

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

GCA uses the Bible as its foundation for all courses, standards of conduct, and dress. The community measures our witness for Jesus along two visible lines: our appearance and our conduct. Jesus said that we are to be His representatives and His witnesses. Therefore, we must strive to attain the highest standards of excellence in these areas (and in all areas) as ambassadors of God, as witnesses to the world around us, and to His work in each of us and in GCA.

Self-esteem is often reflected in our choice of dress. At GCA, our experience indicates that Godly behavior, self-respect, and respect for others, rises in direct proportion to students' dress. Conduct is also directly affected. Essentially, the Scripture in I Timothy 2:9-10 says that it is all right to dress however you wish, unless you are making a claim to Godliness. In that case, the way that we dress must be subject to the guidelines and control of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of GCA's Dress Code is to achieve a standard of dress that is modest, proper, and discreet.

Jewelry-Girls may wear simple non-dangling earrings; no other body piercing is acceptable.

Jewelry – Boys no earrings or body piercing is acceptable.

Hair-Boys - Must be above the eyebrows and above the shirt collar, no more than halfway over the ear. Neat, clean, well groomed with absolutely no “tails”, punk styles, or designs.

Hair cont. – Cornrows may be worn by both male and female students. Cornrows can be no longer than top of shirt collar and no more than half way over the ears. Neat clean and well groomed with absolutely no dreadlocks.

Hair dyeing- unnatural colors, bleaching or styles that draw undue attention are not permitted.

Modest - Having a regard for decencies of behavior or dress; quiet and humble in appearance, style, etc.; not displaying one's body; not boastful or vain; unassuming; virtuous; shy or reserved; chaste.

Proper - Specially adapted or suitable; appropriate; conforming to an accepted standard; correct; fitting; right; decent.

Discreet - Showing modesty or good judgment; sensible; cautious; careful about what one says or does.

Many of today's “popular styles” are not conducive to the atmosphere that GCA strives to attain. Nor are they conducive to the values described above. They are frequently counter-productive to establishing an atmosphere of respect, discipline, and orderliness.

We realize the Dress Code is “narrow”. GCA is not attempting to be religiously legalistic, but rather to assure the prevention of distasteful styles, wild distracting colors, faddish styles reflective of worldly values, etc. Keeping a narrow profile is the only way to assure our witness and to make the Dress Code manageable. It is also much more economical and manageable for all our GCA families. A uniform is not uniform unless it is uniform.

“Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” I Corinthians 6:19-20

UNIFORM GUIDELINES ELEMENTARY (K-5)

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

A Dress Code Violation Form will be sent home with the student when the dress code is violated. Students who receive four (4) violations in a nine-week period will serve a lunch detention. Continued violations will result in a conference with the principal.

CHAPEL UNIFORM (GIRLS)

Jumper - Navy-Green plaid knee length, drop waist or split front with solid pleats.
Blouse - White only, rounded collar Peter Pan style - Short/Long Sleeve
Turtle Neck – white only during the months of Nov. through March.
Socks / Tights / Anklelets / Knee highs – white, navy, black or khaki

EVERYDAY UNIFORM OPTIONS

Blouse -White rounded collar Peter Pan style - Short/Long Sleeve White
Button down oxford - Short/Long Sleeve
Turtle neck – red, white, navy - Short/Long Sleeve
Knit polo – red, white, navy printed with GCA Logo- Short/Long Sleeve
Pants - uniform dress, navy or khaki printed with GCA logo, with a belt
Shorts – uniform dress, navy or khaki printed with GCA logo, with belt, knee length only during Sept/Oct or April-June.
Shoes – Dress shoes, loafers, tennis shoes that are black, white, navy, brown, and gray, with one accent color.
Socks / Tights / Anklelets / Knee highs – white, navy, black or khaki
Leggings – black, navy, white during Nov. through March months only

CHAPEL UNIFORM (BOYS)

Dress Pants - uniform dress, navy or khaki printed with GCA logo, with a belt.
Shirt - Button Down Oxford: White only
Turtle Neck – white only during the months of Nov. through March.
Vest - Navy V-Neck with GCA logo on chest, during Nov-March months.
Belt - grades 1-5 only (Kindergarteners need not wear a belt) Elastic belts are acceptable.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM OPTIONS

Shirt: Button down oxford – white
Knit polo: – red, white, navy printed with GCA logo- Short/Long Sleeve
Turtle neck: – red, white, navy printed - Short/Long Sleeve
Pants - uniform dress, navy or khaki printed with GCA logo, with a belt
Short: – uniform dress, navy or khaki printed with GCA logo, with belt, knee length only during Sept/Oct or April-June.
Shoes – Dress shoes, loafers, tennis shoes black, white, navy, brown, gray, with one accent color.
Socks / Anklelets / Knee highs – white, navy, black or khaki

UNIFORM GUIDELINES ELEMENTARY (K-5)

OFFICIAL GYM UNIFORM FOR ELEMENTARY (1-5)

T-shirt with GCA logo

Shorts with GCA logo, knee length

White socks – crew, anklets, knee high

Tennis Shoes – white, black, brown, gray or navy with one accent color with non marking soles.

Tennis Shoes – For Kindergarteners are to be Velcro only (unless student can tie their shoes)

Sweat shirt and Sweat pants with GCA logo

COLD WEATHER ACCESSORIES:

Sweaters: Navy or red Crew/V-Neck Cardigan, Crew/V-Neck Pullover with GCA logo

Sweatshirts: Ash grey with large embroidered GCA logo

Fleece Pullover or Full Zip Jacket: Navy with GCA logo

NOT ACCEPTABLE TYPE OF UNIFORMS

Shoes with openings of any kind, shoes should be fully enclosed. No slippers, crocs, sandals, flip-flops or beach shoes.

Leggings may not be worn in the place of uniform pants.

Cargo jeans or pants.

Oversized or undersized clothing (midriiffs or long tailed shirts).

Long sleeve shirts worn under short sleeve shirts.

Hoodies

Sweaters etc. tied around the waist

Sweat pants and slacks cannot be worn under the jumpers in place of tights or leggings.

MODESTY

Girls choosing to wear skirts must also wear dark biker shorts under their skirts so that they can run and play at recess without exposing their undergarment.

Our uniforms can be purchased at:
School Days Uniforms, 73 North Stygler Road, Gahanna, OH
614-476-4104