



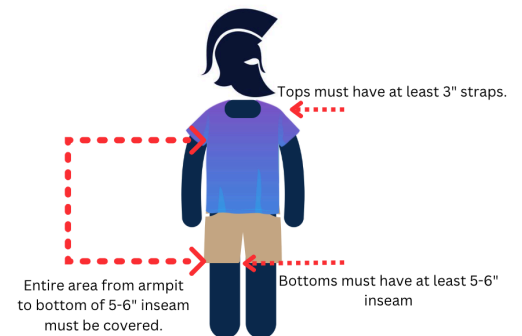
2025-26 MS/US Dress Code

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. If students are uncertain or confused about the dress code, they are likely not compliant. **If a student is in doubt about whether a particular outfit or piece of clothing is acceptable within the dress code, it is the student's responsibility to get an opinion from the Dean of Students.**

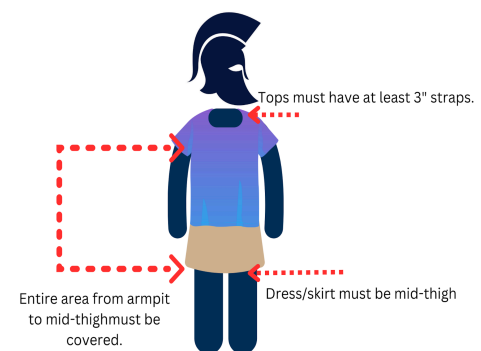
The Dress Code's goals are to:

- 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



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

- Shorts w/button closure—at least 5" inseam (fingertip length and no pull ons)
- Skirts, dresses, and rompers must be at least fingertip length
- Jeans
- Pants/slacks/trousers
- Dress joggers-drawstrings and/or elastic waistband should be covered (woven khaki or twill fabric)
- Hoodies (hoods should be off while in the buildings)
- Athletes- Approved Game Day Dress (students are not permitted to wear their uniforms to school)



MS/US Spartans may **not** wear:

- Athletic bottoms (warm-up pants, sweatpants, track pants sports/sweat shorts w/nylon, spandex/lycra, polyester, cotton/knit/fleece blends etc.)
- Loungewear
- Joggers (nylon, spandex/lycra, polyester, cotton/knit/fleece blends etc.)
- 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
- Tops that expose the torso at any time (no cut-outs) for example, if your torso is exposed when you raise your arms, that is inappropriate
- Ripped/frayed (above the knee) jeans
- Leggings/yoga pants
- Pajama/pajama-like pants, swimwear, biker/gym shorts, frayed shorts, or tennis skirts
- See-through, off-the-shoulder, or mesh clothing that allows undergarments or cleavage to be seen
- Hats, caps, or hoods inside any building on campus

Dress Down Friday Attire For Students

- Athletic pants
- Athletic joggers
- Athletic shorts-must be at least 5" inseam and at least fingertip length
- Leggings/yoga pants with top or dress covering to mid-thigh

On certain designated occasions, students have an option for a relaxed dress code. 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 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 buttoned-down 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 at least fingertip length or straight-leg khaki buttoned waistband trousers (no drawstring and no shorts, denim, performance, 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, a 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; heels may be no higher than two inches
- Sandals (including Crocs and Birkenstocks), sneakers, boots, and canvas shoes are not acceptable
- 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 from the school (optional)
- Socks must be solid (no pattern), brown, black, or navy blue
- White socks are not acceptable

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

Athletic teams and other co-curricular groups may dress uniformly on designated days as a matter of team and school pride and morale. 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.