

## DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

At Asheville PEAK Academy, we believe every minute of the day counts, and we aim to minimize any and all distractions from our vibrant learning environment. Additionally, studies have proven that uniforms reduce bullying and classism. For these reasons, PEAK scholars will adhere to a uniform policy. scholars at APA will wear their school uniform Monday - Thursday. Fridays will be “dress down” days, when scholars may wear blue jeans and an approved PEAK Academy T-shirt. APA may have certain days designated as free dress or university days, and communication will be sent informing parents of any special dress days. Our uniform policy Monday through Thursday is as follows:

### ***Pants/Shorts/Skirts***

- Must be black/or Khaki in color.
- No denim (jeans), designs, embroidery, or embellishments allowed on pants.
- Black or Khaki-colored shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers may be worn, but must fall no more than 1” above the knee.

### ***Polo-style Collared Shirt***

- Red polo (collared) shirts, with the PEAK Academy logo, are preferred. Each Scholar will receive four (4) polo shirts (with logo) and one (1) PEAK T-shirt at no cost. Additional polo shirts with the PEAK logo can be purchased from the school.
- The uniform polo shirts must contain only the school logos. Images or words, other than the Asheville PEAK Academy emblems are not permitted.
- Shirts must be neatly tucked into pants.

### ***Shoes***

- Closed-toe shoes (sneakers) are required. Socks or stockings must be worn with shoes every day.
- Absolutely no open-toed shoes, Crocs, or Heelys are permitted.

### ***PEAK Sweatshirt***

- All scholars will receive one (1) red PEAK sweatshirt to be worn at school when the temperature changes. scholars will not be allowed to wear a jacket or overcoat in the classroom throughout the day. This is to ensure that all scholars maintain a uniform appearance at school at all times. The PEAK sweatshirt will remain at school. Should a Scholar need to wear the PEAK sweatshirt throughout the day, they will leave the sweatshirt at school at the end of the day, and wear a jacket or overcoat back home. All sweatshirts will have the scholars’ names permanently marked inside, and sweatshirts will be laundered on Fridays. We believe fresh air and exercise helps children process their learning and focus during instructional time, so unless the temperature falls below 32 degrees, we will spend breaks and recess outdoors. Should the sweatshirt alone not be enough to keep scholars warm, they will be permitted to wear a jacket or coat from home while outside. Again, jackets and coats are not permitted to be worn within the classroom.

- Please make sure that all jackets and coats are labeled with the Scholar's name.

### ***Accessories***

- Mittens and warm hats should be worn on cold days and removed once your child enters the building. Please label these with your child's name or initials.
- One bracelet or watch per wrist is permitted.
- Earrings cannot be larger than a quarter.
- Caps/hoods are not permitted inside the building.
- Durags, bonnets, shower caps, and hair coverings designed for sleeping are not permitted.

## **Dress Code Enforcement**

The dress code will be monitored and adhered to daily. Should your child arrive not in the proper uniform, the following will occur:

### ***Car Riders***

- If your child exits the car not in uniform, you will be asked to have your child change. Absolutely no crocs, open toed shoes, or boots can be worn. Only closed-toed sneakers can be worn at school. If you are uncertain, please have an extra set of shoes (sneakers) in your car.

### ***Bus Riders***

- If your child gets off the school bus not in uniform (this includes improper shoes), you will receive a phone call instructing you to bring the appropriate clothing/shoes for your child to change into immediately.

We cannot permit exceptions to the dress code, especially shoes, because if we make exceptions for one, we cannot make exceptions for all.

- If notified that your child is out of dress code and you fail to correct the uniform that day, you will receive a written notification for non-compliance after the first refusal to comply.
- After the second and or third written dress code violation, you will be required to meet with a member of the school admin team to review the dress code together and discuss solutions.
- After a third refusal to comply, a meeting will be called to identify the cause for the repeated infractions, and a written contract will be signed. If the solution is that you do not agree with the dress code, then our school may not be the best fit.