



# Uniform Guidelines

## General Grooming Guidelines

- All students should present a neat and clean appearance.
- Boys' hairstyles should be well maintained and groomed. Hair should not extend more than an inch beyond the top of the shirt collar and should be out of the eyes.
- No extreme hairstyles, i.e. mohawks.
- Dyed hair must be natural color.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times except on spirit Fridays.
- Girls: please wear a camisole or tank with any lower cut shirts. Modesty is required at all times. No tight-fitting clothing: any article of clothing that restricts movement or emphasizes bodily curves is not allowed.
- No excessive bagginess: anything that is oversized and not appropriately fitted, sags, or will not stay up is not allowed.
- Personal appearance that causes distraction or disruption is counterproductive to a healthy instructional environment and will be subject to review by the administration.

## Accessories

- Tights and leggings may be worn under skirts and must be solid uniform colors (red, black, white or gray.)
- All students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older must wear belts. They must be worn inside belt loops and be appropriate length. Belts are optional for PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Boys may wear uniform-colored, plaid or GCA logoed ties with a solid white or GCA embroidered oxford shirt.
- Girls may wear uniform-colored scarves or ties.
- Hats may not be worn inside of school.
- Socks may be any color, but not outlandish or distracting.
- Shoes must be closed-toed shoes with backs, athletic shoes, or boots in good repair. No steel-toes, hunting boots, work boots, clogs, slippers, house shoes, moccasins, or flip flops are allowed. No heels over 2 inches tall.
- Boys – no piercings.
- Girls – no piercings other than pierced ears. No nose piercings, including temporary plugs.
- No visible tattoos. This includes temporary tattoos and henna.
- Minimal jewelry is allowed. No stacked bracelets.

## Polos/Oxfords/Sweatshirts/Sweaters

- **All Polos** must be purchased from the GCA Spirit Store. All grades may choose polos in uniform colors red, black or white. In addition, High School students may wear gray polos.
- **Oxford shirts** must be white, button down style with a collar. These must have a GCA logo on them if worn without a tie. A solid white oxford shirt may be worn with a uniform-colored, plaid or GCA logoed tie.
- **Spirit shirts:** Each year PreK - 8<sup>th</sup> grade has a new required spirit t-shirt. This is required for all students in those grades, and can be worn on Spirit Fridays and must be worn on class field trips.

These are available through the GCA Spirit Store.

- **Sweatshirts** can be any non-hoodie sold at the GCA Spirit Store.
- **Sweaters** must be approved uniform colors in solid red, white, black, or gray. They must have the GCA logo embroidered on them to be worn in the halls and classrooms.

## Pants/Shorts/Skorts/Jumpers

- Khaki pants, shorts, skirts and skorts may be purchased at the store of your choice. Khaki jumpers, plaid jumpers and plaid skirts need to be purchased at the GCA Spirit Store.
- **Pants** must be khaki. Corduroy and cargo pants are permitted. Capri pants may be worn by girls, but they may not have drawstrings.
- **Shorts** must be khaki. Shorts may be no more than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap in the front and back.
- **Skorts/Jumpers** must be khaki or plaid. Skorts and jumpers may be no more than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap in the front and back. Please periodically check your daughter's skirt/skort lengths.
- If a skort is not being worn, shorts **must** be worn under all skirts at all times.
- All pants/shorts/skorts may **not** be made of stretch material (no leggings or yoga pants), or have holes, tears or rips.

## Outerwear

Jackets and coats are considered outerwear. Outerwear must fit appropriately and be removed in the classroom and hallways. Outerwear is meant to be worn while students are outside only. Students **MAY** wear sweatshirts (no hoodies) purchased at the Spirit Store or sweaters in solid black, red, white or gray, with the GCA logo on them any time while in class or in the hallways because they are considered part of the uniform. GCA athletic or spirit hoodies will **only** be allowed on Spirit Fridays.

## Spirit Fridays

On Fridays, students may wear GCA spirit shirts along with jeans, jean shorts, khaki pants or khaki shorts. GCA spirit shirts for Fridays need to be black, red, gray or white. Athletic or spirit hoodies may also be worn on Fridays only.

## P.E. Uniforms

P.E. shorts and shirts will be required for all students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades and must be purchased at the GCA Spirit Store.

## GCA Events

Dress Code STANDARDS must be followed at all GCA events. While GCA logoed attire is not required for extracurricular events, the standard of dress must be honored. In other words, students do not need to wear uniforms, but they must still be neat and modest as representatives of GCA. Specific guidelines will be provided for dances, banquets and other special events.

## Athletic Game Day Polos/Jerseys

MS and HS athletes may wear their game day polo ON GAME DAYS ONLY in place of a standard uniform shirt. Jerseys may be worn if the Middle School or High School Principal has given prior approval for an exception.