



Al Ain English Speaking School

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AAESS Secondary Uniform Policy

AAESS believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented uniform policy is important. There is no question that school uniforms can instil a feeling of school spirit, a sense of pride and social acceptance. It also prevents excesses in fashion trends and eliminates competition among students, often based on parents' ability to provide suitable clothes. The school will continue to strictly implement the proper wearing of uniforms as it represents the values and environment we endeavour to create.

All students deserve the right to an education without additional pressure from peers or other external elements. The school believes that with a strict uniform policy, all students are on a level playing field, which allows them to focus on their education and reach their fullest potential.

Role of Parents

We ask that all parents support the school dress code. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school appropriately dressed and ready for schoolwork.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is Sumeru Uniforms. They are located in the Al Ain Mall. Uniforms may also be ordered online using the following link: <https://shopatsumeru.com/>.

Below are the uniforms for the different year groups at AAESS.

Years 7 – 11 Girls

- AAESS white blouse – short or long sleeve
- AAESS Long Skirt/ AAESS Trousers
- AAESS Fleece Jacket – optional. Only the AAESS fleece jacket may be worn with the uniform.
- Black Shoes – no sandals, boots, high heels, flip-flops, hybrid trainers of any kind.
- Socks – plain black or plain white.
- AAESS Baseball Cap (for outdoor use)
- Yellow Stripe Tie – Years 7–11
- AAESS Sweater (Sleeveless)
- PE Bag Navy

Years 7 – 11 Boys

- AAESS white shirt – short or long sleeve
- AAESS Long Trousers
- AAESS Fleece Jacket – optional. Only the AAESS fleece jacket may be worn with the uniform.
- Black Shoes – no sandals, boots, flip-flops, hybrid trainers of any kind.
- Socks – plain black or navy.
- AAESS Baseball Cap (for outdoor use)
- Yellow Stripe Tie – Years 7–11
- AAESS Sweater (Sleeveless)
- PE Bag Navy

Sixth Form – Girls

- AAESS Girls Blouse – 6th Form (long sleeve)
- AAESS Girls Blazer
- AAESS Fleece Jacket – optional
- AAESS Girls Trousers
- AAESS Girls Long Skirt
- AAESS Sweater (Sleeveless)
- Red Stripe Tie
- AAESS Baseball Cap (for outdoor use)
- PE Bag Navy

Sixth Form – Boys

- AAESS Boys Shirt – 6th Form (long sleeve)
- AAESS Boys Blazer
- AAESS Fleece Jacket – optional
- AAESS Boys Trousers
- AAESS Sweater (Sleeveless)
- Red Stripe Tie
- AAESS Baseball Cap (for outdoor use)
- PE Bag Navy

P.E. – All levels

- AAESS PE T-Shirt (navy)
- AAESS PE Shorts (navy)
- AAESS PE Track Pants (navy)
- Trainers
- One-piece swimsuit
- Swimming Cap – for all students with long hair
- Shin Pads – mandatory for football

DRESS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

The following expectations apply to all students at AAESS.

- Above-the-knee skirts are inappropriate and not permitted at any time in school.
- Boots, construction boots, hiking boots, desert boots, high heels, high tops, flip-flops, jellies, clogs, sandals, and platform shoes of any kind are not permitted. Black school shoes or black trainers should be worn. Shoelaces must be properly tied.
- Low-cut slacks and shirts cut high at the waist and low at the neckline or tightly form-fitting are not permitted.
- Wide headbands and bandannas are not permitted.
- Hats – no hats to be worn in school. AAESS baseball caps are available for students for use outside.
- Headscarves – must be black or navy.
- Hair should be neat and of a natural colour. Extreme haircuts and hairstyles are not permitted. Facial hair for older boys is allowed but needs to be groomed and culturally appropriate.
- Visible tattoos, face paintings and markings on arms and legs are not permitted and need to be covered.
- Nails whose length interferes with the use of a PC keyboard or equipment in a practical subject, and/or adds risk to participation in Physical Education classes are not permitted.
- No ripped, frayed, torn, cut, or dirty clothing, including such uniform items as shirts, sweaters, skirts, or sweatshirts.
- Make-up (foundation or eye makeup), including nail varnish, is not permitted.
- Throughout the school day, all children (boys and girls) with long hair should have it tied back for reasons of health, safety, and hygiene. Long hair is hair of a length that naturally falls and touches your shoulder (shoulder-length hair).
- Hoodies and other non-uniform items are not permitted.
- Jewellery is restricted to a single pair of stud earrings and a single bracelet. Hoop rings, nose rings, and multiple studs are not permitted.
- Trolley bags are not permitted at school as they are a trip hazard; students should use a shoulder bag.
- Shoulder bags should be worn with both straps fastened securely over the shoulders with the straps adjusted so the bag is not worn too high up or low down.

Please note that:

- As part of the students' sun protection plan, parents are encouraged to provide sun protection cream to their children.
- Parents are asked to see that all items belonging to each child are MARKED with the child's name to prevent the loss of uniform items.
- If students are in public places while in school uniform (e.g. shopping after school), full uniform must be worn properly.
- An explanatory email/written note from parents is required to be sent to the class tutor if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform. A note may also be obtained from the Sumeru Shop Manager if the reason is due to a shortage of stock.
- Students must observe and be aware of the consequences of violating local customs.
- All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their neatness and appropriateness of dress and by ensuring that children are neatly attired when participating in any school activity.

DEALING WITH UNIFORM TRANSGRESSIONS

Students who repeatedly fail to abide by the school's uniform policy will face sanctions as per the Positive Pupil Behaviour Policy.