



2023-24 US Dress Code

Gaston Day School's mission is to educate and prepare our students for academic success and responsible, productive lives.

Students are required to be neatly and appropriately 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.). Parents' cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values and minimizes distractions. Appearance is important, especially since our campus is open to parents, grandparents, alumni, prospective students and their families, potential donors, guest speakers, and community members.

The US Dress Code's goals are to:

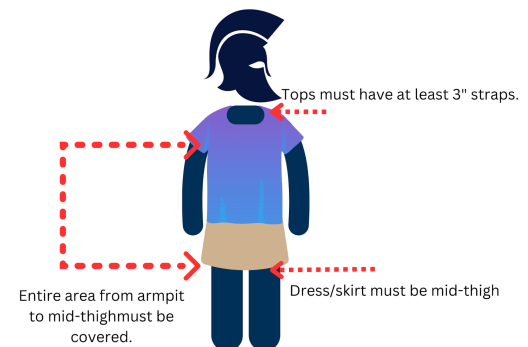
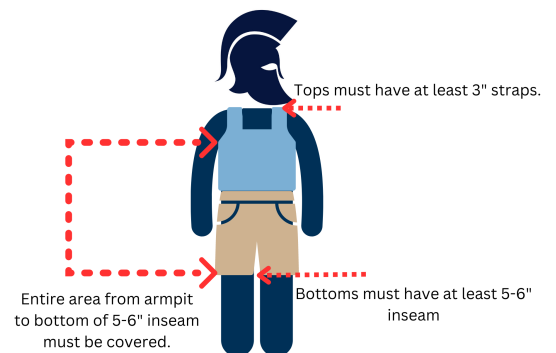
- Support our school mission, vision, and values
- Promote respect for self, peers, and the community
- Set a positive learning environment for all students
- Allow students to be authentically comfortable while also complying with equitable dress code policies

Spartans may wear: (all clothing must be size-appropriate)

- Athletic wear (warm-up suits, joggers, and sweatpants)
- Casual/dress shorts—at least 5" inseam
- Hoodies (hoods should be off while in the buildings)
- Ripped/frayed (below the knee) jeans
- Opaque leggings with top or dress covering to mid-thigh
- Athletes- Approved Game Day Dress (students are not permitted to wear their uniforms to school)

Spartans may **not** wear:

- Any clothing that has slogans, campaigns, or viewpoints that distract from the learning environment
- Any clothing that depicts or suggests drugs, alcohol, vaping, violence, or any other inappropriate language/images
- Strapless tops/dresses, spaghetti straps, or tank tops
- Crop/midriff tops that expose the torso
- Pajama/lounge pants, swimwear, biker/gym shorts, or tennis skirts
- See-through or mesh clothing that allows undergarments or cleavage to be seen
- Hats or caps inside any building on campus





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.

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 (optional) 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.

Acceptable High Dress

- Navy long-sleeve two-button blazer
- School crest on blazer left chest (to be purchased through the school)
- White shirt/blouse with pressed collar or button-down collar should be tucked in (short or long sleeve)
- Khaki skirt (plain or with limited pleats) that is no more than six inches from the knee or khaki pants (no shorts, denim, or corduroy material)
- 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 pants, solid (no pattern) brown, black or blue belt
- 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
- Accessories must be conservative (no colorful belts, scarves, pins, or necklaces)
- Traditional or bow tie –solid color in Carolina (light) or navy blue; school ties may be purchased and are optional
- If wearing socks, solid (no pattern) brown, black or blue

PE Dress Code and Uniform

Students enrolled in Physical Education are required to comply with the following PE Uniform expectations:

- Students must wear any t-shirt with appropriate language/images.
- Students must wear gym shorts/sweatpants of appropriate size/length.
- Students must wear socks.
- Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes.



Students failing to dress in athletic attire and athletic shoes may still be allowed to participate, but will lose points on their overall grade for the course.

Game Day Dress

As a matter of team and school pride and morale, athletic teams and other co-curricular groups may dress in a uniform manner on designated days. The group appearance may range from business dress day to team t-shirts or warm-ups. Students are not permitted to wear their game uniforms to school.