



## **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 Corinthians 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.*  
*Colossians 3:17*

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 GCS Dress Code Standards include 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.

### **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 that draw undue attention to oneself.
- Ensure clothing is in good repair (not being ragged, torn, frayed, or with holes).
- While clothing 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 appropriately 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. If unable to comply, they will be asked to call a parent to bring clothing to the school or wear alternative clothing provided by the school.
- If the student is unable to comply or repeatedly violates the dress code (not necessarily the same standard or guideline), the respective principal will assign other behavioral consequences.

FEMALE STUDENTS		
	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slacks, capris, and jeans</li> <li>Tight-fitting pants may be worn <b>only with</b> a top that meets GCS standards and covers the "seat."</li> <li>Leggings or jeggings may be worn <b>only with</b> a dress or skirt that matches the below-listed guidance for those options.</li> <li>Bermuda-style or dress shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, yoga pants, athletic-style or mesh pants or shorts</li> <li>Pajama bottoms</li> </ul>
Shirts and Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All tops must be sized so that normal movement does not reveal cleavage, undergarments, or the midriff.</li> <li>Shirts (including Henleys) and blouses (with or without sleeves).</li> <li><i>MS students may wear sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts, and jerseys.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tight or form-fitting shirts</li> <li>HS - sweatshirts, hoodies, jerseys. MS &amp; HS - t-shirts.</li> <li>Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos</li> <li>Scoop or V-neck styles, etc.</li> <li>Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or tops that are strapless or have an open-back</li> <li>Pajama tops</li> </ul>
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The highest point of a skirt's hemline, slits, or openings must be no shorter than 2" from the top of the knee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form-fitting skirts</li> </ul>
Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the <i>Shirts and Blouses</i> and <i>Skirts</i> guidelines.</li> </ul>	
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress or loafer shoes, boots, sandals, or sneakers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides</li> <li>Heels over 2" high</li> </ul>
GCS Athletes: Game-Day Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach will determine team attire for the day</li> <li>GCS polo shirt, game jersey, warm-up shirt, or other designated team top</li> <li>Jeans or khaki pants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweat pants or athletic pants</li> </ul>
Hair & Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair should be a natural color, neatly groomed, and kept out of the face.</li> <li>Pierced ears (No more than 2 piercings per ear.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoos or body piercings</li> <li>Unnatural hair colors or extreme styles</li> <li>Hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the building.</li> </ul>
MALE STUDENTS		
Pants/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress pants, khaki-style, and jeans that are not tight-fitting</li> <li>Cargo and jean-cut permitted.</li> <li>Shorts must meet guidelines for pants with at least an 8" inseam and should fall no shorter than mid-thigh.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweatpants, yoga pants, athletic-style pants, sports or mesh shorts</li> <li>Pajama bottoms</li> </ul>
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collared polo or full button-up shirts (only the top 3 buttons may be unbuttoned.)</li> <li>Crew neck sweaters</li> <li>Henley shirts</li> <li><i>MS students may wear t-shirts and jerseys.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tight or form-fitting shirts.</li> <li>HS - sweatshirts, hoodies, jerseys. MS &amp; HS - t-shirts.</li> <li>Shirts with graphics, writing, or unusually large logos.</li> <li>Tank tops or sleeveless shirts</li> <li>Pajama tops</li> </ul>
Shoes	<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>
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Hair & Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair should be a natural color, neatly groomed, and kept 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>
ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES for SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES		
Field Trips / Retreats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MS: GCS field-trip polos, khaki pants, or skirts that follow the above guidelines.</li> <li>HS: Regular, Game Day, Casual, or Casual + guidelines as chosen by GCS personnel.</li> </ul>	
Outerwear Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following items may be worn <b>only over</b> regular dress code tops: sweaters, blazers, and accessory jackets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoodies (<i>MS students may wear.</i>)</li> </ul>
HS Casual Days*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anything that meets the <b>Dress Code Standards</b> (p. 1) and is not listed in this category's "Not Permitted" box.</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> <li>Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides.</li> </ul>
HS Casual <sup>+</sup> Days*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anything that meets the <b>Dress Code Standards</b> (p. 1) and is not listed in this category's "Not Permitted" box.</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> <li>Slippers, flip-flops, rubber or athletic slides.</li> </ul>

\**HS Casual Days* are a privilege enjoyed on Fridays, and *HS Casual+ Days* during semester exams, standardized testing or other days expressly designated by the HS Principal; however, these privileges may be lost due to non-compliance with the dress code or other GCS policies.