

DRESS CODE (K3-12)

Students in grades K3-12th will be required to wear GBCS polo shirts or GBCS dress shirts, GBCS sweatshirts, GBCS cardigan sweaters, and/or GBCS fleece pullovers.

General Dress Code (Grades K3 - 12th)

The following general policies apply to both boys and girls:

- **GBCS shirts are to be worn. GBCS sweatshirts, vests, cardigan sweaters, or fleeces can be worn in the building over the GBCS shirt. Also, students who have been issued athletic jackets or mission team sweatshirts can wear them over GBCS shirts on designated jeans days or designated special event days. The collar of the GBCS shirt must be visible.**



More images and information can be found at the Flynn and O'Hara website:

<https://www.fando.net/home.asp>. Shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, vests and fleeces are to be purchased through Flynn an O'Hara and must have GBCS and the eagle on the front of the shirt in order to have consistency throughout the school.

- Athletic, casual and dress shoes are acceptable. All shoes must have a back. No open-back sandals, clogs or backless shoes of any kind are permitted. Shorts and Capri style pants can be worn from April 1st to September 30th. The shorts cannot be shorter than the crease of the knees.
- For girls, skirts must be as long as the crease in the back of the knee. This includes slits in skirts. **Because this is a modesty issue, girls who arrive in shorts or skirts shorter than the crease in the back of the knee will be asked to call home for a change of clothes and will receive, at a minimum, a dress code violation.**
- Sizes may be up to one size larger than normal. Also, clothing may not be form-fitting (showing an outline of the undergarments).
- Head coverings and hats are not to be worn in the building during the school day or during inside extra-curricular activities. *Head coverings and hats are to be removed before entering the building and not put back on until after exiting the building.*
- Coats and jackets may not be worn in hallways or classrooms. If the weather is cold, students may wear pullover GBCS sweatshirts, cardigans, and fleeces. The length of the pullover GBCS sweatshirt or fleece may not exceed the wrist bone when arms are extended.
- For boys, earrings, other body rings, and visible tattoos are not acceptable.

- Any apparel or accessory which contains words or symbols deemed inappropriate by GBCS is not acceptable to be worn at school.
- Girls and boys are to dress appropriately for their gender. Cross-gender dressing is not acceptable.

K3 – 6th Dress Code:

- Jeans must have proper fit (not form-fitting or more than one size larger.)
- Jeans cannot display any writing or graphics
- Jeans cannot be ripped or have the appearance of being ripped, or have a distressed look.
- Jeans are to be modest in design and fit
- Shorts must be worn under a girl's skirt

Below are examples of ripped or distressed jeans that ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:



7th – 12th Dress Code:

The following applies to both girls and boys:

- **Dress or casual slacks (khaki style) only are permitted.** (Pants which are made of denim or appear to look like jeans are not acceptable on a daily basis. Skinny pants which are form fitting and narrow at the ankles are not permitted on any day.)

Casual Khaki style slacks in any color are permitted. Belts must be worn if the slacks have belt loops. Note: the following are not acceptable: denim of any color, work or military pants, stretch or knit pants, Capri style pants, nylon or sweat pants, leather-look pants and athletic style pants. Slacks should be properly hemmed and not exceed the tops and sides of shoes in length.

Below is a picture of acceptable pants:



Acceptable pants can be found in several locations. The images above came from J.C. Penney, Target, Old Navy and Macy's.

Please remember that skinny pants are *not permitted*. Below are pictures of skinny pants which are *not permitted* in any type of fabric.



Pants and skirts do not have to be purchased through Flynn and O’Hara, but must follow the guidelines outlined above.

The following items apply to boys only:

- Hairstyles must not be longer than the collar. Hair is to be out of the eyes when combed naturally. Not permitted: ponytails, buns, or extremes in style or color.
- Boys in grades 9–12 may have neatly groomed mustaches; seniors may wear neatly groomed beards.
- All GBCS shirts must be tucked in at all times.

The following items apply to girls only:

- Hairstyles must be in good taste. Only naturally occurring hair colors are permitted. Not permitted: extremes in style or color.
- Make-up and nail polish must be in good taste (no extremes). Earrings are permitted, but body rings and visible tattoos are not.
- *GBCS shirts may be worn outside the pants and skirts. **The GBCS shirt must be purchased in a size which is below the waist at all times, including when arms are raised above the head, and is loose fitting.***

Extracurricular events: the above code is permitted with the addition of jeans unless it is a non-athletic dress up activity.

Final Note: We cannot anticipate changes in styles that occur during the school year, nor can we list every clothing item that is unacceptable. GBCS reserves the right to make clarifications and changes during the school year that are in accordance with the above standards.

General Guidelines

The goal of the dress code is neatness and modesty. Students may only wear items that are on the permitted list below. If a student’s clothing presents a sloppy or immodest appearance, he/she will be asked not to wear the outfit in question. Students may bring in questionable clothing to the Dress Code Coordinator or Director of Student Services for

clarification. *Students must be in dress code upon entering the school and are to remain in dress code until after exiting the building. This includes, but is not limited to, the removal of head coverings and tucking in shirts.* The dress code at GBCS applies to all programs on and off campus. Its purpose is to create an environment that promotes the development of character qualities necessary for successful involvement in a non-Christian society that supports the school as a center for Christian culture, and reflects genuine concern for the following:

Modesty

Individual dress should be appropriate for school, avoiding excesses and the inappropriate display of one's body. Our desire is to minimize the distractions that certain styles create.

EXAMPLE: Form-fitting clothes, revealing necklines, short skirts, tops that expose the midriff area, see-through materials, etc.

Safety

Certain clothes or accessories can cause injury. Also, clothes or accessories worn improperly can cause harm.

EXAMPLE: Sandals without straps in the back or flip-flops can be hazardous while climbing the school's stairways.

Hygiene

A part of a student's education includes principles that promote health, sanitation, and the prevention of disease.

EXAMPLE: Students should wear shoes and undergarments.

Appropriateness

Clothes that are suitable for one purpose may not be suitable for another. Students are expected to dress neatly. One's behavior is usually commensurate with one's dress. A distinction between the sexes should be discernable. Also, winter outerwear is inappropriate in the building.

EXAMPLE: Gym clothes, sweat pants, athletic uniforms, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves should not be worn in classrooms or hallways.

Moderation and Balance

Moderation is the avoidance of excesses and extremes in dress. It is dress within reasonable limits. Our goal is learning, which takes place best in an environment free from distractions. If a student's hairstyle is a distraction, the student will be asked to moderate it.

EXAMPLE: Certain hairstyles may be distracting in the classroom. Oversize or baggy slacks are not permitted. Certain prints/designs of fabric can also be distracting and should be avoided.

Biblical Morality

We want our students to live by the Christian standards we teach in class.

EXAMPLE: Students cannot wear clothing with inappropriate themes: immorality, satanic symbols, rock bands, suggestive symbolisms, etc.

Christian Unity

We want to encourage a Christian love/bond between our students.

EXAMPLE: Students should not wear symbols, phrases, portraits, etc., which could imply racial division; nor should these symbols be evident in notebooks, book covers and other accessories.

JEANS DAY DRESS CODE

On various special days during the year students will be given the opportunity to wear jeans during the school day. The following list contains rules to follow on a jeans day:

- 1) Jeans must be in good taste.
 - a) Jeans must have proper fit (not form-fitting, only one size larger than normal size, no skinny jeans).
 - b) Jeans cannot display any writing or graphics.
 - c) Jeans cannot be ripped or have the appearance of being ripped, or have a distressed look. (See examples of jeans that are not acceptable in the above listing.)
 - d) Jeans are to be modest in design and fit.
- 2) A GBCS shirt or T-shirt, obtained through the school, can be worn on jeans day. However, the shirt may remain un-tucked throughout the day.
 - a) The GBCS shirt may be from a current year or past year.
 - b) The GBCS shirt cannot be altered in any way.
 - c) A collared shirt which follows normal dress code rules can also be worn on jeans days.
- 3) All other dress code rules apply on jeans day. Some examples are, but not limited to:
 - a) Belts must be worn if jeans have loops.
 - b) Shoes must be in dress code and properly tied or buckled.
 - c) Hair must follow dress code.
 - d) All accessories must meet both safety rules and dress code rules.