



Dress Code Policy

General Guidelines for All Students:

- Shirts must be completely buttoned with the exception of the top button. This also applies to elementary PE and casual days.
- Clothing must be clean, neat, and modest. No torn, ripped, or frayed clothing.
- Leggings may be worn under dresses or skirts, but not as standalone pants.
- Any extreme is not permitted.

General Guidelines for Elementary Boys and Girls:

- Girls may wear non-uniform shorts under dresses and skirts to allow for playground activities.
- Boys' shirts with tails must be tucked in, but polo's don't need to be.

General Guidelines – Secondary Boys and Girls:

- Secondary boys must wear a solid black or brown belt with pants and shorts.
- Boys' shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Accessories/Hair: Boys' hair must be neatly trimmed and cut off the eyebrows, off the collar, and must not extend below the middle of the ear. Sideburns should not extend below the bottom of the ear. Facial hair, beards, and/or mustaches are not permitted on students. No extreme hairstyles are permitted. Bleaching or dying of hair is permitted as long as it is a naturally-occurring color. Hats may not be worn inside buildings. Girls may pierce their ears, but all other piercing by all students is prohibited. Tattoos are prohibited for all students. Loose necklaces and large hoop earrings should not be worn due to safety concerns. A medical alert necklace or bracelet is the only exception.

Physical Education: Elementary students should wear uniform shorts or pants on PE day. Girls should not wear skirts or dresses. Elementary students may wear approved sweatshirts on PE day. Secondary students must wear a PE uniform, purchased through our approved vendor, which will affect PE grade if not worn. Athletic shoes must be worn for PE.

Sweatshirts: Elementary students may wear dress code sweatshirts on PE day. Secondary students may wear dress code, athletic dress code, or state sweatshirts on Fridays. Academy athletes may wear approved athletic sweatshirts on game days of that particular season (e.g., basketball players may wear them on days when they have basketball games). A dress code shirt must be worn underneath the sweatshirt.

Chapel (Girls): K-12 girls must wear a uniform skirt or skort to chapel. K-6 girls may also wear a uniform jumper or dress.

Chapel (Boys): K-6 boys may wear a polo shirt if it is worn under a sweater or sweater vest. They may also wear a button up shirt without a sweater or sweater vest. 7-12 boys must wear a button up shirt. Polos are not allowed. Ties are optional for chapel, but only approved ties may be worn. Shorts are prohibited.

Ties: Ties that contain uniform colors are allowed, but novelty ties are prohibited.

Fit of Clothing: Although uniform garments will not fit all students the same, uniforms should be the appropriate size for the student and should be worn as designed. Uniform skirts, jumpers, skorts and shorts are designed to be near knee length and should not be altered to be shorter unless altered to knee length. Some skirts are designed to ride on the hips, not the waist, in order to be the appropriate length. Garments should fit comfortably and fabric should hang freely rather than being tight and form fitting. Clothing should fit properly without being too tight or baggy, too long or short. Pants should not drag on the floor. At no time should skin show between tops and skirts or pants. Undergarments should never show.

Footwear: Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, slippers/lounge shoes, neon footwear and extreme styles are prohibited. Sandals must have straps and shoes must have material around the heels. Socks for boys and girls and tights/leggings for girls must be a solid color (black, navy, royal blue, light blue, brown, white).

Jr. High Students: Clothing items that are allowed in 6th grade, but not allowed in secondary, may be worn until the garments are outgrown.

Outerwear: Only approved logo outerwear and lettermen's jackets may be worn inside buildings. Uniform sweaters/vests may also be worn. Sweatshirts may only be worn in buildings on designated days. Lettermen's jackets may be worn inside buildings at any time.

Formal Event Dress Code

(Such as high school banquet and 8th grade banquet)

“Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

“Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

For boys, chapel dress is a minimum standard.

For girls, the most important thing is overall modesty at the neckline, sleeves, back, and length.

- Necklines should not be low or revealing. Make sure to check from above.
- No spaghetti straps, strapless or halter top dresses are allowed.
- Sleeveless tops are fine provided the style and cut of the dress is modest and the above guidelines are adhered to, but check arm holes so that nothing is revealing—especially when you sit. Modest tank top styles are fine.
- Any back openings cannot be lower than the normal line of a bra.
- Length is the same as school length (to the top of the knees) including slits.

Coverings: In some instances a garment that does not comply with all the above guidelines may be worn provided an acceptable covering is worn to completely and securely cover the area of the garment that is not in compliance. The covering must remain on and be held securely in place at all times including during pictures.

Other School-Related Functions

We ask that while students participate in a school function, they maintain Grace Academy's standards.

While each Grace Academy event requires a different level of dress, the moral aspects of the dress code are always in effect. Student dress at field trips, sporting events, concerts, senior graduation, senior tea, retreats, social activities, etc., should comply with previously mentioned standards regarding modesty.

For girls, while more casual styles may be allowed, depending on the nature of the event, school dress code regarding length of skirts, dresses, tops, and footwear will be enforced.