



Welcome to HIGH SCHOOL

AVONDALE

Yellow Jacket Welcome Guide





Rules and Policies (Part 1.)



PHONE POLICY

Phones have had a disruption within the learning environment in the Avondale school district. They are proven to be one of the main distraction sources in the classroom which can impede the learning process, engagement and success. Avondale endeavors for student academic achievement. This results in the limitations on the phone usage and availability within the Avondale High School building.



Students **are allowed** to:

- Have their phones in pockets or in backpacks throughout the school day.
- Use their phones during passing periods, during their lunch breaks, before school begins, and after school ends.

Students are **expected** to:

- Put away phones/headphones PRIOR to entering learning spaces.
- Silence all personal devices.
- Leave their phone in the classroom when out on a pass. (Teacher will have a specific location for phones)
- To keep phones away when learning is in session. This includes when entering the school late or leaving early.



Rules and Policies (Part 2)



Dress Code

Avondale school district expects students to express themselves freely within the school building, however, all clothing must be within our district dress code. Any clothing or accessory items that can be considered distracting or striking to students or staff can be removed from the learning environment. Avondale expects all students to dress in a way that is appropriate.

Throughout the school day, students are expected to wear clothing that is able cover up the following:

- Genitals
- Buttocks
- Breasts
- Cleavage
- Nipples

NOTE: students will not be dress coded for visible shoulder straps or waistband of undergarments. Ex. bra strap under tank top.

Students in the building **MUST** wear:

- A shirt with opaque fabric that covers belly button, back, cleavage, and waist.
- Pants/J Jeans that cover buttocks and genitals. (You may also wear a skirt/dress)
- Shoes.
- Activity-specific shoes. (Ex. P.E.)



Students may wear:

- Hats
- Religious headwear
- Hoodies (If the student is wearing hood their face and ears must be visible to others)
- Fitted pants (Ex. leggings, yoga pants, skinny jeans.)
- Ripped jeans (Underwear and buttocks must be covered)
- Tank tops (Cleavage must be covered)

Students can NOT wear:

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language that suggests **any** illegal activity.
- Body armor (Ex. bullet proof vest, tactical gear, or facsimile.)
- Clothing or accessories with hate speech, profanity or pornography.
- Clothing that reveals beyond the undergarments straps or waistbands.
- Swimsuits (Unless worn for athletic practice.)
- Accessories that could be considered threatening.
- Any item that messes with the depiction of face or ears. (NOT including religious garments.)



Rules and Policies (Part 2.5)



FOR REPEAT OFFENSES, THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE USED: **INSUBORDINATION AND INCORRIGIBILITY**

Dress Code (Continued)

To guarantee an effective implementation of the dress code, the offenses to the dress code should be brought to the attention of building staff. Any offenses to the dress code can result in:

- Students can be removed from the space where they are found violating the dress code (Hallways or classroom)
- Students will be asked to change into alternative clothing if they have extra clothing.
- If not available, students will be given temporary clothing to wear for the remainder of the school day.
- If needed, parents or guardians will be contacted to drop off clothing for the student to wear.

IF THESE OPTIONS ARE WILLFULLY REFUSED BY A STUDENT, THE STUDENT MAY BE PLACED IN A SPECIFIC LOCATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL DAY.



FORMAL Dress Code

For **ALL** formal events, the dress code is also enforced.

If violated, students will be directed to wear alternative clothing provided by AHS; if refused, they will be asked to leave the event.

Violation of dress code include:

- Showing bare midriffs
- Plunging necklines
- Back of a formal dress being lower than mid back.
- Slits of dresses above knee length
- Side of dresses must be made with solid material.



Rules and Policies (Part 3)



Attendance and Tardies

Attendance works a little differently than in middle school. Per semester, you can only be absent 10 times per class. If you exceed **10 absences**, you could lose all credits for the class. After **6 or more** absences, your parents will be contacted to ensure your absences aren't affecting your academics.

All absences should be reported to the office in the morning by parents/caregivers.



If credit is taken away from a student due to absences, the student will have an opportunity to take a test about the subject to prove their knowledge. If the student passes the test (a 3 or higher), they will receive a G to show credit. If the student does NOT pass, the student will be **required** to retake the class.

A student not in the room as the bell rings is considered tardy. If a student is 10 minutes late to the class, it is considered an **unexcused absence**. If you are tardy twice a day, the next day you will be given a lunch detention.

The only absences that do **not** count towards the 10 days are:

- School-sponsored activities.
- Religious holidays.
- Suspension from school.
- Documented chronic or serious illness.
- Documented bereavement.
- Documented court appearances.
- Other documented circumstances approved by administration.

Vacations, appointments of any kind, and sick days **do** count towards the 10 days.



Rules and Policies (Part 4)



Grading

At Avondale High School, we use the standards based grading system. We use a semester system. Grades at the end of the semester are reflected by assignments and assessments throughout the semester.

Each class has different standards you're graded on. An example, in Honors Geometry you might be graded on communication and analytical thinking. Your grade is an overall or average of the two standards.

Standard Score Range	Overall Standard Score
4.0 - 3.51	4
3.5 - 2.51	3
2.5 - 1.51	2
1.5 - 1	1
0.99 - 0	0

Standard score to letter grade

- 0 - Limited/No Evidence - 'E' level work
- 1 - Engaging - 'D' level work
- 2 - Developing - 'C' level work
- 3 - Understanding - 'B' level work
- 4 - Ownership - 'A' level work



Important People



1. Mr E

He runs the hub and can help with your computer and checking out books.

2. Mr Wilson

He is our principal and can help you with multiple things around the school.

3. Mrs. Howard and Mr. Ratcliff

These are the 2 assistant principals. They can help you with your problems/issues.

4. Ms. Reyes, Ms. Chavez, and Ms. Dallaire

These are ur counselors depending on your last name. They can help you with school issues or any other problems you may have.

5. Officer Chris

He is the school and area's officer. He helps with problems and any issues on the campus. He's there for protection and safety.

6. Ms. Lewinski and Ms. Oz

These 2 people can help you with emotional, stress, and mental problems.



Sports and Clubs



Sports and clubs take a lot of discipline, effort, and time. However, they are a lot of fun and build friendships and connections.

Clubs are also a lot of fun because you can learn something new and new make friends.

If you are considering playing a sport in college or going division 1, 2, or 3, you should consider signing up for NCAA. They can help you with school and sports.

If you want to start a new club gather some friends, get a teacher to sponsor, and fill out the form.

Here are a few sports. Most sports have a boys and girls team on opposite seasons:

Tennis, Swimming, Soccer, Football/Flag Football, Golfing, Volleyball, Track and Field, Skiing, Sailing, Cheer, Softball, Lacrosse, Basketball, Baseball, etc.

Some of the clubs you can sign up for is: robotics, theatre.



Major School Events



Hoco

Homecoming (or hoco) is a tradition in High School that involves a Football game, a spirit week, and a semi-formal dance. It is a social event and generates belonging and spirit throughout the school.

Assemblies are a big part of all the events. It is a big part of our school.

Spring Fest

Spring fest involves a lot of events and traditions celebrating the arrival of spring. There is often a fundraiser, a dance, and celebrations.

Prom

A formal dance for High School students marking the end of the school year. Students dress up, dance, and often vote for a prom king and queen. Prom is often attended by 11th and 12th graders or 16 to 18 year olds.



Students Quotes



“Being a yellow jacket is being involved with the school. Working hard in school, participating in sports, and showing spirit is just a part of being a yellow jacket. Our community is small, but that makes us stronger; like a yellow jacket.”

-Selene

“Being an avondale student is about being responsible, independent, but also having fun at the same time. You should always keep up with your grades but do the stuff you love, participate in assemblies, sports, and after school clubs. Being in clubs/sports or even just participating in school spirit will help you connect with the school community and make lots of friends.”- Ava



Students Quotes



“Being a yellow jacket to me is participating in school activities and showing school spirit. I love being a part of our school community!”

-Riley

“Being a yellow jacket to me is showing value and responsibility when it comes to my academics and social life. I like to have those there for me and help me when I am struggling. Our community is awesome and engaged, which makes me strive to be that way too. I love seeing my friends and doing my best” - Kaitlin

“To me, being a yellow jacket is to be involved socially and academically. Proving my knowledge in class and showing my participation within school social events while having fun all at the same time. It’s about being independent and engaged and proving you are so much as a high schooler.”

-MJ