AHA School Dress Policy

(From FY23 Student/Parent Handbook)

Dress and Appearance

Staff members reserve the right to deny admission to school functions based on dress or appearance determined to be inappropriate or disruptive to the educational process. When a student is found in violation of these guidelines, the student will be directed to make modifications, be provided alternative clothing (when available) or be sent home to change. It is not the intention of this policy to abridge the rights of students to express political, religious, philosophical, or similar opinions by wearing apparel on which such messages are stated.

Inappropriate clothing or appearance is prohibited. Inappropriate clothing or appearance includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Wearing clothing that includes words or pictures that are obscene, vulgar, abusive and discriminatory or that promote or advertise alcohol, chemicals, tobacco or any other product that is illegal for use by minors.
- 2. Wearing clothing promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minor
- 3. Wearing clothing and other items or grooming in a manner that represents and/or promotes threat/hate groups, including gangs or supremacist groups. This prohibition includes objectionable emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects or pictures on clothing or jewelry communicating a message that is racist, sexist or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group; evidences gang membership or affiliation; or approves, advances or provokes any form of prohibited harassment or violence against other individuals as defined in district policy.
- 4. Wearing clothing or footwear that could damage school property.
- 5. Wearing masks face paint or grooming that limits or prevents identification of a student.
- 6. Wearing clothing or grooming that is potentially disruptive to the education process or that poses a threat to the health and safety of others.
- 7. Wearing clothing in a manner that displays undergarments.