

DRESS CODE

Believing that a well-disciplined environment sets the stage for proper learning, Grace Christian Academy desires to maintain an atmosphere free of chaos and disorder. The school purpose is to provide an environment that promotes and produces achievement and development of self-control. With these goals in mind and in order to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, the following will be the dress code for Grace Christian Academy. **The Administration reserves the right to make judgment calls on all issues of dress code, current hairstyle and/or color or grooming including any issues not specifically listed.**

YOUNG LADIES

1. Young ladies must wear approved skirts that should come to the middle of the knee whether sitting or standing. The skirts may be any solid color. If the skirt has a split it must be sewed shut to the middle of the knee.
2. The skirt should be of the appropriate size to be **loose-fitting and modest** in appearance. Slips are required for light colored skirts and Kindergarten through 4th grade girls must wear shorts underneath their skirts.
3. **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** girls may wear **loose-fitting and modest** uniform style shorts. The shorts must be a solid color that is not too outlandish and they must reach to the bottom of the knee.
4. Young ladies' shirts should be a standard polo/golf shirt of any solid color with no logo. Therefore, no more than the top two buttons may be left unbuttoned. Shirts should be long and loose enough to maintain modesty. Fronts and necklines on tops should be modest in appearance. Tops must be long enough to cover the waistline at all times whether standing or sitting.
5. A tank top or a camisole may be worn under the shirts for modesty purposes.
6. Shoes should be casual in nature. Shoes must have a back strap. No flip-flops, platform shoes or any faddish shoe styles. Tennis shoes and Crocs (with a back strap) are permitted every day except chapel day. Shoes must not have inappropriate symbols or pictures on them.
7. Ear piercing is allowed, but with no more than two earrings in each earlobe. No other body piercings permitted.
8. Grace Christian Academy does not approve of body art or tattoos. No student should receive body art or a tattoo while enrolled at Grace Christian Academy. Any student who has body art or a tattoo prior to enrollment must keep it covered at all times.
9. No outlandish styles of dress, nail polish, or make-up at any time.
10. When needed, sweaters, vests, jackets, and hoodies may be worn over the standard uniform shirt. Most athletic teams or college names and logos are permissible. Hoods are not permitted to be worn at any time in the buildings.
11. Hair must be neat, clean, combed and kept out of the face and away from the eyes. Shaved styles, wedge cuts, and other fad cuts (gothic, progressive, etc.) are unacceptable. Hair color and highlights are to be natural looking. In the event a young lady comes to school with an unacceptable hairstyle or color, she will be sent home and required to get it corrected before she can return to school.

YOUNG MEN

1. Young men must be clean-shaven at all times. Side burns are to be no longer than the middle of the ear.
2. Hair must be above the collar, above the ears, and above the eyebrows.
3. Hair must not be bushy, shaggy, or long enough to curl up in the back to avoid the collar. Extreme or faddish haircuts, within these limits, are not permitted. No hair coloring of any type is allowed for boys. No designs are to be cut into the hair. Hair should be neatly combed.
4. Shirts must be standard polo/golf shirt of any solid color with no logo.
5. All shirts must be tucked in and buttoned at all times. T-shirts worn under the school uniform shirts as an undershirt may not have any pictures or writing on them.
6. Pants must be a solid color and neat in appearance. Denim or corduroy pants are not permitted for pants, except on Fridays.
7. Belts must be worn. The pants cannot sag or be too tight. Shirts must be tucked in so that the belt can be seen. The length of the pants may not gather at the bottom of the leg. Both pants and shirts for young men should be of the appropriate size to fit in a traditional style.
8. **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** boys may wear loose-fitting and modest uniform style shorts. The shorts must be a solid color that is not too outlandish and they must reach to the bottom of the knee. Belts must be worn and shirts must be tucked in.
9. Young men must wear socks that cover the ankle where no skin can be seen when standing or sitting. No-show socks are NOT acceptable.
10. Young men should wear casual shoes. Tennis shoes and Crocs (with straps) are permitted every day except chapel day.
11. Young men are not permitted to wear any body piercing, necklaces or earrings.
12. Grace Christian Academy does not approve of body art or tattoos. No student should receive body art or a tattoo while enrolled at Grace Christian Academy. Any student who has body art or a tattoo prior to enrollment must keep it covered at all times.
13. When needed, sweaters, vests, jackets and hoodies may be worn over the standard uniform shirt. Most athletic teams or college names and logos are permissible.

SPECIAL DAYS

1. For chapel, young men should wear a dress shirt and an appropriate tie. An undershirt should be worn if the dress shirt is thin enough to be seen through. Young ladies should wear their normal school uniform. **NO TENNIS SHOES PERMITTED ON CHAPEL DAY.**
2. On Fridays, young men may wear jeans (must fit in a traditional style; no skinny style; no holes) and a polo style shirt, collared button-up shirt, or a Grace Christian Academy t-shirt. Young ladies may wear a jean skirt or jumper with a polo style shirt, collared button-up shirt, or a Grace Christian Academy t-shirt. Logos, that are appropriate, are permitted.

SCHOOL FUNCTION DRESS CODE

All students attending school functions must adhere to the school dress code standards:

1. For athletic events, students must wear **loose fitting** knee length shorts or skirts and shirts that are of appropriate size to properly cover the upper body modestly. No Capri's allowed.

2. For award events, young women must wear dresses/skirts that are of the standard dress code length and fullness to properly cover the body. Young men must wear chapel attire.
3. For field trips, students must wear the activities uniform purchased from the school. Chaperones must wear a Grace Christian Academy t-shirt purchased from the school. Men chaperones may wear loose fitting knee length shorts, jeans or dress pants. Women chaperones may wear loose fitting knee length shorts or skirts.

P. E. DRESS CODE

1. P.E. uniforms must be worn for P.E. class. P.E. uniforms consist of tennis shoes with socks, **loose fitting** knee length basketball shorts, and a t-shirt that is of the appropriate size to properly cover the upper body modestly. T-Shirts must not have offensive pictures or writing. No Capri's allowed.
2. Failure to change or have the proper uniform will result in penalties and loss of points on final grade.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Minor dress code violations will result in a dress code violation form sent home. Habitual dress code violations will result in a call to the Parents/Guardians. Major dress code violations will result in a call to the Parents/Guardians. Any penalties that result because of absence or tardiness will be the student's responsibility. All dress is subject to inspection by the faculty. Students will not be permitted to participate in class until dress code violations are remedied. ***An exception to the dress code policy for one is not meant as an exception in the dress code policy for anyone else.*** **The Administration reserves the right to make judgment calls on all issues of dress code or grooming including any issues not listed.**