

Arete Uniform and Dress Code

All shirts, skirts, ties, sweaters and blazers must be purchased through Anton Uniforms and carry the school crest as noted below. All items must follow these guidelines.

Uniform items with the old Mesa Prep crest are no longer permitted.

6-8th Grades

1. Short or long sleeved white or green polo shirt with Arete crest
2. Dress Slacks – true khaki
3. Dress Shorts – true khaki (Spring Break through November 1st)
4. Sweater – black with crest (from Anton) or half-zip sweater (can be ordered through Arete)
5. Skirt – Official Arete plaid (there is no change from the latest Mesa Prep plaid)
6. Footwear – solid black or brown, non-scuffing, athletic shoes

9-12th Grades

1. Short or long sleeved white or blue oxford shirt with Arete crest
2. Dress Slacks – true khaki
3. Dress Shorts – true khaki (Spring Break through November 1st)
4. Skirt – Official Arete plaid (there is no change from the latest Mesa Prep plaid)
5. Sweater – black with crest (from Anton) or half-zip sweater (can be ordered through Arete)
6. Footwear – Black or brown low-heeled, low-soled dress shoes.
7. Tie – Uniform tie only, or:
 - a. Pre-approved team/club ties on competition days.
 - b. Seniors may wear a black tie.
8. Blazer (optional)

All Grades:

1. Belt – Black or brown — dress belts and buckles only.
2. Socks – Only black or white tights or knee-high socks are permitted with skirts. Only black or white ankle or no-show socks may be worn with shorts. Only black or brown dress socks may be worn with dress pants. Socks must be free of logos or decorations.

Dress pants: Khaki dress pants may be purchased through any vendor and must be true khaki in color. Washed out or green khaki pants are not permitted. Dress pants should reach to the shoe and not drag on the ground and must be worn at the waist. Baggy or cargo pants, skinny jeans, or pants resembling skinny jeans are not permitted.

Dress Shorts: Khaki dress shorts may be purchased through any vendor and must be true khaki in color. Washed out or green khaki shorts are not permitted. Shorts should be worn at the waist and not be excessively tight or loose-fitting. Short length should be between just above the knee and just below the knee.

Skirts: The skirt hem may be no shorter than just above the knee, both in front and in back. The skirt hem should be within four inches off the ground when properly adjusted at the waist and kneeling on a level surface, and may be longer if desired. Skirts must be worn at the waist.

Shirts: Shirts must be fully buttoned, such that only the uppermost button remains undone. Shirts must always be tucked in. Undershirts must be solid white and otherwise unseen. The collars on oxford shirts must be buttoned down.

Hair: Men's Hair should be trimmed and combed so that it is neat, off the collar, off the ears, and not hanging below the eyebrows. Hair should not be so long as to hang below the eyebrows if combed forward nor long enough to bring into a ponytail. Crew cuts are permitted, but the head must not appear shaved. All students must be clean-shaven; no facial hair of any kind is permitted. Sideburns must not extend below the ear. Women's hair should be neatly combed or styled. Girls may wear one tasteful hair adornment. Hair should not be arranged or colored so as to draw undue attention to the student. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Radical changes in hair color during the school year, shaved heads, mohawks, or fauxhawks are not permitted. If for any reason a haircut or hairstyle is deemed inappropriate by an Administrator, the student must alter his hair in accordance with the dress code. It is the responsibility of the student to diligently monitor their hair such that it follows the dress code guidelines. Students should not wait until a faculty member identifies that their hair is out of dress code.

Jewelry: A total of one simple bracelet, one watch, and one ring are permissible. Students may wear a necklace, but it must be worn inside the shirt. All jewelry must be tasteful and may not be distracting. Girls may wear a total of one small, tasteful earring per ear. No facial piercings.

Outerwear: Jackets, sweatshirts, hats, and sunglasses may be worn to school due to weather conditions but must be free of logos and messages, with the following exceptions: sports team logos (e.g. Chargers, Monsoons, Suns, Diamondbacks) and apparel brand name logos (e.g. the Ralph Lauren "polo") are acceptable, provided they are tasteful and do not make inappropriate allusions. Students must store these items in their lockers upon arrival to school and must remain in the lockers for the remainder of the school day. Arete Prep uniform sweaters and uniform blazers (for seniors) may be worn throughout the school day all year long.

Additional Guidelines: No tattoos, temporary or permanent are permitted. This prohibition includes writing or drawing on the skin with ink. Nail polish should be light in color (e.g. pinks, pastels, or French manicures) and not distracting (e.g. neon, glittered, speckled, or with heavily designed patterns). A subtle and tasteful nail design (e.g. a flower) on one or two fingers is permitted. Girls may wear subtle makeup applied tastefully and in moderation. Students should *arrive* to campus in uniform and *leave* campus in uniform (or approved athletic uniform).