clothing or jewelry that may pose a safety concern at school is not allowed. Accessories must not present a health or safety risk. Items that could be dangerous or be used as a weapon (spikes, needles, chains, etc.) are not allowed.
- 2.7. As a show of respect for our school, we ask that headwear (hats, caps, etc.) not be worn in the UCAS school building. Religious exemptions will be determined by the administration.
- 2.8. Piercings in the ears and up to one visible piercing outside of the ear will be allowed. Piercings may be required to be removed if they pose a safety concern for certain class activities.

3. STAFF RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1. If a student's dress or grooming violates the school rules or interferes with the normal education process, he/she will be asked to change whatever is in question. Continual non-compliance may result in additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the administration.
- 3.2. The Board has delegated to the UCAS administration the responsibility to implement this policy.
- 3.3. While the Utah State Board of Education neither encourages nor discourages school uniforms, UCAS shall adhere to the Rules and Regulations and Procedures that are outlined in this policy and maintain congruence with Utah Code Annotated 53G-7-8

REFERENCES

UTAH CODE ANN. § 53G-7-8, et seq.

FORMS

None

HISTORY

Revised – August 18, 2026. 2.3 updated to allow tops without sleeves. Clarification on the definition of mid-thigh in 2.4
Revised – February 15, 2022. Removed repetitive language. Added piercing to allow for one outside of the ears. Allowed for non-natural hair color.

Revised – October 2018. Clarified language surrounding hair color

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