



MIDDLE & 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 middle and 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 be the final authority in interpreting and enforcing this dress code.

- Whenever in doubt, students are encouraged to ask a school administrator for clarification before 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 respective principal.

FEMALE STUDENTS		
	MAY WEAR	MAY NOT WEAR
Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slacks, capris, and jeans must be in good repair If skinny-style, they must be worn with a shirt or blouse which covers the "seat." Leggings or jeggings with a skirt/dress that meets GCS guidelines Bermuda style shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, pajama pants, sports or mesh shorts Clothes that are ragged, torn, frayed, with holes
Shirts and 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 Collarless shirts, jerseys, or t-shirts (MS students may) Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos Scoop, v-neck styles, etc. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or tops that are strapless or have an open-back
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The highest point of a skirt's hemline, 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 shirts/blouses and skirts 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"> Cargo pants Sweatshirts Any other items prohibited for regular dress code days.
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 or body piercings No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles Hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the building

MALE STUDENTS		
	MAY WEAR	MAY NOT WEAR
Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxed fit, khaki-style dress pants, and jeans Cargo and jean-cut permitted Shorts (Must meet above pants guidelines 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 (only the top 3 buttons may be unbuttoned) Crew neck sweaters. Henleys MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tight or form-fitting shirts Collarless shirts, jerseys, or t-shirts (MS students may) Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos Tank tops
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 (fully buttoned and 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 or body piercings No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles Hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the building

SPECIFIC GUIDELINE for SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Female & Male)		
Field Trips / Retreats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS: GCS field trip polos, khaki pants, or skirts that follow the above guidelines. HS: Regular, Game Day, Casual⁺ or Casual⁺ guidelines may be used appropriately 	
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 	
Casual Days*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anything that meets the four Dress Code Standards (p. 1) and is not listed in this category's "May Not Wear" box. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweatpants, athletic-style pants, sports or mesh shorts, etc. Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, tight or form-fitting, etc. Pajama tops or bottoms
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* HS *Casual Days* are enjoyed on Fridays and *Casual⁺ Days* during Semester Exams, Standardized Testing, or other days as determined by the HS Principal. At her/his discretion, the HS Principal may also revoke these whenever there are widespread non-compliance issues within the Student Body.