DRESS CODE

School Uniform Policy for Grades 5-12

The basis for the dress code of Grace Christian School is the scriptural guideline of modesty and respect for authority. Student appearance should enhance a Christian's testimony of life adhering to biblical principles, rather than worldly standards. We ask for the cooperation of both parent and student in this matter of school dress. The following guidelines will be enforced on school property from student arrival to dismissal. After school activities still require adherence to the principles of modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and respect for authority as these activities are still times in which students represent Grace Christian School.

- 1. All clothing and accessories are to be modest, neat, clean, and in good repair.
- 2. No hats or caps to be worn in any building.
- 3. Any item purchased via the school approved uniform distributor may be worn during the school day. All uniform items are required to be purchased through the distributor and are thus approved clothing items by the school administration.* Except for grades K5-4th grade. They will abide by the same dress code but are not required to purchase their items form the uniform provider French Toast.
- 4. GCS sold t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies are allowed on all school days.
- 5. No opened-toed shoes or high heels will be allowed. Shoes with open backs are permitted.
- 6. Only natural hair colors are allowed. For boys, hair should not extend below the collar, eyebrows, or middle of the ear. Additionally, boys are prohibited from wearing any hair accessories.
- 7. The face must be clean shaven. Side-burns should not go below the earlobe.
- 8. No visible body piercings or tattoos are permissible for boys or girls. Girls may, however, wear modest ear jewelry.

In all matters regarding Grace Christian School's dress code, the school administration will have the final say on what is or is not approved for school attendance.

Cold-Weather Policy

All classrooms are maintained at a comfortable temperature. Jackets and coats cannot be worn in the classroom. Long sleeve shirts in solid black may be worn underneath the uniform shirt if the student desires. For girls, solid black leggings may be worn underneath the school uniform.

School Activities Policy

While afterschool activities do not fall under the same expectations as the school uniform policy, GCS administration does expect a certain level of modesty to be maintained at all events where the school is being represented. As such, students are not allowed to wear pants with holes, shirts with spaghetti straps, or other like clothing deemed inappropriate by the school administration.

*Regarding Item 3:

Grace Christian School is working with the uniform provider *French Toast* to ensure that correct uniform clothing is purchased by all students. This will prevent the various errors that arise from purchasing items from multiple vendors that "mostly" fit the uniform policy but fall outside of the GCS uniform requirement.

Parents will need to visit (*the French Toast website GCS store which is in the process of being built*) to gain access to all ordering options available to GCS students. The items that can be found there are:

- Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve Royal Blue Polo Shirts
- Khaki or black pants, shorts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers
- Leggings
- Jackets and sweaters
- Winter Hats (beanie/toboggan)

Outside of the clothing options available through *French Toast*, the only other items allowed to be worn at Grace Christian School are the various t-shirts, sweatshirts, and/or hoodies that have been or will be sold by GCS directly (often called "spirit wear").

For Grades K5-4th Grade:

These grades will have the same policy **but do not have to purchase** through the Uniform company French Toast.

- Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve Royal Blue Polo Shirts
- Khaki or black pants, shorts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers
- Black Leggings
- Jackets and sweaters (Black, Royal Blue, Gray)
- Winter Hats (beanie/toboggan)
- Any Grace t-shirt, sweatshirt, long sleeve shirt, jacket etc... that has been sold by GCS directly