



# GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## 2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL 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.**

**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.

**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.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES for YOUNG WOMEN		
	MAY WEAR	MAY NOT WEAR
<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 also meet "Skirts" guidelines)</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 and 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>Collarless shirts, henleys, jerseys, t-shirts</li> <li>Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos</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 shirts/blouses and skirts guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Skirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skirts should be no shorter than 4" above the crease on the back of the 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>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>GCS Athletes Game Day Attire</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cargo pants</li> <li>Sweatshirts</li> <li>Any other items prohibited for regular dress code days.</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>

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES for YOUNG MEN		
	MAY WEAR	MAY NOT WEAR
<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, t-shirts or tank tops</li> <li>Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos</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>GCS Athletes on Game Day Attire</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> <li>Any other items prohibited for regular dress code days.</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, ear or 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>

SPECIFIC GUIDELINE for SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES		
<b>Field Trips / Retreats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher may determine whether to apply regular, "Game Day," "Casual," or "Casual +" guidelines based upon the nature of the trip</li> </ul>	
<b>Outerwear Tops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Dress Code tops must be worn underneath.</li> <li>Sweaters or suit jackets</li> <li>GCS <i>Spirit Wear</i> (hoodies/sweatshirts/fleece jacket/etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non "GCS <i>Spirit Wear</i>" (hoodies/sweatshirts/fleece jacket/etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Casual Days*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anything that meets the four <b>Dress Code Standards</b> (p. 1) and is not listed within the "May Not Wear" box for this category.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, sports or mesh shorts, etc.</li> <li>Sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, tight or form-fitting, etc.</li> <li>Pajama tops or bottoms</li> </ul>
<b>Casual+ Days**</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anything that meets the four <b>Dress Code Standards</b> (p. 1) and is not listed within the "May Not Wear" box for this category.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleeveless shirts, tank-tops, tight or form-fitting, etc.</li> <li>Pajama tops or bottoms</li> </ul>

\* *Casual Days* enjoyed on Fridays and *Casual+ Days* during Semester Exams or Standardized Testing days; however, the HS Principal at her/his discretion may revoke these whenever there are wide-spread non-compliance issues within the Student Body.