

What not to wear

The deans' view

It appears that the students of Antioch Community High school have forgotten the real reason that they come to school. Some students believe it's a fashion show and that the objective is to show as much skin as possible. For the other students, it's about education. Students of ACHS have lost sight of the purpose of school.

All the students, prior to their first day of school, were mailed a letter with information concerning the dress code. This means all students were forewarned of the proper attire suitable for school.

Wilbur Borrero, dean of students at ACHS, realized that it was time to crack down on the dress code.

"The students have been allowed to dress inappropriately, so it's not entirely their fault", said Borrero.

The rules of attire, according to the student handbook, are: skirts or shorts should be mid-thigh or longer, mid-drifts are prohibited, and tank-tops should follow the 'three-finger' rule.

In result of the decrease of students at ACHS, Borrero says that it will be easier to impose

the dress code.

"Now that ACHS is a smaller school, the dress code policy is a lot easier to enforce. That is why we, the staff, have been very strict this year", says Borrero.

According to Borrero, many teachers and parents have been very positive towards this entire situation. They are very pleased with the fact that the administration has started cracking down on the dress code.

The faculty is taking this situation seriously because when people come and visit ACHS, they leave with an impression of the school. Like every other school, the administration want to leave a good impression.

"When people talk about ACHS or any other school, they refer to the students", says Borrero.

Borrero also said that when students are victims of violating the dress code policy, they take it very personal. When it comes down to it, school is not a fashion show and it shouldn't be treated like one.

Good luck with shopping

There is probably only one thing that students look forward to when back-to-school shopping time is in the air, and that is the shopping. Most students and parents make their way to the mall to re-furnish student wardrobes for the upcoming year.

"If there is anything I look forward to, the shopping is about it," said Senior Kara Vojak.

But it seems as though a lot of students will be taking all of their new school clothes back to the mall, the reason being is that most of what everybody is wearing does not agree with the school's new strict dress code.

Getting ready for school in the morning is very hard for many students, especially the students that choose to shop at many stores in the mall such as American Eagle Outfitters, Abercrombie and Fitch, and Hollister. Because as most people realize, about 90% of the clothes at these stores do not agree with the dress code.

"I think that the new dress code is absolutely ridiculous," said senior Erin Summerfelt "if they are going to be so strict about it, why don't they just buy us all uniforms?"

Some of the new aspects that have been adapted to the dress code include, the shortness of shorts and skirts, according the Dean's, the length has to be at least



mid-thigh. Also, you are not allowed to wear jeans that have fabric runs or rips above the knees.

"I don't understand the rule with having holes in ones jeans," said junior Tracy Heitman "you see someone's bare legs when they wear shorts, and you can't even see their leg if there are runs in it. I honestly think that the rules are really stupid."

The mid-drift rule is being enforced to the fullest. If you put you arms in the air and your stomach is showing then you are forced to change.

The actual definition of "mid-drift" is the middle of your stomach, which is a little bit above ones belly-button. But, the school's definition is if a quarter-inch of ones stomach is hanging out, that is considered their "mid-drift"

The new dress code effects girls more than the boys, and for students that prefer to shop at such stores stated before, this will be very difficult because of the style that is considered in. Most clothes sold at these store are everything the school is against.

For most of the students at ACHS this is a big problem. A majority of the students choose only to shop at the stores that were named.

"Honestly the school needs to relax," said Summerfelt "they are honestly making the situation worse than it really is."

So for the many of us who only go to a select few stores to shop for our clothes at, it seems as though we need to relocate and if at all possible find a store or two that not only suit our style, but also the schools.

New Restrictions

Spaghetti straps, halter tops, and straps under three fingers wide are not allowed

Jackets aren't allowed to be worn in school

Until recently Lakes students weren't allowed to wear sandals

Shorts and skirts now have to go below mid-thigh

Student Opinion Poll

- Do you agree with the current dress code?
 - Disagree - 86%
 - Agree - 14%
- Do you think that the current dress code is too strict?
 - Agree - 86%
 - Disagree - 14%
- Do you think that it is hard to find stylish clothes that agree with the school's dress code?
 - Agree - 56%
 - Disagree - 44%
- How do you feel about conformity and uniforms?
 - Disagree with them - 93%
 - Agree with them - 7%
- Do you think that the dress code is targeted to a certain type of person?
 - Agree - 92%
 - Disagree - 8%



It is possible

Many student at Antioch High School, find it necessary to take advantage of the trendy styles being displayed by the media. Students can easily purchase clothes that fit them, but many choose to go for two sizes too small.

"Its not that there aren't cute clothes out there, it is just that people don't know their sizes." Said senior Tracy Brannstrom.

Some students like to wear tighter clothes because they want to draw attention to their bodies. If students didn't dress in tight, small, and short clothes because they wanted attention drawn to them, they wouldn't be as defensive about the dress code standards.

ACHS Dean Wilbur Borrero said, " 90% of students wear appropriate clothing, it's just that 10% that are capable of doing so, but choose not to."

Any student could easily find clothes that are attractive and well fitted. They just might not be as fashionable as they would like it to be. ACHS students need to remember that dressing fashionable is reasonable but students shouldn't dress as if attending a party.

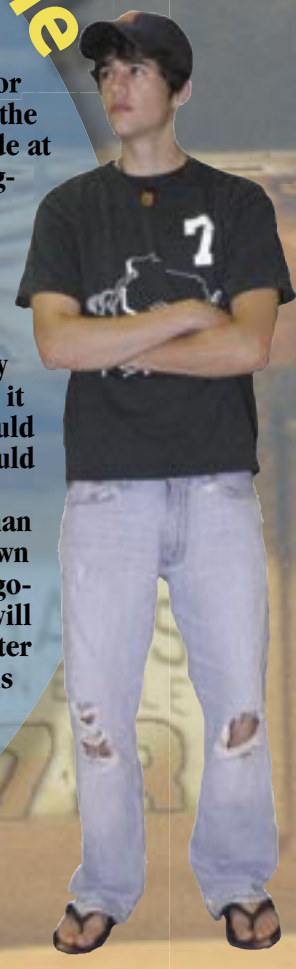
The problem is not only focused on girls. Guys in our school seem to be stuck in an era that accepts pants that dangle at their knees. Even the stores that some students would say run in small sizes, do have clothes that can fit in their size, if not, go to a different store. American Eagle is a common store many teens choose to shop

at; their sizes run in larger fitting, and yet you could look for a smaller size. Sizes are different at every store. Along with American Eagle, Kohl's, and Thrift stores have become very popular for ACHS students. Abercrombie is a very popular store to shop at for students all around. Even though the stores don't agree with the dress code at ACHS, they are sure to agree in a bigger size.

Students dress in this manner because they want to keep up with fashionable trends. In reality, if students were to go out and expect people to say their attire was presentable, they would be far from it. The fact is that it is indecent exposure and school should not be about looks and clothes, it should be about education.

Girls seem to like to look older than they are. But when they are not known for their mind personality, how outgoing, and fun they are, than no one will really know them. It shouldn't matter how we dress that's why the school is making a big deal.

The fact is that students don't need to find a new place to shop at, they need to find their size. Where you shop makes no difference in what size you choose to wear.



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