

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

Under our basic school rules, we require Christian standards of behavior. As a Christian school, our high academic and behavioral standards should be reflected in the appearance of our facilities, faculty, staff, students and families. Therefore, it is important to understand that our dress code is a Campus Dress Code, applicable to our students and staff, and their siblings, children, parents, and all campus visitors. The following guidelines for attire are required at all times on campus (during school hours, aftercare and at any school function):

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Dress neatly - shoes tied, no holes/tears in clothes, clothing appropriately sized for the wearer.
- Be clean - recently washed and neat clothing. Clean, well-groomed hair. Older boys are to be clean-shaven.
- Be modest - no tops or pants of stretchy, clingy fabric, no short shorts, short skirts or hip-hugger pants or shorts. This applies to uniform attire. Dress in a manner that reflects your love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Be sensible. No offensive logos/phrases/pictures, etc. Do not dress in a manner that draws attention to oneself. There should be no priority on self-expression. One's attitude should reflect cheerful submission to the community of Gateway Christian Academy and its staff.

HAIRSTYLES

- Hair must be kept neat and clean and styled in a conservative style.
- Hairstyles should not include hair hanging below the eyebrows.
- Hairstyles that are radical, unusual, or distracting are not allowed.
- Artificial hair pieces and unnatural hair coloring are not allowed.

TATTOOS/PIERCINGS

- Tattoos and body piercing (other than the ears for girls) are not allowed.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

- Any of the following: forms of clothing, hair accessories, jewelry depicting rock groups, casinos, alcoholic beverages, peace symbols or any other questionable material are not allowed.

Teachers will refer habitual violations of the uniform policy or dress code to the Administrator. Students not complying with this uniform policy/dress code will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action. The school staff reserves the right to issue a warning to or ask a visitor to leave the campus if their attire does not meet the school's Christian standards of dress and behavior.

As determined by the Administrator, special events/field trips may call for other clothing options. Special days may be scheduled during which other clothing options are allowed (example: a day on which blue jeans and official school t-shirts can be worn). However, the principles of the uniform policy and dress code, outlined above, still apply.

SHIRTS

- Colors: Forest Green, Maroon, or Navy Blue
- Styles: Polo or Oxford (long or short sleeves), White Peter Pan collar, or Official School T-shirts of same colors
- Grades 2nd-6th must be worn tucked in

PANTS

- Colors: Khaki or Navy Blue
- Plain, NO cargos, capris, joggers, athletic pants or leggings (worn as pants)

SKIRTS/SKORTS

- Colors: Khaki, Navy Blue, or Royal Plaid #49
- Styles: A-line, knife, kick, box pleated, kilt (skort), or jumpers
- No shorter than 3" above the knee
- ALL GRADES: shorts no shorter than 3" above the knee or leggings **must be** worn with skirts, even those with built in shorts. For Grades 3rd and up, biking style shorts must be worn.

SHORTS

- Colors: Khaki or Navy Blue
- No shorter than 3" above the knee
- Plain, no cargos

BELTS

- Colors: Khaki, Black, Brown, or Navy Blue
- Style: Plain – NO DESIGNS
- MANDATORY for 2nd – 6th grades

SOCKS

- Colors: Khaki, White, Navy Blue, or Black
- Solid colors only
- REQUIRED for all grades

TIGHTS/LEGGINGS

- Colors: White, Navy Blue, Gray, or Black
- Style: Plain - NO DESIGNS

SHOES

- Any Color
- Styles: athletic, lace-up*, slip on, or loafer
- NO carton or toy figures
- NO open toe shoes, boots, sandals, heels, rollers or cleats
- *K3-K5 - NO LACE-UP
- Grades 1st and up – no lace-up if student cannot tie own shoes

UNDERSHIRTS

- Colors: White, Black, Navy, or Gray
- Styles: long or short sleeves, plain – NO DESIGN
- Worn under approved shirts

WINTER WEAR (WORN IN CLASS)

- Colors: Navy Blue or White
- Styles: Sweaters, sweatshirts, vests, ponchos, windbreakers, fleece jackets, sherpas (button-up or zipper)
- Plain or with school logo
- Cannot be worn tied around waist
- No hoods worn indoors

WINTER WEAR (WORN OUTDOORS ONLY)

- Any Color Jackets, Coats, Hats, Caps, or Gloves
- Styles: NO trench coats or backward hats/caps

HAIR ACCESSORIES

- Colors: Forest Green, Maroon, Navy Blue, Khaki, or Royal Plaid #49
- Styles: Small, plain with no beads, sequins or distracting features such as cat ears
- No artificial hair pieces

JEWELRY

- Colors: Gold or silver
- Styles: small and plain, nothing distracting
- PreK-K5 students may only wear pierced earrings
- Grades 1st and up may wear only one pair of earrings, one bracelet and one necklace
- No extremes in earrings, necklaces or bracelets

FRIDAY CLOTHING

Students may wear blue jeans and a Christian T-shirt

- Blue jeans must be a solid color – NO DESIGNS
- Blue jeans must not be: torn, ripped, have holes, frayed, hip-hugger, or low riding
- No cargos, capris, joggers, or jean leggings

Monograms are OPTIONAL. Only the established or approved school logos should be used for monograms.