

# GASTON DAY SCHOOL CLOTHING STYLE GUIDE

**High Dress Uniform** | On specially designated days of community celebration, all students must wear the official Gaston Day School High Dress Uniform. Students will be issued a school crest to be worn on the blazer pocket. With the exception of the school tie and crest, all high dress items may be purchased from a local department store or Lands' End. See published materials or the school website for more details.

All portions of the high dress uniform are to be worn throughout the school day, including during breaks, lunch, free periods, and assemblies. A student may remove his/her blazer during class.

Navy long sleeve  
two-button  
blazer

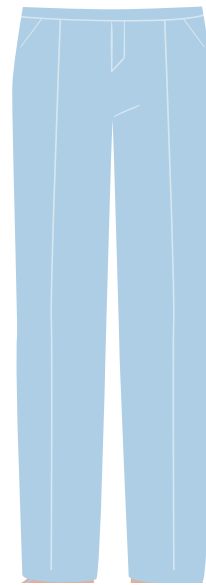
School crest on blazer left chest (crest given from the school; to be purchased through the school if crest is lost)



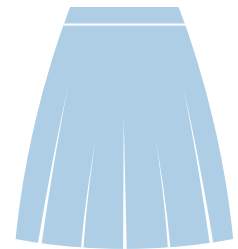
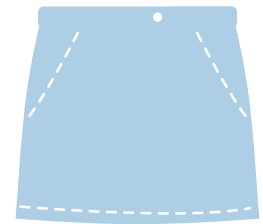
White  
shirt/blouse with  
pressed collar or  
button-down  
collar, tucked in  
(short or long  
sleeve)



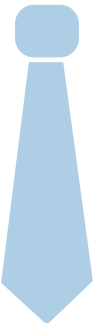
Khaki pants  
(no shorts,  
denim, or  
corduroy  
material)



Khaki skirt  
(plain or with  
limited pleats)  
that is no more  
than six inches  
from the knee



Traditional or bow tie –solid  
color in Carolina (light) or  
navy blue; (school ties may  
be purchased and are  
optional)



If wearing pants, solid (no  
pattern) brown, black or blue belt

If wearing a skirt, tights (navy or black  
only), skin-tone pantyhose, navy or  
black ankle or knee socks, or bare legs  
(no leggings). If wearing socks, solid  
(no pattern) brown, black or blue



Dress shoes (black, brown, or navy) are defined as closed-toe shoes with a back and in good condition; sandals (including Crocs and Birkenstocks) and 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

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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.

## **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.**
- **Clothing that is torn or slit is unacceptable.**
- **Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no more than six inches from the knee.**
- **Athletic wear, warm-up suits, sweat pants, leggings, pajama/lounge pants, and tennis skirts are unacceptable.**
- **Tennis shoes, casual shoes, and athletic sandals are acceptable.**
- **No hats, caps, or hoods are to be worn inside any building on campus.**
- **Jewelry and accessories are acceptable as long as it is not distracting to the learning process.**
- **Piercings (other than the ear) are unacceptable.**

## **Dress Down Attire For Students- (Dress Down Fridays)**

On certain designated occasions, students have an option for a relaxed dress code. Every Friday is Dress Down Friday for students unless there is a program on that day. On any of these occasions, the "spirit" of the daily dress code applies. The faculty/administrator organizing an event will provide specific guidelines for relaxed attire; students should ask questions and seek any clarification for special dress guidelines in advance of the event. If a student is uncertain or confused about relaxed attire guidelines for a special occasion, he/she is expected to follow the standard daily dress code.

Dress Down Friday-Athletic wear, warm-up suits, sweat pants, and leggings (with a top that is no more than six inches from the knee) are acceptable only on Dress Down Days/Fridays. Athletic shorts must be no more than six inches from the knee.