



# 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
<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/blouse which covers the "seat."</li> <li>Leggings or jeggings with a skirt that meets "Skirts" guidelines</li> <li>Bermuda-style shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh</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 &amp; Blouses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All tops must be modest sized so that normal movements do not reveal cleavage, undergarments, or the midriff.</li> <li>Sleeveless blouses, MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys with appropriate logos or graphics</li> <li>Henleys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tight or form-fitting shirts</li> <li>Jerseys and t-shirts prohibited for HS only</li> <li>Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos</li> <li>Tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, or open-back tops</li> </ul>
<b>Skirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The highest point of a skirt's hem line, slits, or openings must be no shorter than 4" from the back of the knee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form-fitting skirts</li> </ul>
<b>Dresses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the <i>Shirts &amp; Blouses</i> and <i>Skirts</i> guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the <i>Shirts &amp; Blouses</i> and <i>Skirts</i> guidelines.</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress or loafer 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 above listed guidelines</li> <li>Dress-up slacks or khakis</li> <li>Dress-up blouse or tops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other type of clothing unless previously approved by the respective coach and principal</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair should be a natural color and neatly groomed</li> <li>Pierced ears (no more than 2 piercings per ear)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoos</li> <li>Body or facial piercings, excessive ear piercings</li> <li>Unnatural hair colors or extreme styles</li> <li>Hats, head coverings, and sunglasses should not be worn indoors.</li> </ul>

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<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. MS should fall no shorter than mid-thigh)</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> <li>Henleys</li> <li>MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys with appropriate logos or graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collarless shirts, jerseys, t-shirts, sleeveless, 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</li> <li>Ear, body, or facial piercings</li> <li>No unnatural hair colors or extreme styles.</li> <li>Hats, head coverings and sunglasses should not be worn indoors.</li> </ul>

## SPECIFIC GUIDELINE for SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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

\* *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.