



# GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2019-2020 HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

(Updated June 2019)

*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*

Grace Christian School gives high school students the privilege of a dress code rather than requiring uniforms. Cooperation with these standards reflects maturity, accountability and respect for authority, traits that are important in developing young adults of character and followers of Christ. We rely on our partnership with families to reinforce these guidelines and to help our students make wise decisions about their appearance at school. The emphasis of the dress code focuses on modesty, neatness, and cleanliness.

**The following guidelines are intended to allow significant freedom in student dress while respecting a fundamental standard of modesty and neatness as well as a standard appropriate to our particular community.** In exercising this freedom, students should avoid extreme styles which draw undue attention to self.

This dress code applies to all school-day related events. In the case of after school events (sports, socials, etc.), students are asked to ensure conformity to all modesty/neatness principles stated in the following.

**Please carefully note that the administration's interpretation of the dress code is the final arbiter in any areas of dispute.** Students are encouraged, whenever in doubt as to a style, to ask a school administrator for clarification.

### Overview

GCHS students should be modest, neat, and well-groomed at all times. This conveys a readiness to learn and creates an environment conducive to doing so.

General Standards for All Students:

- Clothing should be in good repair and may be of any color or pattern but may not have writing, pictures, or unusually large logos.
- Clothing should be well-fitting, wrinkle-free, and opaque.
- Shirts should be modestly buttoned and should either tuck completely in or fall below the pants-line at all times, including during any type of movement. Untucked shirts should present a neat appearance.
- In choosing attire, students should ask the following question: Does this attire glorify God, neither giving offense to anyone nor merely seeking my own profit?

If students arrive dressed inappropriately, they will be instructed to correct the situation. 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. The school administration will serve as the final authority in interpreting and enforcing this dress code.

**GUIDELINES for YOUNG WOMEN (updated Jun 1, 2019)**

	<b>MAY WEAR</b>	<b>MAY NOT WEAR</b>
<b>Pants/Shorts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slacks, capris, and jeans in good repair</li> <li>If skinny style, they must be worn with a shirt or blouse which covers the "seat."</li> <li>Leggings or jeggings with a skirt (must meet requirements below)</li> <li>Bermuda style shorts no shorter than 5" above the crease on the back of knee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts</li> <li>Ragged, torn, frayed, with holes</li> </ul>
<b>Shirts and Blouses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All tops must be of modest length <u>and</u> sit within 1" of the collarbone.</li> <li>Collared polo or full button-up shirts/blouses (must be buttoned up to within 1" of collarbone)</li> <li>High crew-neck, jewel-neck or boat-neck shirts</li> <li>Sleeveless blouses with dress code-appropriate outerwear</li> <li>Shirts should be modest and should be sized so that normal movements do not reveal cleavage, undergarments, or the midriff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tight or form-fitting shirts</li> <li>T-shirts and jersey shirts</li> <li>Scoop, v-neck styles, etc.</li> <li>Tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, or open back tops</li> </ul>
<b>Dresses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the shirt/blouse and skirt guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the shirt/blouse and skirt guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Skirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skirt length should be no shorter than 4" above the crease on the back of knee.</li> <li>This standard also applies to any slits/openings on the sides of skirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form-fitting skirts</li> </ul>
<b>Outerwear (over dress-code shirt)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweaters or jackets</li> <li>Spirit wear hoodies/sweatshirts/fleece jacket</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-spirit wear hoodies/sweatshirts</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress or semi-dress shoes, boots, sandals, or athletic shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides</li> <li>Heels over 2" high</li> </ul>
<b>Field Trips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by teacher based on the nature of the trip</li> <li>Dress code or Game Day attire</li> <li>Casual for outdoor trips</li> </ul>	
<b>GCS Athletes on Game Days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress or skirt which follows standards of dress listed above</li> <li>Dressy slacks or khakis</li> </ul>	
<b>Casual Days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-shirts (appropriate graphic tees)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts, etc.</li> <li>No offensive content (language, symbols, or pictures)</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair should be a natural color and neatly groomed</li> <li>Moderate ear piercing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoos, body piercings</li> <li>No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles</li> <li>Hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the building</li> </ul>

**GUIDELINES FOR YOUNG MEN (updated Jun 1, 2019)**

	<b>MAY WEAR</b>	<b>MAY NOT WEAR</b>
<b>Pants/Shorts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relaxed fit, khaki-style dress pants, and jeans</li> <li>Cargo and jean-cut permitted</li> <li>Shorts (of the same style as pants listed above with at least an 8" inseam)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts</li> <li>Ragged, torn, frayed, with holes</li> </ul>
<b>Shirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collared polo or full button-up shirts</li> <li>Crew neck sweaters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collarless shirts, henleys, jerseys</li> <li>Collared shirts with graphics or writing</li> </ul>
<b>Outerwear (over dress-code shirt)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweaters or jackets</li> <li>Spirit wear hoodies/sweatshirts/fleece jacket</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-spirit wear hoodies/sweatshirts</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress shoes, loafers, sandals, moccasins, athletic shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides</li> </ul>
<b>Field Trips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD by teacher based on the nature of the trip</li> <li>Dress code or Game Day attire</li> <li>Casual for outdoor trips</li> </ul>	
<b>GCS Athletes on Game Days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full button-up shirt (tucked in) with tie</li> <li>Relaxed fit, khaki-style dress pants (jean cut permitted)</li> <li>Belt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cargo pants</li> <li>Sweatshirts</li> </ul>
<b>Casual Days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-shirts (appropriate graphic tees)</li> <li>Henley shirts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts, etc.</li> <li>Sleeveless shirts</li> <li>No offensive content (language, symbols, or pictures)</li> </ul>
<b>Hair &amp; Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair should be neat, well-kept, and out of the face</li> <li>Clean shaven (no facial hair)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoos, body piercings</li> <li>No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles</li> <li>Hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the building</li> </ul>