



GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2021-2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE

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Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. 1 Cor. 10:31-33

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Col. 3:17

The GCS Dress Code Standards include modesty, appropriateness, neatness, and cleanliness. GCS gives high school students the privilege of a dress code rather than requiring uniforms, and their cooperation with our standards and policies reflects maturity, accountability, and respect for authority.

We rely on our partnership with families to uphold our standards and guidelines by assisting students with making wise decisions about their appearance (clothing & grooming) at school and GCS events.

When making clothing or grooming choices, students should:

- Ask: *Does this attire glorify God, neither giving offense to anyone nor merely seeking my own profit?*
- Avoid extreme styles which draw undue attention to self.
- Ensure clothing is in good repair, and while it may be of any color or pattern, it may not have writing, pictures, or unusually large logos.
- Ensure clothing is well-fitting (not too loose or tight), wrinkle-free, and opaque.
- Ensure shirts are modestly buttoned and can either be tucked in completely or fall below the pants-line at all times, including during any type of movement.

The school administration will serve as the final authority in interpreting and enforcing this dress code.

- Students are encouraged, whenever in doubt, to ask a school administrator for clarification prior to wearing an outfit or article of clothing.
- If students arrive dressed inappropriately, they will be instructed to correct the situation, and
 - if unable to comply, he/she will be asked to call a parent to bring clothing to the school or wear alternative clothing provided by the school.
 - if unable to comply, or for repeated violations of the dress code (not necessarily the same standard or guideline), other behavioral consequences will be assigned by the HS Principal.

YOUNG WOMEN

	MAY WEAR/HAVE	MAY NOT WEAR/HAVE
Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slacks, capris, and jeans in good repair If skinny-style, they must be worn with a shirt/blouse which covers the “seat.” Leggings or jeggings with a skirt that meets “Skirts” guidelines Bermuda-style shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts Ragged, torn, frayed, with holes
Shirts & Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tops must be modest sized so that normal movements do not reveal cleavage, undergarments, or the midriff. Sleeveless blouses, MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys. Henleys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tight or form-fitting shirts Jerseys and t-shirts prohibited for HS only Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos Tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, or open-back tops
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The highest point of a skirt’s hem line, slits, or openings must be no shorter than 4” from the back of the knee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form-fitting skirts
Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the <i>Shirts & Blouses</i> and <i>Skirts</i> guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the <i>Shirts & Blouses</i> and <i>Skirts</i> guidelines.
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress or loafer shoes, boots, sandals, or athletic shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides Heels over 2” high
GCS Athletes Game-Day Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress or skirt which follows above listed guidelines Dress-up slacks or khakis Dress-up blouse or tops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other type of clothing unless previously approved by the respective coach and principal
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair should be a natural color and neatly groomed Pierced ears (no more than 2 piercings per ear) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoos Body or facial piercings, excessive ear piercings Unnatural hair colors or extreme styles Hats, head coverings, and sunglasses should not be worn indoors.

YOUNG MEN

Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxed fit, khaki-style dress pants, and jeans Cargo and jean-cut permitted Shorts (of the same style as pants listed above with at least an 8” inseam. MS should fall no shorter than mid-thigh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts Ragged, torn, frayed, with holes
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collared polo or full button-up shirts Crew neck sweaters. Henleys MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collarless shirts, jerseys, t-shirts, sleeveless, or tank tops Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress shoes, loafers, sandals, moccasins, athletic shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides
GCS Athletes on Game-Day Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full button-up shirt (tucked in) with tie Relaxed fit, khaki-style dress pants (jean cut permitted) Belt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cargo pants Sweatshirts Any other items prohibited for regular dress-code days.
Hair & Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair should be neat, well-kept, and out of the face Clean-shaven (no facial hair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoos Ear, body, or facial piercings No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles. Hats, head coverings and sunglasses should not be worn indoors.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINE for SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Field Trips / Retreats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS: GCS field trip polos, khaki pants, or skirts that follow above guidelines. HS teachers may utilize <i>Regular</i>, <i>Game Day</i>, <i>Casual</i> or <i>Casual +</i> guidelines. 	
Outerwear Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following items may only be worn over normal dress code tops: Sweaters, blazers, or denim jackets Hoodies, sweatshirts, or fleece jackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When wearing hoodies, the hood must not be worn indoors. Unless either type of casual day, these may not be worn alone.
Casual Days*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any item that is modest, appropriate, neat, and clean and is not listed within the “May Not Wear/Have” box for the “Casual Days” category. MS may wear sweatpants, athletic-style pants, sports or mesh shorts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS: Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, sports or mesh shorts Sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, tight or form-fitting Pajama tops or bottoms
Casual+ Days**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any item that is modest, appropriate, neat, and clean and is not listed within the “May Not Wear/Have” box for the “Casual+ Days” category. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, tight or form-fitting. Pajama tops or bottoms

* *Casual Days* are enjoyed on Fridays and “*Casual+ Days*” during Semester Exams or Standardized Testing days; however, the principal at her/his discretion may use these designations on other days and/or revoke such.