

2018-2019 Secondary Dress Code (Grades 5-12)

GCA student dress is expected to be modest and in keeping with Christian principles. “Modest” means that clothing is loose fitting and covers the body according to directions below. Violation of any portion of the dress code may result in disciplinary action, with or without warning. GCA Dress Code aspires to create a look that is academically focused, characterized by confidence, comfort, and creativity. All navy or white CLCS school apparel will be acceptable to wear for the 2018-2019 school year.

TOPS (MEN & WOMEN):

Short or long sleeve polo style shirt; GCA/CLCS or small manufacturer’s logo only; navy or white

Short or long sleeve button-down, collared dress shirt; GCA/CLCS or small manufacturer’s logo only; white only

Shirts must be buttoned up – no more than 1 button may be unbuttoned

In-season athletic team “Game Day Polo”, Fine Arts, Band/Choir, or Academic Team Shirts may be worn on game or production days

Shirts may be worn untucked. However, at no time should the midriff be visible, including when the student is reaching up. If the administration deems an untucked shirt to be too short, the student may be asked to tuck the shirt in or to put on an undershirt

BOTTOMS (MEN & WOMEN):

Shorts (bermuda length) navy or khaki, flat or pleated front; Knee length to 4 inches above the top of knee (front and back); No frayed, baggy or sagging shorts and must fit at the waist; No athletic shorts, blue denim shorts or cut offs

Pants must be hemmed, no holes or frays; no baggy or sagging pants and must fit at the waist; twill/cotton blend flat or pleated front; navy or khaki; No blue jeans, athletic wear, sleeping pants, scrubs or similar wear.

Women only (regular or capri length)

SKIRTS (WOMEN):

Young ladies may wear skirts. Length in front and back must reach 4 inches from the top of the kneecap (below mid-thigh). Skirts may be navy or khaki. If leggings or tights are worn, skirts still need to meet the length requirement.

OUTERWEAR (MEN & WOMEN):

Sweater, ¼, ½, or full-zip jacket, or crew-neck sweatshirt; navy only; can have small manufacturer’s logo (no larger than 2 inches) or must be GCA School Store approved outerwear

Outerwear does not count as a collared shirt

No hoodies or hooded jackets, except with GCA/CLCS logo

Rain jackets with hoods may be worn, though expected to be removed while in the building.

HAIR (MEN):

Clean and neat; natural color; cut above the collar in the back, combed out of the eyes in the front; short braids or twists for afro-textured hair

No facial hair; no sideburns lower than the ear; no hair bands for men. Certain ethnic distinctions will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

HAIR (WOMEN):

Clean and neat; natural color; no distracting styles. Certain ethnic distinctions will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

DETAILS (MEN AND WOMEN):

All clothing must be clean, appropriately fitted, and free of tears, holes or frayed hems.

Clothing should not have lettering or messages other than school logos

No head covering of any type including do-rags, bandanas, hats, visors, or hoods

No visible tattoos; young women may have pierced ears, provided that earrings are modest and non-distracting. No other visible piercings will be permitted

No sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts, pajamas, or scrubs any time

Students must wear closed toe (athletic or business casual style – no boots) they should be clean and neat. No Flip flops, open toe sandals, or slide on shoes

FRIDAY DRESS DAYS:

Fridays are a casual dress day. Students may wear regular jeans and GCA or CLCS t-shirts

Even with Friday Dress, no sweatpants (or sweat pant-like pants), joggers, athletic shorts, pajamas, or scrubs any time

The administration has the final word on a student's dress for all school events and reserves the right to change any of the dress code rules during the school year and to provide guidelines for events. Any exceptions must be approved ahead of time by administration.