



Dress Code

The dress code at Guardian Christian Academy is designed to train students to dress modestly and in good Christian taste. The desire of the school is that our students be a testimony and an example of Christ in their personal appearance. Self-control and individual responsibility is the expectation. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, for this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:1).

Enforcement and interpretation of the dress code rests with the Administrator, but parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their children abide by all aspects of the dress code. Any apparel which a student or parent has doubts or questions about shall be brought to school for approval prior to wearing the garment or item.

All clothing must fit properly. Form-fitting or skin-tight clothes are prohibited, as are baggy clothing styles. No undergarments should be visible at any time. Extreme fads should be avoided. Clothing, hairstyles, or other items that are distracting that draw undue attention to the student or the student’s body, or that contradict the Christian standards of GCA, should be avoided.

Based on the above general guidelines, the following specific standards have been set:

CATEGORY	BOYS	GIRLS
<i>Tops</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shirts with a collar in any color or style (solid, striped or patterned) can be worn for regular school days. Shirts should not contain messages. Boys’ shirts that have tails shall be tucked into pants.• Midriff and lower back must be covered so that no skin or undergarments are visible when seated or bending over.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nice shirts in any color or style (solid, striped or patterned) can be worn for regular school days. Shirts should not contain messages. Shirts must have at least short sleeves.• Midriff and lower back must be covered so that no skin or undergarments are visible when seated or bending over.• Absolutely no cleavage may be visible at any time.• If untucked, shirts should not exceed mid-thigh.
<i>Pants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Docker style pants, khakis, or cargo pants may be worn.• Jeans may be worn, if they are in good condition.• Unkempt pants (holey, frayed, or patched) are not allowed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Docker style pants, khakis, or cargo pants may be worn.• Jeans may be worn, if they are in good condition.• Unkempt pants (holey, frayed, or patched) are not allowed.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Capri pants, skinny jeans or form fitting pants are allowed. • No pajama pants, sweat pants or spandex • No writing is allowed on the seat of pants. • Pants must be worn at the waist (above the hip bones). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capri pants may be worn by girls if the hem completely covers the knee. • No skinny jeans or form fitting pants are allowed. • No pajama pants, sweat pants or spandex. • No writing is allowed on the seat of pants. • Pants must be worn at the waist
Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking-style, cargo, and jean shorts may be worn. • Shorts must have a hem and must clearly touch the knee when standing, without stretching the pants. • Gym shorts are only allowed for P.E. class and must clearly touch the knee when standing, without having to be stretched. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking-style, cargo, and jean shorts may be worn. • Shorts must have a hem and must clearly touch the knee when standing, without having to be stretched. • Gym shorts are only allowed for P.E. class and must clearly touch the knee when standing, without having to be stretched.
Skirts	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirt length must exceed the knee when worn without leggings. • When a skirt has a slit, the slit must not be higher than the knee. • If leggings are worn under a skirt, the skirt length must still clearly touch the knee, without having to be stretched.
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No slippers or flip-flops • No shoes with wheels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No slippers or flip-flops • All shoes must at least have a heel strap. • No shoes with wheels
Hair/Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair should be neat and groomed at all times and should not cover the eyes. (If administration feels hair is not kept groomed, a haircut will be required.) • Facial hair will only be permitted to those students who can keep well-maintained facial hair or those rare students that suffer from shaving bumps (doctor's note will be required.) Facial hair shall not be grown during the school year, if no previous hair existed. • Extreme haircuts, including ponytails, Mohawks, razor-shaved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must maintain a natural hair color (including highlights) • Extreme hairstyles should be avoided. • Hair must be kept out of the eyes. • Hoodies can be worn for warmth, but the hood cannot be placed over the head during school hours or in the building. If at any time hoodies become a problem, they will be banned.



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	<p>heads and unnatural coloring are not allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hats, bandanas, headbands, hoods, or head coverings of any kind may be worn during school hours. • Hoodies can be worn for warmth, but the hood cannot be placed over the head during school hours or in the building. If at any time hoodies become a problem, they will be banned. 	
<i>Jewelry, Accessories, Piercings, & Tattoos</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visible piercings and tattoos are prohibited. • Spiked collars, spiked bracelets, or chains hanging from garments are not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visible piercings and tattoos are prohibited, except a single earring in each ear lobe. • Spiked collars, spiked bracelets, or chains hanging from garments are not allowed.
<i>Physical Ed.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knee-length gym shorts and a crew-neck T-shirt, or sweat pants and a sweat shirt should be worn by all students for P.E. All other modesty rules apply to P.E. • Tennis shoes must be worn with securely tied laces or Velcro straps. If the shoes have both, laces must be tied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knee-length gym shorts and a crew-neck T-shirt, or sweat pants and a sweat shirt should be worn by all students for P.E. All other modesty rules apply to P.E. • Tennis shoes must be worn with securely tied laces or Velcro straps. If the shoes have both, laces must be tied.
<i>Extracurricular Activities & Field Trips</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This dress code applies to all school-sponsored activities and functions, even if held outside of regular school hours, or off campus. Occasionally, dress code exceptions may be allowed with special permission from the administration, for unique school activities, parties, or Spirit Week. • Students will wear GCA spirit shirts for field trips. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This dress code applies to all school-sponsored activities and functions, even if held outside of regular school hours, or off campus. Occasionally, dress code exceptions may be allowed with special permission from the administration, for unique school activities, parties, or Spirit Week. • Students will wear GCA spirit shirts for field trips.
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will wear spirit shirt and jeans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will wear spirit shirt and jeans.