

Greenville

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Standard of Dress
2020-2021**

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RATIONALE

The following positions have been formulated to give insight into GCA's Standard of Dress. While not trying to be unkind to those who have adopted different standards, GCA has applied these guidelines in an effort to standardize and simplify our school dress code while following biblical principles.

While the Bible does not stipulate how we should dress, it does provide guiding principles. The expectations for GCA's Standard of Dress are designed to reflect three guiding principles: modesty, distinction, and appropriateness.

- **Modesty:** It is considered immodest to wear clothing that is revealing or tightfitting (I Tim. 2:9).
- **Distinction:** Boys and girls are to wear what is traditional American gender specific clothing (boys are not to wear skirts, etc.) (I Cor. 11:1-8; Deut. 22).
- **Appropriateness:** Setting and activity play a key role in what to wear to an event (I Cor. 14:40).

GCA has chosen "selective attire" for all students in grades K3 to 12. Doing this helps reduce the confusion (and thus, possible confrontation) between students, parents, and the school over our dress standards. We realize that parents are in a critical position of being able to regulate what their children wear to school. We hope that the concept of "streamlining" our dress standards (wearing only clothing from the approved manufacturer) will make this a much easier task.

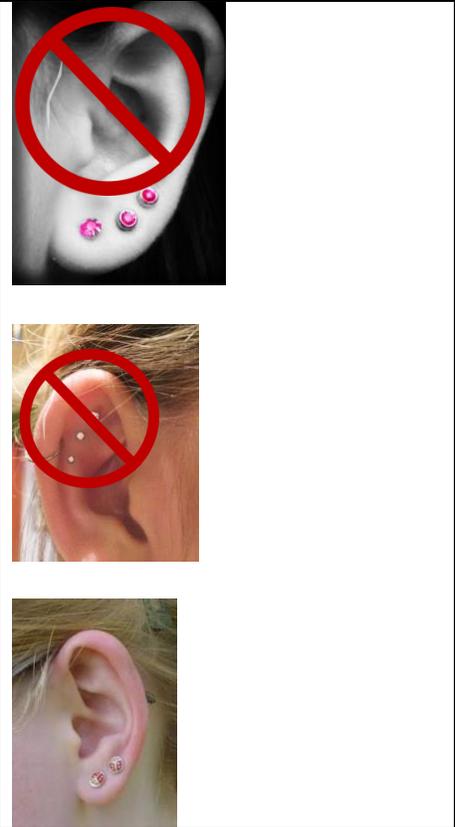
The administration of Greenville Christian Academy reserves the right to determine that any article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear. This may include clothing items that have been purchased through Land's End, but are too tight, immodest, or worn inappropriately. In this case, students may be sent home to change, or parents may be contacted to bring a change of clothing.

**FEMALE STUDENTS
PK-6TH GRADE**

<p style="text-align: center;">Female Students Pk-6th Grade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Standard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Example</p>
<p>Blouses</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting to your body: not tight (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose. Shirts/blouses must be properly buttoned and tucked in at all times. • T-Shirts, turtlenecks, etc., that are worn underneath GCA dress, must be neutral in color, and cannot have writing, logos, or graphics that will show through. • Style: Uniform polos should be purchased from Land’s End. The school logo is required. • Color: If the color is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. 	
<p>Skirts</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting close to your body: not tight. (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Length: To the middle of the knee when sitting and standing. • Color & Style: Uniform skirts should be purchased from Land’s End. A school logo is NOT required on the skirt. If the color and style is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. • Leggings: May only be worn under skirts of proper length. 	
<p>Dresses/Jumpers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Length: To the middle of the knee when sitting and standing. • Color & Style: Uniform dresses/jumpers must be purchased from Land’s End. A school logo is required. If the color and style is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. • Leggings: May only be worn under dresses/jumpers of proper length. 	

<p>Slacks</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting close to your body: not tight. (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Color & Style: Uniform style pants may be purchased from any retailer so long as they meet the guidelines. Khaki and navy are permitted colors. <p>Not Permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolled pants • Skinny pants • Zip-off pants • Elastic leg pants • Hip huggers/Low rider pants • Cargo pants • Sweat pants/Track pants • Flare pants • Holes or frays 	 <p>The image shows four students in uniform slacks (khaki and navy) and a pair of pants with a red prohibition sign over it, indicating that such pants are not permitted.</p>
<p>Shorts Pk-4th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Length: To the middle of the knee when sitting and standing. • Color & Style: Uniform shorts should be purchased from Land's End. A school logo is NOT required. If the color and style is an option on your GCA Land's End portal, then it is approved. 	 <p>The image shows a student in uniform shorts (navy blue) and a pair of shorts with a red prohibition sign over it, indicating that such shorts are not permitted.</p>
<p>Footwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosed shoes (tennis shoes deck shoes, etc.) • Sandals • Flip-flops that are casual and “vacation-style” are not permissible. • Crocs are not permissible in Pk3-6th grade. 	 <p>The image shows a pair of white sandals, which are not permissible according to the guidelines.</p>

		  
<p>Outerwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are permitted to wear any *appropriate jacket, coat, hoodie, sweatshirt, or pullover during the school day. • Uniform polos MUST be worn under all outwear. • Outerwear may not be worn during the chapel hour. <p>*Name brand logos, college, professional sports, or GCA wear is acceptable. Graphics will be acceptable only as long as they do not conflict with biblical principles.</p>	 
<p>Belt</p>	<p>Girls must wear a belt if the pants have belt loops.</p>	

<p>Earrings</p>	<p>Earrings/ear cuffs in the cartilage are not permitted, and no more than two piercings in an earlobe are allowed.</p>	
<p>Hair</p> <p>Body Piercing</p> <p>Hats/Headwear</p> <p>Tattoos</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural colored hair • Conventional style • No body piercing other than ears. • Hats/Headwear may not be worn in buildings during school hours. • No tattoos are permitted. 	
<p>Chapel Dress (Every Wednesday, unless directed differently from the school administrator)</p>	<p>Girls must wear their uniform skirt and casual dress shoes/sandals on chapel day.</p>	

**MALE STUDENTS
PK-6TH GRADE**

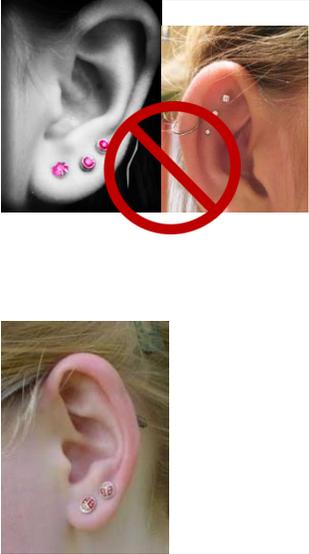
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<p>Collared shirt</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting to your body: not tight (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose. Shirts must be properly buttoned and tucked in at all times. • T-Shirts, turtlenecks, etc., that are worn underneath GCA dress, must be neutral in color, and cannot have writing, logos, or graphics that will show through. • Style: Uniform polos should be purchased from Land’s End. The school logo is required. • Color: If the color is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. 	
<p>Slacks</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting close to your body: not tight. (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Color & Style: Uniform style pants may be purchased from any retailer so long as it meets the guidelines. (i.e. khakis, chinos, Dockers) <p>Not Permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolled pants • Skinny pants • Baggy pants • Cargo pants • Sweat pants/Track pants • Holes or frays • Zip off pants • Denim • Bunch at the bottom 	

<p>Shorts Pk-4th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Length: To the middle of the knee. • Color & Style: Uniform style shorts may be purchased from any retailer so long as it meets the guidelines (i.e. khaki, chinos, Dockers, & Navy are acceptable). 	
<p>Footwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosed shoe with socks • Socks must be worn daily • No sandals 	
<p>Outerwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are permitted to wear any *appropriate jacket, coat, hoodie, sweatshirt, or pullover during the school day. • Uniform polos MUST be worn under all outerwear. • Outerwear may not be worn during the chapel hour. <p>*Name brand logos, college, professional sports, or GCA wear is acceptable. Graphics will be acceptable only as long as they do not conflict with biblical principles.</p>	
<p>Belt</p>	<p>Boys must wear a belt if the pants have belt loops.</p>	
<p>Jewelry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No earrings or body piercings may be worn on campus or school related events. • Necklaces are not allowed. 	

FEMALE STUDENTS
7th-12th GRADE

<p style="text-align: center;">Female Students 7-12 Grade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Standard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Example</p>
<p>Blouses</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting to your body: not tight (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose. Shirts/blouses must be properly buttoned and tucked in at all times. • T-Shirts, turtlenecks, etc., that are worn underneath GCA dress, must be neutral in color, and cannot have writing, logos, or graphics that will show through. • Style: Uniform polos should be purchased from Land’s End. The school logo is required. • Color: If the color is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. 	
<p>Skirts</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting close to your body: not tight. (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose • Length: To the middle of the knee when sitting and standing. • Color & Style: Uniform skirts should be purchased from Land’s End. A school logo is NOT required on the skirt. If the color and style is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. • Leggings: May only be worn under skirts of proper length. 	
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<p>Footwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosed shoes (tennis shoes deck shoes, etc.) • Sandals • Flip-flops that are casual and “vacation-style” are not permissible. • Crocs are permitted in 7-12 grade. 	    
<p>Outerwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are permitted to wear any *appropriate jacket, coat, hoodie, sweatshirt, or pullover during the school day. • Uniform polos MUST be worn under all outerwear. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outerwear may not be worn during the chapel hour <p>*Name brand logos, college, professional sports, or GCA wear is acceptable. Graphics will be acceptable only as long as they do not conflict with biblical principles.</p>	
Belt	Girls must wear a belt if the pants have belt loops.	
Earrings	Earrings/ear cuffs in the cartilage are not permitted, and no more than two piercings in an earlobe are allowed.	
Hair Body Piercing Hats/Headwear Tattoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural colored hair Conventional style No body piercing other than ears. Hats/Headwear may not be worn in buildings during school hours. No tattoos are permissible 	
Chapel Dress (Every Wednesday, unless directed differently from the school administrator)	Girls must wear their uniform skirt and casual dress shoes/sandals on chapel day (crocs are not permissible chapel wear).	

MALE STUDENTS
7th-12th GRADE

Male Students 7-12 Grade	Standard	Example
<p>Collared shirt</p> <p>Definition of Term Loose—of clothing: not fitting to your body: not tight (Merriam-Webster, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit: Loose. Shirts must be properly buttoned and tucked in at all times. • T-Shirts, turtlenecks, etc., that are worn underneath GCA dress, must be neutral in color, and cannot have writing, logos, or graphics that will show through. • Style: Uniform polos should be purchased from Land’s End. A school logo is required. • Color: If the color is an option on your GCA Land’s End portal, then it is approved. 	
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<p>Belt</p>	<p>Boys must wear a belt if the pants have belt loops.</p>	
<p>Jewelry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No earrings or body piercings may be worn on campus or school related events. • Necklaces are not allowed. 	

<p>Hair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural colored hair • Neatly combed and tapered (no braids, mullets, extreme fads, or designs cut into the hair) • Hair should not be unusually thick, bushy, or tall. GCA reserves the right to determine what is unusually thick and bushy. The hair should not be taller than 2 inches. Faddish or eccentric haircuts are not permitted. Any style which causes undue attention will not be allowed (we prefer the tapered style of cut). • May not touch eyebrows, ears, or collar of shirt. • If a haircut reminder is given, a student has three days to get a haircut according to school standards before disciplinary action is taken. 	
<p>Hats/Headwear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats/headwear may not be worn in buildings during school hours. 	
<p>Tattoos</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tattoos are permissible 	
<p>Facial Hair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are expected to be clean-shaven. Beards, mustaches, or facial hair of any kind is not permitted. 	
<p>Chapel Dress (Every Wednesday, unless directed differently from the school administrator)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys may wear any dress shirt, long or short sleeved, so long as it is a button-up dress-shirt and is appropriate with a tie. It does not need a logo. • Chapel shirts can be purchased from any retailer. • A tie must be worn. • Casual dress shoes must also be worn (tennis shoes are not permitted). • Outerwear may not be worn during the chapel hour 	

DISCIPLINE OF DRESS CODE

Pk-6th Grade:

If a student is not in proper dress, the following actions will take place:

- First offense- Warning with parent notification from the teacher.
- Second offense- Sent to the office to call parents to bring a change of clothes. The parent has one hour to arrange for clothes to get to campus. Student will go back to class and will be called out of class once proper clothing arrives. If a change of clothes does not come, the student and parent will receive a warning.
- Third offense- Sent to the office to call parents to bring change of clothes. The parent has one hour to arrange for clothes to get to campus. Student will remain in the office and miss class time (will not miss chapel if on chapel day) until proper clothing arrives. If a change of clothes does not come, the student will be suspended from school the following school day.
- Fourth + offense- Will be sent home. If the parent refuses to make arrangements for the student to be picked up, the student will be suspended from school the following school day. If uniform infractions are a habit, GCA may not be a good fit for the family and dismissal may occur.

7th-12th Grade:

If a student is not in proper dress, the following actions will take place:

- First offense- Warning with parent notification from the teacher.
- Second offense- Sent to the office to call parents to bring a change of clothes. The parent has one hour to arrange for clothes to get to campus. Student will go back to class and will be called out of class once proper clothing arrives. One demerit will be received. If a change of clothes does not come, the student and parent will receive a warning.
- Third offense- Sent to the office to call parents to bring change of clothes. The parent has one hour to arrange for clothes to get to campus. Student will remain in the office and miss class time (will not miss chapel if on chapel day) until proper clothing arrives. One demerit will be received. If a change of clothes does not come, the student will be suspended from school the following school day.
- Fourth + offense- Will be sent home and will receive 5 demerits. If the parent refuses to make arrangements for the student to be picked up, the student will be suspended from school the following school day. If uniform infractions are a habit, GCA may not be a good fit for the family and dismissal may occur.

ATHLETIC/FUNCTION EVENT ATTIRE

GCA's Standard of Dress applies to ALL school functions, games (home and away), field trips, etc., unless specifically noted otherwise by the school administrator. We recognize that special consideration may be given for dress code during "spirit week" or other themed weeks.

Students may wear GCA T-shirts to ball games (athletic events only). School uniform bottoms must still be worn. If a student is coming to a game from another athletic practice, GCA sports wear may be worn.

FORMAL DRESS POLICY

Appropriate Formal Attire for Boys:

- Dark Suit (does not have to be black), white shirt, tie, and dress shoes that can be shined.

Appropriate Formal Attire for Girls:

- Hemlines and slits must be no higher than the middle of the knee (front, back, and sides). "Mini-dresses" and miniskirts are unacceptable.
- Tops must cover the shoulders, and necklines may not reveal any hint of cleavage.
- Allow enough ease so that clothing is not tight
- Undergarments are not to be seen. (Avoid oversized armholes, sheer material, and figure-hugging apparel).
- Garments that are backless or revealing in any position are considered immodest and should not be worn (no spaghetti straps).
- Shawls are not permitted unless they are attached to and a part of the dress.

Dress Check (for girls only)

All dresses must be approved by GCA designated staff at the announced times.

Disclaimer:

Students who are uncooperative with their dress will be asked to leave the event.