

Allen Jay Middle School: A Preparatory Academy

2017-2018 STUDENT STANDARD MODE OF DRESS (SMOD)

The AJMS 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. Scholars and families will have opportunity to purchase AJMS SMOD attire provided through AJMS at discounted rates provided by competitive vendors. However, parents may also select clothing in accordance with the plan below. Families in need of assistance should contact the AJMS social worker. The following standard mode of dress will be required for all students at Allen Jay Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

SMOD COLORS:

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

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

General Guidelines

- NOT ALLOWED: Skin tight clothes, 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. AJ Prep hoodies are not considered SMOD approved tops. Light weight SMOD color jackets are approved with appropriate undershirt.

| <u>Girls</u> | <u>Boys</u> |
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| <p>Bottoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <p>Bottoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat front or pleated style dress pants or Dickies • Flat front or pleated shorts • 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.

Girls or Boys

Tops:

- Long or short sleeved collared shirts with two or more buttons
- SMOD color crewneck sweatshirts or sweaters and official AJMS sweatshirt
- Hoodless cardigan sweaters w/ approved shirt underneath
- Blazers w/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 Pride Days; a t-shirt can only be worn under clothing if it matches the dress code colors, is not larger than the primary shirt, and writing or graphics must not show through the top garment.
- 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 leadership days, All-Star pride days, and for some off campus trips.

Failure to meet SMOD expectations will result in a reduction in scholar dollars, notification to parents and change of clothing from the SMOD closet. 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.

The following list of stores/outlets* have been identified as selling **SMOD** appropriate clothing:

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| Costco | American Eagle | Target |
| GAP | Sam's Club | Wal-Mart |

**Other merchants may have SMOD items as well.*