



THE EAGLE UPDATE

ACE Basketball Club Assessment Camp

Hello Eagle families!

Registration is now open for the Ankeny Christian Eagles Basketball Club Assessment Camp. This is a great opportunity for 3rd–8th grade boys and girls to show their skills and be evaluated for team placement ahead of the upcoming season.

Details:

- Camp Dates: August 3–4 (Girls) and August 5-6 (Boys)
- Location: Ankeny Christian Academy
- Cost: \$50
- Open to 3rd–8th grade boys and girls (ACA Association Families Only)

Players will go through drills, skills stations, and scrimmages as coaches assess talent and readiness for club-level play.

Register by July 25: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XMLTBY>

We're looking forward to a great season — see you on the court!

Sports Physicals

All students who participate in athletics at ACA are required by Iowa Law to have a current athletic physical on file with the school. Athletic physicals are valid for 13 months from the date of the original examination. There are many local organizations offering free sports physicals, including [**Des Moines University**](#) and [**Iowa Ortho**](#). Ask the doctor for the most updated physical form. The concussion [form is available here](#).

Board Meeting Recap

A recap from the July 1 Board Meeting can be found [here](#).

Volleyball Fan Gear

Our fall [Volleyball fan gear store](#) is now LIVE! DEADLINE IS JULY 14. Orders will arrive 3-4 weeks after the deadline in the ACA office; we will notify everyone when they arrive. This will be the only volleyball store. There will be a general ACA gear store opening soon.

Cross Country Fan Gear

Cross country fan gear for the 2025 season is now available [here](#)! DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NOW THROUGH JULY 14. Orders will all arrive together in the ACA office 3-4 weeks from close date. We will notify you when they arrive! This will be the only cross country store. There will be a general ACA gear store opening soon.

Volunteer Background Checks

We will be doing background checks on ALL volunteers this next year. This includes lunch monitors and classroom helpers. If you have had an ACA background check in the last four years, that will suffice for what we need, but if you're aren't sure, please fill out the paperwork. Please complete the two forms and bring them to the office or [email them to Mrs. Frericks. Form 1 | Form 2](#)

Best Christian Workplace Award

Ankeny Christian Academy received certification as a Best Christian Workplace in 2025! This is a testimony of the strong employee engagement at ACA and speaks volumes about how we operate and treat one another. Congratulations to the faculty and staff for being recognized!

Schedules/Teacher Assignments

An email was sent earlier this week that shared teacher assignments and schedules are now available on JMC. There are instructions in that email on how to access that information. Questions on schedules can be directed to [Mrs. Frericks](#).

Dress Code Updates

A few updates/modifications have been made to the dress code for the 2025-2026 school year. The goal with these updates is to simplify our dress code, clarify certain areas, and make it easier for parents, students, and staff. The policy is intended in almost every instance to apply K-12 (with a few exceptions noted below). The rationale is this provides greater consistency for students, parents, and teachers in understanding and applying the dress code.

One update is that we will no longer require a separate dress code for chapel. While we'll still offer a shirt that features this year's school verse, the regular dress code will now apply for Wednesdays. We will still set apart Wednesday as our chapel day at ACA and if students still want to dress up for chapel, they certainly can.

The full updated dress code is listed below. We added a few notes behind in italics for clarification.

DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to provide a modest appearance that is non-distracting for the Christian educational environment. Our goal is that students conduct themselves in a manner that pleases God and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2). Parents are expected to be knowledgeable of the dress code and to cooperate with the school in seeing that the student meets the dress code standards. Personal appearance that is considered questionable is left to the discretion of the Ankeny Christian Academy administration. Dress code at school-related events outside the school day is at the discretion of the administration. Administration reserves the right to waive any of the following policies for special occasions and circumstances.

General Dress Code Guidelines

- Clothing needs to be in good condition with no holes, whether accidental or on purpose
- Printed messages/pictures on any garment should be positive, non-distracting, and should not promote non-Christian values or advertise for secular music groups. *The decision was made to prohibit shirts advertising secular music groups simply because it's too difficult for faculty and staff to make decisions regarding the appropriateness of one secular group vs. another. In other words, we don't want to have to start looking up lyrics and doing research on groups during the day and then making judgement calls.*
- Earrings are permitted for female students.
- A small and non-distracting nose stud (no rings or hoops) is permitted for high school female students.
- Undergarments should not show during any activity
- Students should avoid excessively tight or form-fitting garments
- Tattoos are discouraged. Any inappropriate tattoo must be covered during school hours and activities.

Tops

- Midriff, either front or back, may not be exposed
- Cleavage must not be visible at any time
- Shirts with an open back are not allowed
- Camisoles, strapless tops or halter-tops may not be worn as a single garment
- Shirts must have a sleeve of some form and cover the top of the shoulders. Off the shoulder shirts are not permitted.
- Shirts must not extend past the hem of the shorts

Bottoms

- Pajama or flannel pants may not be worn
- Lettering across the seat is not permitted
- Leggings may only be worn under a dress or skirt that is above mid-thigh
- Shorts must reach mid-thigh or lower

Dresses/Skirts

- Skirts/dresses must reach mid-thigh or lower
- Slit of skirt or dress must reach mid-thigh or lower
- Dresses must have a sleeve of some form and cover the top of the shoulders
- Begindergarten-5th girls must wear shorts under their dresses due to recess and PE class

Shoes

- Begindergarten-5th students must wear shoes with a back strap for the purpose of playground safety while outside.
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- No slippers

Hats and Hair

- Hats/hoods are not allowed during the school day
- Hair should be clean and neatly trimmed. It should be kept out of the eyes, be a natural color and a non-distracting style. Non-distracting hair weave colors are acceptable.
- Facial hair must be neatly trimmed

Chapel Attire

- ACA does not require a separate dress code for chapel days. The regular school dress code applies.

P.E. Attire

- All students must have separate, clean, non-marking gym shoes.
- Secondary students will be expected to change into appropriate gym attire for P.E. Gym attire must be within the standard dress code guidelines.

Formal Wear

- Clothing should be modest.
- Ladies must wear dresses that do not include holes or sheer/see-through areas exposing cleavage, stomach, side, lower back, or upper thigh.
- Gentlemen must wear a collared or button-down shirt and dress pants that are free of rips or holes. A suit jacket and tie are encouraged but optional. Only top hats or formal dress hats are permitted.
- Outfits/Clothing must be approved by the school prior to the event, on or before the deadline given.
- Guests must abide by this same dress code

Baseball & Softball Post-Season Games

Baseball:

ACA will take on Baxter on Saturday, July 12, at 7:00 at Lynnville-Sully (12476 Hwy F62 E, Sully). [Purchase tickets here.](#) Watch Facebook for any information on weather delays or cancellations.

Softball:

DATE CHANGE! ACA will take on BCLUW on SATURDAY, July 12 at 5:00 at North Polk Middle School Softball Field (315 NE 141st Ave., Alleman). [Purchase tickets here.](#) There will not be concessions. Please enter the fields from NE 6th St. and park south of the field. Watch Facebook for any information on weather delays or cancellations.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK

2025-2026 School Calendar

[The 2025-2026 school calendar is available!](#) This calendar is also available [on our website](#). Please look over it carefully as you plan for 2025-2026.

Blue Cord Hours

Students who want to graduate with blue cords will need 80 hours of community service completed before April of their senior year - 40 of those hours can be completed at ACA. There will be some organizing projects and a couple of Instagram reels/videos that we will need help with before school starts. If you are able to help with either of those projects, [please email Mrs. Bogaards](#).

Junior & Senior Car Registration

This year, juniors and seniors will have assigned parking spots in the west parking lot. [Please complete this form](#) by August 1 so your parking spot can be assigned to you. You will be able to pick up your parking pass on Back to School Night on August 21.

Freshmen and sophomores will park on the street. They can park on any street they like with the exception of parking on Sharmin between 1st and 2nd St.



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