

GCS Dress Code Standards

GCS students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for school and consistent with the school's Christian mission. Clothing and personal appearance should be neat, clean, modest, and in good repair.

General Requirements for All Students

Unless otherwise stated in the female, male, Friday, game-day, or casual-day sections, the following requirements apply to all students.

Upper Wear

- Undergarments and the midriff must remain covered during normal movement.
- The outermost layer must meet the dress code.
- Pajama tops, tank tops, and sleeveless athletic shirts are not permitted.
- Brand logos may not be larger than 3 inches by 3 inches.
- Words, graphics, and images must be appropriate for school and consistent with the mission of GCS.

Lower Wear

- Undergarments must remain covered during normal movement.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Pajama bottoms and yoga pants are not permitted.
- Sweatpants, athletic pants, and athletic shorts are permitted only on designated casual days.

Shoes

- Students must wear shoes appropriate for school throughout the school day.
- Flip-flops, slides, Crocs, slippers, and comparable casual footwear are not permitted.

Jewelry

- Jewelry must be modest, safe, and appropriate for school.
- Visible body-piercing jewelry is not permitted except as specifically allowed in the female and male sections.
- Jewelry that creates a distraction or safety concern may not be worn.

Hair

- Hair must be clean and neatly groomed and may not obstruct the student's vision.
- Hair color must be a naturally occurring color.
- Hair must be secured when necessary for safety or participation in school activities.

Accessories and Body Art

- Tattoos may not be visible during the school day.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside school buildings unless approved for a specific activity or medical reason.

Female Students

Upper Wear

- On regular school days, female students may wear blouses, collared shirts, knit tops, crew-neck sweaters or sweatshirts, and approved Warrior Wear.
- Tops and dresses must fully cover the chest and midriff during normal movement.
- Cleavage may not be visible.
- Spaghetti-strap, strapless, off-the-shoulder, and open-back tops are not permitted.
- Sleeveless tops and dresses are permitted when all undergarments remain fully covered during normal movement.

Lower Wear

- Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than two inches above the knee while standing.
- Form-fitting pants, excluding leggings, may be worn only with a top that fully covers the seat during normal movement.
- Leggings may be worn only under a skirt or dress that meets the required length and may not be worn as pants.

Jewelry

- No more than two earrings may be worn in each ear.
- Other visible body-piercing jewelry is not permitted.

Male Students

Upper Wear

- On regular school days, male students may wear collared shirts, Henley shirts, crew-neck sweaters and sweatshirts, and approved Warrior Wear.
- Jerseys may be worn only when approved for a school activity or designated spirit day.

Lower Wear

- Pants and shorts may not be excessively tight.

Jewelry

- Earrings and other visible body-piercing jewelry are not permitted.

Grooming

- Male students must be clean-shaven. Facial hair is not permitted.

Exceptions

Unless specifically stated below, all General Requirements and applicable Female- or Male-Specific Requirements remain in effect.

Game-Day Attire

- On an approved game day, members of the participating team must wear the current season's school-issued game-day top with lower wear and shoes that meet the dress code.
- Any additional exception must be approved by the principal or athletic director.

Friday Attire

- On Fridays, students may wear hoodies, T-shirts and sweatshirts with large graphics.

- All words, graphics, and images must meet the General Requirements for All Students. All other dress-code requirements remain in effect.

Casual-Day Attire

On casual days announced by the principal:

- Hoodies and t-shirts with large graphics are permitted.
- Sweatpants, athletic pants, and athletic shorts are permitted.
- All requirements concerning coverage, garment length, undergarments, shoes, jewelry, hair, and grooming remain in effect.

Policy Enforcement

School administration has final authority in interpreting and enforcing the dress code.

Students who are uncertain whether an item meets the dress code should ask an administrator before wearing it to school.

When addressing a violation, faculty and staff should identify the clothing item and the applicable dress-code requirement without commenting on the student's body shape, size, or physical development.

Students must correct dress-code violations as soon as reasonably possible. Repeated violations do not need to involve the same dress-code requirement for progressive consequences to apply.

Response to Violations

- A student who commits an egregious violation must contact a parent or guardian for a change of clothes and may not return to class until appropriately dressed.
- Egregious violations will be documented in FACTS for High School students.

Middle School Consequences

- Dress-code violations will result in demerits.

High School Consequences

- Each dress-code violation will result in a warning documented in FACTS.
- Three documented warnings within a four-month period will result in detention.
- A second egregious violation during the same school year will result in detention.
- After two dress-code detentions during the same school year, the principal may impose one or more of the following:
 - Loss of casual-day privileges;
 - Loss of sign-out privileges; or
 - Suspension.