

US Back to School Mailing

US Dress code 2021-22

D. UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Parents' cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values and minimizes distractions. With a wide range of acceptable dress in the greater community, the school chooses to adhere to a dress code that favors more modest attire. Fashion is unpredictable and constantly changing; therefore, this dress code may not fully address every new trend. In areas where the dress code is silent or unclear, faculty and staff will interpret and enforce the intended "spirit" of the dress code with administrators' oversight. The school reserves the right to clarify or modify this dress code throughout the school year. Any changes will be shared promptly, and in writing, with the Gaston Day community through email or direct mail.

General Dress and Appearance Guidelines

Students are required to be neatly and properly dressed at all times during the school day. This dress code applies to all students on campus at any time during any school day (including students on campus but not attending a class, temporarily on campus running errands, departing for a trip, etc.)

Presentable Daily Wear

- Students must wear clean and size-appropriate shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, t-shirts, and jackets.
- Designs must contain appropriate language/images.
- Necklines should not expose cleavage.
- Shirts must completely cover the torso during normal daily activity.
- No undergarments may be visible at any time. An undershirt may not be worn as a substitute for a shirt.
- Midriff tops, tank tops, and spaghetti straps are unacceptable. Sleeveless tops should have at least three finger-width straps.
- Pants/jeans must be size-appropriate, neat, and presentable.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Shorts must be no longer than the bottom of the kneecap.
- Leggings are acceptable if worn underneath a size-appropriate skirt, dress, or shorts.
- Clothing that is frayed, torn, or slit is unacceptable.
- Athletic pants and warm-up suits are permitted. No athletic shorts are permitted.
- Tennis shoes, casual shoes, and athletic sandals are acceptable.
- No hats or caps are to be worn inside any building on campus.
- Jewelry and accessories are acceptable as long as they are conservative.
- Piercings (other than the ear) are unacceptable.

Dress Code Violations

Students not following the dress code at any point during the school day will be assigned a violation. Repeated dress code infractions may lead to additional disciplinary consequences.

Business Dress Day Options

As part of the COVID-19 Response, all high dress days for the 2021-22 school year have been suspended. We recognize that many of the events typically requiring high dress will not be possible in their traditional format. We will resume High Dress for the 2022-23 school year. For the 2021-22 school year we will have a Dress Day option which will follow a business casual dress code. This can be used for class presentations, field trips, and/or special events.

Acceptable Business Dress Day

- Pants in solid colors black, navy blue, khaki, or grey (no shorts, denim, or corduroy material)
- Dresses and/or skirts need to be mid-thigh; If wearing a dress or skirt, tights (navy or black only), skin-tone pantyhose, navy or black ankle or knee socks, or bare legs (no leggings or leg warmers)
- Belts, socks, traditional or bow ties should be GDS or solid (no pattern)
- Dress shoes (black, brown, or navy) are defined as closed-toe shoes with a back and in good condition; sandals (including Crocs and Birkenstocks), boots, and canvas shoes are not acceptable; Sperrys are acceptable if they are brown, black or navy; heels may be no higher than two inches
- Accessories must be conservative (no colorful belts, scarves, necklaces, or pins)