

RULES, REGULATIONS, RESPONSES

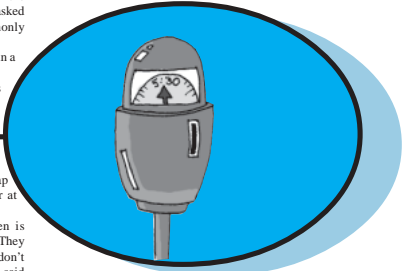
Students condemn, exaggerate school rules

The ACHS students excitedly entered the hallway of ACHS after a long relaxing summer vacation, only hoping to enjoy their 2001-2002 school year, only to find that the rules that they grew accustomed to had changed.

Most of the students agree that there is something wrong with the changes in the rules. "Why was it okay last year, but not this year," asked student Rena Jensen, freshman at ACHS. This being a commonly expressed question, administration has yet to answer.

"There are many outfits that don't fit dress code, but can be worn in a classy way," said junior Nicki Tonioni.

It seems all students, not just woman, are upset about the dress code rules. "I am terribly upset



Rule Parking:

Students can only park in the football field parking lot with school permission until 5:30 P.M. during the school week.

Response

"I parked in the upper parking lot during practice for cheerleading before 5:30 P.M., and there were about to tow my car; now I am suspended from school and my parking permit has been taken away for the school year," said Jenny Jones, ACHS senior.

about the spaghetti straps rule. It is cheaper to buy spaghetti strap clothing," said Ian Fekete, senior at ACHS.

Another side commonly taken is possible student exaggeration. "They don't even enforce [the rules]. I don't see why everyone's complaining" said Cory McHale, senior at ACHS.

"I see people wearing [headphones] all the time. People still wear spaghetti straps. It's not like the rules are effective," said sophomore Steven Brickhill.

Some students even agree with the changes that have been made. "I think [the changes] are very good. I think everyone's exaggerating everything," said Elizabeth Vogel, ACHS sophomore

It seems that there is definitely two sides to this argument. "It has stopped the clothes worn in inappropriate ways," said Nicki Tonioni.

Possibly, students have been over exaggerating their interpretations of the rules.

Another possibility is that the deans aren't following up on their stand.

"I don't understand how you can get away with using skateboards in the commons, but you can't listen to CD's" said sophomore Brandon Geer.

The fact is that no matter how much students at ACHS rebel, the rules will still remain for this year.

It's just important for both the students of ACHS to be properly notified before they enter the hallways on the first day of school.

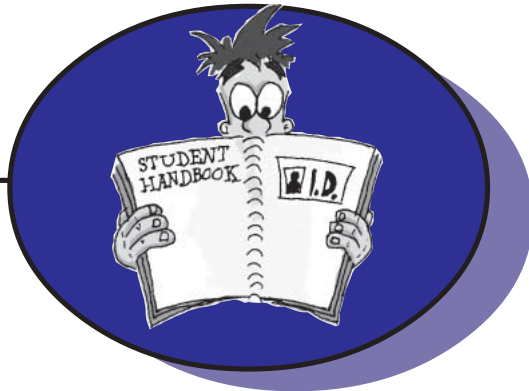
Rule

Student IDs:

IDs should be kept in student handbooks while they are in school. Not necessary for after school activities.

Response

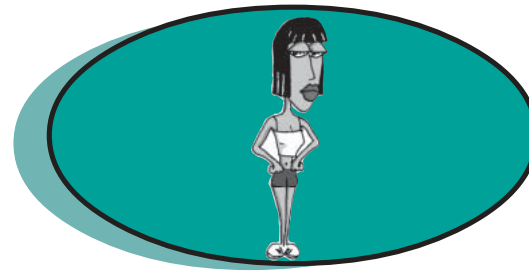
"If your passbook is stolen of lost with our Id in it, you then have to pay five dollars for the id and another for the handbook." Said Andrea Gurski, ACHS Senior.



Faculty expresses reasons for rules

As fashions become more revealing, students will follow the trend. This has become the case at Antioch Community High School and countless other schools across the country. Less cotton and more flesh can be seen in hallways nowadays.

A common misconception of students during the beginning of this



school year is that an entire new dress code has been instated at ACHS.

In reality, Dean of students Dr. Kari King pointed out that only a "clarification" of the dress code was made this year.

Students were reminded to wear appropriate clothing to school, and items such as spaghetti strap tank tops and halter tops do fall into the category of inappropriate clothing.

"The ACHS faculty wants to make sure how students dress isn't distracting," said principal Dr. Jim Love, summing up the clarified dress code.

Rule

Clothing

Indecent or disruptive clothing are not allowed such as short-shorts, halter tops, tube, spaghetti-strap tops.

Response

"I think they should have told us before we went out and bought school clothes," said Samantha Miller, ACHS Sophomore.

"Spaghetti straps are disruptive to learning when they don't cover girls in an appropriate manner. ACHS is the last school in the area to add this rule," said Dr. Kari King, ACHS Director of discipline and attendance.

According to Cheryl Cox, director of instruction, ACHS's dress code is no more harsh or lenient than any other school's. Dress code is an issue across the country, and other schools have written similar rules about dress to keep up with today's revealing fashions.

The idea of a dress code in school is actually a right that is held up by the Supreme Court.

Deans, teachers, and other faculty members aren't trying to anger students, they are exercising that right to create a comfortable learning environment.

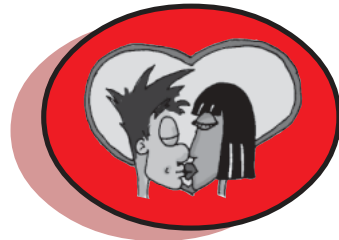
Different faculty members view ACHS's dress code in different ways. A student could go from class to class wearing spaghetti straps without a teacher commenting on the dress code violation, but a dean could follow through by taking action.

A first offense usually results in a warning, and the student would be asked to put a different shirt on, and multiple offenses could result in Saturday schools.

"We're not trying to be punitive," said King of the consequences that result from violating the dress code.

Since the beginning of the school year, faculty members agree that students have been very understanding of the dress code and have cooperated with it.

King feels that students have been focusing on more important issues this year rather than what they are wearing and how they look, which is necessary for the type of environment sought after at ACHS. "Students shouldn't be competing fashion-wise," she said.



Rule Display of affection

Holding hands is the only demonstration of affection that is permitted in a school environment.

Response

"Now that I think about it, watching people grope each other in the hallway is disgusting," said Randy Frolich, ACHS sophomore.