

# STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND DRESS

Parents have joined hands with APS to provide their children the best that family-based education can offer, including the areas of **socialization and values**. These two areas are often cited as major reasons parents choose to teach their children at home. As parents, we have examined the popular culture and realized that the values and social norms, pressures and fads in the culture are out of sync with the standards and values set forth in scripture. In short, parents who home school want something better for their children.

APS affirms that biblical principles are the foundation for healthy socialization and true values, regardless of what the culture is embracing at the moment. It is a privilege to attend APS and to share our biblical goals of Knowledge, Truth, and Freedom. This privilege extends to **student attitudes and the outward demonstration of those attitudes** in behavior and dress.

As an overall principle we desire to follow the admonitions of scripture:

*“Whether you eat, or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* I Cor. 10:31

*“Don’t allow the world to squeeze you into its mold”* Rom 12:2 (Phillips’ translation)

*Even in your youthfulness, be a great example to those around you  
in your speech, conduct, love, faith and purity”* I Tim 4:12

APS’ *Standards of Behavior and Dress* are presented to help parents and students better understand and enforce the standards outlined by APS. We have designed these standards to be as biblical as we can, and broad enough to cover future fads and trends as yet unimagined. We hope to function as co-laborers with parents, coming alongside to lend structure and biblical consistency in an ever-shifting society.

We ask parents to review this and the following page with their students, and **sign and return the following page** to the APS office as part of the required enrollment forms. Students in grades 6 – 12 are asked to **likewise review and sign the following page**.

**Please copy the following page and keep it in your Survival Guide for your own reference.**

APS expects all students to conduct themselves in such a way as to honor Christ, their families and their school. The following examples do not constitute a complete list. If you are questioning a particular behavior or style that is not listed, we suggest you follow Romans 14:23 “...*whatever is not of faith is sin.*” Or, more to the point, **“When in doubt, don’t!”**

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## BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to **behave well and respect authority** at all times. An example is the concept of “first-time compliance”. This involves the child learning to obey their parent’s instructions the first time the parent speaks. This is especially important at field trips where dangerous situations may arise.

Students are expected to be **honest and courteous** in word and in deed.

Students are expected to **exercise self-control**. Disrespectful speech (or non-verbal expression), gossip, flirtation, coarse jesting, vulgarities, profanity, intimidation, or violence, will not be tolerated.

Students are expected to **abstain from sexual immorality, drunkenness and addictions**. Physical intimacy or the use of pornography, tobacco, alcohol or recreational drugs will not be tolerated.

## DRESS

Students are expected to **wear modest, appropriate clothing, hairstyles and accessories** at all school functions. Styles that identify wearers with questionable groups or questionable values are not permitted.

**No body-piercing** jewelry is permissible on any student with the exception of pierced earrings worn on earlobes.

Clothing and accessories with offensive or **questionable images**, pictures, graphics or words are not permitted.

Clothing should be worn in such a way that **undergarments cannot be seen** (even when arms are raised above the head). Sagged pants, cropped shirts, revealing blouses, tight or short skirts, tight or short shorts, etc. are not permitted. Shorts and skirts should extend at least to mid-thigh.

**Radical hairstyles and colors** are not permitted. No non-naturally occurring hair colors are permitted.

**Cross-dressing** is not permitted.

Should swimwear be appropriate for an event, girls are required to wear **modest, one-piece swimsuits**.

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_____ STUDENT #1	_____ DATE	_____ STUDENT #2	_____ DATE
_____ STUDENT #3	_____ DATE	_____ STUDENT #4	_____ DATE