



# GENESISCHRISTIANAC

## Dress Code & Uniforms

Our dress code is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. Modesty is mentioned often as an important character quality (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:5, 6). Modest people don't go out of their way to bring undue attention to themselves. Likewise, neatness and appropriateness are important as we seek to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. We need to be examples for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity (1 Timothy 4:2). We also desire to give a good report and not be offensive in anything we do. This suggests living differently than the world (1 John 2:15). In addition, dress is to be distinctively masculine and feminine, reflecting a wholesome appreciation for God's creative plan (Deuteronomy 22:5). As we determine to glorify the Lord in all we do (1 Corinthians 10:31), these qualities help us to do that in the area of dress.

It is also important to realize that parents, as the primary educators of their children (Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6), play a key role in this area of dress code. It is incumbent upon parents to guide and supervise their young people in the selection of appropriate clothing. Accordingly, this dress code is intended to make known in as clear a way as possible the position, guidelines, and restrictions of Genesis Christian Academy in the area of dress.

### **Modest**

Clothing should not be tight, clingy or form fitting. Midriffs should not show when reaching or bending. Ladies' necklines should not be revealing. The length of skirts or dresses should be knee length or below. Ladies should have their shoulders covered; no spaghetti straps.

### **Neat**

Clothing should be in good repair. Belt lines for pants should not sag.

### **Appropriate**

Writing on clothing which is inappropriate or brings undue attention should not be worn. Pajama wear and sweat pants are not permitted unless otherwise allowed on a specific day (i.e Spirit Week.) GCA t-shirts will be permitted on spirit days only, but t-shirts designed to be undergarments (undershirts) are not to be worn as outer garments. Footwear (shoes, sneakers, boots, etc.) should be worn at all times.

This abbreviated dress code is purposely shortened to eliminate the large lists of "do's" and "don't's" that often come with a dress code. The code falls under the categories of modest, neat, and appropriate as stated above. The administration may need, from time to time, to clarify the code with students. We hope this guide helps students to wear clothing which is appropriate. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



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The administration will make every effort to clarify acceptable formal wear standards. Students who fail to adhere to formal wear standards maybe asked to leave the formal event or be given something modest to wear during the event.

**DRESS CODE INFRACTION PROCEDURE** The purpose of a dress code is to motivate self-discipline in the areas of modesty, neatness and appropriateness. It is the responsibility of parents to help educate a student in appropriate dress. It is the responsibility of the student to make proper choices which glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the responsibility of teachers to enforce the dress code at GCA.

When a dress code issue can be corrected immediately (sagging pants, etc.), the teacher will speak with the student concerning the issue and have the student make necessary corrections immediately. No further action will be taken. However, if the student continues to persist with these "correctable" issues, the teacher should send the student to the administrative office where he/she will be subject to the disciplinary steps noted below.

If the dress code issue cannot be corrected immediately (i.e. short skirt, inappropriate pants, etc.), the teacher will discuss the matter with the student and send the student to the administrative office where the student will be subject to the disciplinary steps noted below. The student shall remain in the office until the infraction has been remedied.

Continuous or blatant dress code infractions will result in (per quarter):

Offense 1: Warning

Offense 2: Parents are called - student to wait in office for parent to bring uniform adjustment

Offense 3: Parents are called - student to wait in office for parent to bring uniform adjustment and detention

Offense 4: Disciplinary action could include suspension



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### GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- All GCA students should exhibit modest and developmentally appropriate dress.
- All clothing must be tag/label and logo free.
- Excessively tight fitting or baggy clothing is not permitted.
- Hats are not to be worn inside the building.
- Body piercing of any kind is not permitted.
- Body tattoos are not permitted.
- Students must stay in school uniform until dismissal is complete.
- Hats are not to be worn inside the building.
- GCA logo branded t-shirts are permitted for spirit days only.
- Denim blue or black (jeans) is permitted for spirit days only.
- Students must have a backpack.

### BOTTOMS

- Colors are to be navy, black or khaki only.
- Material of bottoms are to be a woven (not knit) such as gabardine, twill, corduroy.
- Slacks style options can be loose-fitting, flat front or pleated dress slacks.
- Cargo pants/shorts are permitted.
- Low-rise and hip hugging pants are NOT permitted.
- Jeans are permitted on spirit days ONLY.

### TOPS

- Polo shirts/blouses must be collared and solid colored in white, gray, red, black or white in short or long sleeves with a GCA logo.
  - **All students are required to have at least one red polo.** Red tops and khaki bottoms is the GCA uniform for all ceremonies, events and photo days.
- Layering with turtlenecks or crew-necks is permitted as long as all layers conform to color requirements while the outer layer conforms to shirt color and style requirements.
- Sweaters can be crew-neck, v-neck or cardigan style or vests. They are to be navy, white, black, red or gray. Collared shirts/blouses are required under the sweater or vest.
- Hooded sweaters and hooded vests are NOT permitted.

### SHOES/SOCKS

- Solid colored dress or casual shoes in black, brown, navy, gray or white are acceptable for daily wear.
- Athletic sneakers in any colors are permitted.



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- Shoes with lights, wheels, characters, spinners or platforms are NOT permitted.
- Shoes should be properly tied at all times. Velcro shoes are acceptable.
- Socks are required. They should be gray, white, black or red in color.
- Tights are permitted. They should be gray, white, black or navy in color.
- Sneakers are REQUIRED for PE.

### **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS**

- Jewelry is NOT permitted.

#### BOTTOMS FOR GIRLS

- Skirts - Solid khaki, black or navy (without slits) to the knee. If there is slit it cannot be higher than bottom knee cap level.
- Bike shorts or leggings in navy, white, black or gray must be worn under jumpers and skirts. Shorts are REQUIRED to be worn under all skirts/dresses for PE.

#### JUMPERS FOR GIRLS

- Jumpers - Solid khaki, black or navy below the knee.

#### SHOES/SOCKS FOR GIRLS

- Girl's shoes must be closed toed and closed heeled and no more than 2 inches high.
- Knee socks, tights or ankle socks are permitted in navy, khaki, gray, black or white.
- Hair is expected to be clean, neat and not cover the eyes. Extreme design and unnaturally colored hair are not permitted.
- Hair ornaments must be modest and colors must coordinate with school clothing.

### **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR BOYS**

- Shorts that are knee length are permitted for boys only. Though shorts may be worn throughout the year at the parent's discretion, please wear weather-appropriate attire.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.
- Boys may not have piercings.
- Boys must wear belts.
- Hair is expected to be clean and of modest length. Extreme design, unnaturally colored, sculpting, shaving and spiking are not permitted.