Graduation Dress Code for 8th and 12th Grades

ACA observes a conservative, professional, modest dress code at all Campuses

Parents must enforce this STUDENT dress code.
Students out of compliance will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Gentlemen:

Apparel:
- Wear shirt and tie with slacks. Coats are a challenge under the cap and gown.
- Modest choice of color and/or print (no neon or loud and flashy prints)
- Must wear dark dress shoes or black tennis shoes.

Hair:
- Neatly trimmed, above the ear on the sides and above the collar in back. Not touching the eyebrows in front.
- No ponytails, artificial color or streaks, or extreme styles.
- Moustaches must be neat and clean (military style).

Accessories:
- No necklaces, armbands, bracelets, hats or sunglasses, etc.
- No earrings or piercings: ears, nose, lip, tongue, eyebrow.
- No visible tattoos.

Ladies:

Apparel:
- Dresses only, no pants. Dress length must cover the knees when sitting, (remember students will be sitting on a raised stage)
- Shoulders must be covered. No strapless or thin straps. Sleeveless dresses can be covered with a jacket, sweater or bolero.
- Err on the side of modesty. No low front or back bodice. No hoops or multi-layer petticoats.
- Modest choice of color and/or print (no neon or loud and flashy prints)
- Shoes should be flats or heels no higher than 3" (2" recommended). Must be able to walk without tripping. No tennis shoes or flip-flops.

Hair & Makeup:
- Clean, neat, away from the eyes.
- No artificial color or streaks, or extreme styles.
- Moderate makeup. No goth styles.

Accessories:
- Complimentary jewelry may be worn.
- Earrings limited to one pair. No other piercings: nose, lip, tongue, eyebrows.
- No sunglasses or hats, etc.
- No visible tattoos.

***Please note: The only decorations allowed on graduation caps are adhesive letters and/or the college logo received from the university they will be attending.
No other decorations are allowed.