

## **DRESS CODE/SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Grace Christian is a place for instruction and learning. The Bible tells us that “*man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart*” (1 Samuel 16:7). The purpose of having a school dress code is to simplify the matter of student attire and place that issue in perspective with regard to the learning process. A dress code also promotes a sense of unity and equality among the students and encourages responsibility and self-discipline.

Parental role: While the faculty and associate principals have the responsibility to review and respond to student appearance, the school expects parents to monitor the appearance of their children so that their uniform and general appearance meet the dress code guidelines before the student leaves for school each morning. Please remember to label ALL clothing with your child’s name.

**Uniforms must be worn every day except for designated free dress days.  
Uniforms should have a traditional fit; neither too tight nor too loose.**

### **Chapel days**

All students are to wear a Grace logo polo shirt.

### **Pants and shorts**

Pants must be navy or khaki-colored and of uniform style.

### **Skirts, Jumpers, or Skorts**

These may be navy, khaki, or uniform plaid. Skirts must be gathered or pleated. They should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Short-sleeved white blouse or uniform-colored polo shirt/turtleneck must be worn under a jumper.

### **Shirts**

Students may wear forest green, navy blue, light yellow, or white, plain-collared, short-sleeved polo shirts. Students may purchase a Grace Christian School logo polo shirt.

### **Leggings**

Leggings must be solid, non-patterned in uniform color (forest green, navy blue, light yellow, white) gray, or black and may only be worn **under** skirts, skorts, and shorts. Leggings may not be worn instead of pants.

### **Layering**

Solid color forest green, navy blue, light yellow, white, grey, or black turtleneck shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, or short-sleeved t-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirt.

### **Sweatshirts, jackets or sweaters can be pull-over, buttoned, or zippered.**

- Navy with Grace Christian logo.
- May be a uniform solid color: forest green, navy blue, light yellow, white. Plain gray or black outerwear is also acceptable.
- Non-Grace logos may not be larger than the size of a quarter.
- Exceptions include 7th and 8th grade - Washington D.C. or Catalina class sweatshirts.

### **Shoes and Socks**

Students must wear properly fitting athletic shoes and socks. These shoes should be suitable for outdoor play, P.E., and other school activities.

### **Friday T-shirts and Field trip T-shirts**

On Fridays any official Grace T-shirt may be worn with uniform bottoms. This year’s current Friday T-shirt will also be worn for field trips. The Friday T-shirt is included with your registration fee.

## Hair

- Styles should reflect moderation. No extreme styles may be worn.
- Hair must be a natural color, neat, clean, and may not hang in the student's face.
- Hats and head coverings must be removed when inside.

## Jewelry/Accessories

- Students are allowed to wear modest jewelry, but jewelry that compromises safety will not be permitted. Examples include but are not limited to chains, dangling jewelry, large earrings, or spikes.
- Maximum of two earrings per ear may be worn.
- No ear plugs or piercing of body parts other than the ears.
- No markings on the body are allowed.
- As a general rule, we are asking parents to use sound judgment in what they are allowing their children to wear to school. If a piece of jewelry/headband could be a distraction or a safety hazard to your child or others, please ask your child to remove it before coming to school.

## Makeup & Nails

- Makeup is not permitted.
- Fake fingernails are not permitted.

## Free Dress Guidelines

On special "Free Dress" days, all participating students must adhere to the following guidelines. Students with inappropriate dress will be sent to the office, and parents will be required to bring appropriate clothing.

Clothes should have a traditional fit, neither too tight nor too loose and should not reflect inappropriate imagery, language or advertising.

- Skirts / Dresses
  - No shorter than two inches above the knee
  - Straps should be at least 2" in width
  - See-through, low-cut, or lacy tops are not permitted allowed
- Pants / Shorts / Skorts
  - No shorter than mid-thigh
  - No cut-off or ragged jeans: rips, holes, tears, etc may not be present above mid-thigh.
  - Undergarments should not be visible
- Shirts / Blouses
  - Straps should be at least 2" in width
  - No "drop shoulder styles" without a 2" wide strap underneath
  - No short tops (midriffs need to be covered when arms are raised.)
  - No see-through, low-cut, or lacy blouses allowed
- Shoes, Socks, Hair, Jewelry, Makeup, Nails, Belts
  - Same guidelines under School Uniform Specific Requirements apply.

**All clothing items must be maintained in good repair, clean, & appropriate in size, fit, and length.**