

# 2021 -2022 Grace Christian Academy 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Code

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 and comfort.

## SHIRTS

Uniform pieces are expected to fit correctly without being oversized, too tight, or worn as jackets. All shirts must have a collar. Shirts are to be in good condition, free from rips, holes, and tears. Shirts must be tucked in. However, at no time should the midriff be visible, including when the student is reaching up. If the administration deems a tucked shirt to be too short, the student may be asked to put on an undershirt.

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

**Oxford Cloth Button Down** – White only. Short or long sleeved (no emblems)

**Polo Style Shirts** - White or navy. Short or long sleeved (with collar and placket). Polos of any other color **MUST** be purchased from the designated section of the GCA Online school store Plain, No manufacturer’s logo. Polo shirt with the GCA Eagle logo or Crest is allowed.

**Turtlenecks and Under Shirts** – Solid navy or white. Short or long sleeved. Undershirts of any brand must be worn under a uniform shirt.

## SHORTS AND PANTS

**Shorts** – Navy or khaki (tan or stone) No more than 4” above the knee; expected to be worn at the waist without being oversized or too tight. Knit shorts are not appropriate. Black or Brown belts must be worn. No athletic shorts, blue denim shorts, or cutoffs. Shorts are to be in good condition, free from rips, holes, and tears.

**Pants** – Navy or khaki (tan or stone). Black or Brown belts must be worn. Expected to be worn at the waist without being oversized or too tight. Expected to be worn at the waist without being oversized or too tight. Girls may wear regular or capri length. Knit pants are not appropriate. Pants are to be in good condition, free from rips, holes, and tears.

## DRESSES/SKIRTS (WOMEN ONLY)

**Skirts and Skorts** – **Navy, Khaki (tan or stone)**. Length in front and back must reach 4” from the top of the kneecap (below mid-thigh), in front and back. Tights and ankle length leggings are to be worn under a jumper or skirt and cannot be worn as pants. If leggings or tights are worn, skirts still need to meet the length requirement.

## OUTERWEAR

**Navy only.** Sweaters, ¼, ½, full-zip jacket, hoodies, or crew-neck sweatshirt. Plain, No manufacturer’s logo. Outerwear with the GCA Eagle logo or Crest is allowed.

Outerwear of any other color **MUST** be purchased from the designated section of the GCA online school store. Hoodies may be worn at school. However, hoods are not to be worn inside the school building. Collared shirts must still be worn, even if outerwear is worn as part of the school uniform. Students wearing anything other than what has been stated will be asked to remove the outerwear and keep it in their locker until after school hours. Outerwear does not count as a collared shirt.

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

## **HAIR**

**Men** – Clean and neat. Natural color (Brown Black, Blonde, Red). Cut above the collar in the back, combed out of the eyes in the front. Short braids or twists for afro-textured hair is allowed. No facial hair or sideburns lower than the ear. No hair bands/rubber bands/clip allowed.

**Women** – Clean and neat. Natural Color (Brown Black, Blonde, Red). No distracting styles.

## **SHOES**

Closed toe, neat, and clean. Athletic shoes or dress casual shoes are allowed. Shoes may be any color. No western style boots, Crocs, Flip Flops, or slippers, slide on shoes with back straps allowed.

## **SOCKS**

Worn at all times in any style or color.

## **BELTS**

Black or brown only. Must be worn at all times.

## **ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE DETAILS**

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

Clothing should not have lettering or messages other than school logos.

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

No visible tattoos; young women may have pierced ears (no more than 2 per ear), provided that earrings are modest and non-distracting. No other visible piercings will be permitted. Students who attend school with excessive make up will be asked to wash their face and/or reapply makeup to meet the modesty standards of GCA.

## **FRIDAY DRESS DAYS**

Fridays are a casual dress day. Students may wear any GCA t-shirt. Students who participate in the PTO Jeans Day Fundraiser, may wear jeans on Friday. Jeans are expected to be worn at the waist without being oversized or too tight. Girls may wear regular or capri length. Jeans are to be in good condition, free from rips, holes, and tears. All other students will be asked to wear normal school approved pants.

No sweatpants (or sweatpant-like pants), joggers, athletic shorts, pajamas, or scrubs. Except on designated spirit Days

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