

DRESS CODE

The purpose of Grace Academy's dress code is to ensure that pupils dress modestly, that they do not seek to draw undue attention to themselves, and to encourage a dignity and discipline that honors God and is appropriate for their time at Grace Academy. This dress code is not intended to measure spirituality nor to promote legalism but rather to contribute to an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Pupils' dress impacts our school environment every day. A well-groomed and neatly attired pupil should come to school with an attitude that prepares him for neat, conscientious work. His dress should convey respect for himself, his fellow pupils, and his tutors.

A dress code can also encourage a team identity—one of which all pupils are a part. Our children are serving as witnesses and ambassadors both for the Lord Jesus Christ and the school. Pupil appearance is a reflection of both. Finally, peer pressure can be a major cause of stress and removing the worry of what to wear at “school” reduces that possible anxiety and prepares pupils to meet the demands of a rigorous academic environment. Common and regulated attire conveys respect for self, fellow pupils and tutors.

Deviations from the dress code will be addressed in the following manner: if the violation is easily corrected, the correction will be made. If a change or adjustment in attire is needed from home, the pupil will be asked to call a parent to bring the proper clothing, or a suitable selection made from the “Hall Closet” at Grace Academy, if available.

The first week of fall classes constitutes the only “grace” period for infringements of the dress code. After this time, one warning should be adequate.

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS

Boys:

- Navy blue or khaki dress slacks. (No denim – “chinos” are acceptable)
- White, solid blue, or blue pin striped - long or short-sleeved Oxford shirts.
- Solid white, red, navy or light blue Polo shirts.
- Shirts must have collars.
- White, red or navy turtlenecks or sweaters (over a collared shirt) may be worn in cold months.
- Dress shorts may be worn (weather-appropriate) in September, May and June.
- White, navy, black, gray or tan socks.

Girls:

- Navy blue or khaki - skirts, slacks, or jumpers. (No denim or cargo pants.) Skirts must be knee-length or longer.
- White, solid blue, or blue pin striped - long or short-sleeved Oxford shirts.
- White, red, navy or light blue Polo shirts.
- White, red or blue blouses.
- *Blouses must have collars.*
- White, red or navy turtlenecks or sweaters may be worn in cold months.
- Dress shorts or Capris may be worn as appropriate in the months of September, May and June.
- White, dark, or neutral-colored socks or stockings.

UPPER SCHOOL DRESS

Young Men and Women:

- Collared shirts (dress- and Oxford shirts tucked in, Polo-type shirts and blouses may be worn out if appropriate) or turtlenecks. Any solid color, stripe or all-over pattern is allowed.
- Pants, dresses, or skirts. Pants may be khaki or dress style - corduroy is allowed. Dresses and skirts may be solid, striped or patterned.
- Shorts and Capri-length pants may be worn during the months of September, May and June, (weather-appropriate).
- Clean shoes or sneakers in good repair.
- Open-toed footwear may be worn during the months of September, May and June (weather-appropriate, and following guidelines below)

The following are **NOT** permitted at any time (all levels):

- Sweatpants or other athletic wear.
- Visible undergarments
- Jeans
- Clothing with words, logos, depictions of people, symbols or anything that could be considered offensive.
- Leggings (unless worn under a skirt), sleepwear, or any skin-tight pants or shorts.
- T-shirts, hats, hoods or caps (indoors)
- Bare midriffs or spaghetti straps. Skin exposed lower than two inches below the collar-bone
- Skirts shorter than three inches above the knee cap (standing)
- Shorts shorter than four inches above the knee (standing)
- Tight or revealing clothing
- Backless shoes (including flip-flops), high heels, or any footwear that could pose safety issues.



A neat, modest appearance is expected of both boys and girls of all ages and at all times. To encourage this, the following guidelines will be observed:

- Oxford shirts should be tucked in at all times. Fitted blouses and Polos are excepted.
- Shoes (athletic or dress) should be clean. Laces tied. No ratty sneakers or sandals/clogs.
- No visible tattoos or body piercing with the exception of one pair of earrings (girls only).
- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and out of the face.
- Boys' hair should be no longer than collar length.
- No hats or hoods on during classes (or while eating!)
- Light, natural-looking make-up and/or nail polish may be worn with parental permission.
- Coats or other outerwear should not be worn during class time. Hooks are in the hallway.