



GCA Dress Code and Uniform Options

While understanding that compliance with the dress code cannot be used to measure a student's spirituality, his/her attitude toward the rules and willingness to comply indicates a Christ-like attitude. The school dress code is intended to minimize confusion, simplify the purchasing of school clothing, and discourage extreme fads and styles. Students in 6th–12th grades violating the dress code will receive a dress code violation. Four (4) dress code violations in one quarter will result in a detention. Each additional infraction after the fourth (4th) dress code violation will result in a detention.

Please read the Dress Code carefully before purchasing uniforms and Spirit Wear. Save your receipt if you are unsure if an item meets the dress code.

GCA GIRLS Uniform Options

SHIRTS for Girls:

- **Polo:** Plain hunter green, navy blue, red or white. Long or short sleeves. No trim or ruching/ruffling, no "stretch" styles, no pockets, no logos. Shirts may not be "oversized" and/or too long or too short.
- **Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt:** Button-front, long- or short-sleeve, no logos or embellishments.
- **White Round-Collar Blouse:** Plain, button-front, long or short sleeves. No trim or ruching/ruffling, no "stretch" styles, no pockets, no logos. (Typically worn in Elementary only.)

SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS WORN OVER UNIFORM SHIRTS:

NOTE: A uniform polo or Oxford must be worn underneath uniform sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets during school hours.

- **Sweaters:** Only plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Plain crew- or V-neck uniform-style cardigans, pullovers and vests are permitted. Regular-sized pockets are permitted. No long and/or flowy open styles are permitted. A uniform polo-style shirt or Oxford shirt must be worn underneath all sweater options during the school day.
- **Sweatshirts:** Black, grey, hunter green or navy blue only with an **approved GCA logo**. A uniform polo-style shirt or Oxford shirt must be worn underneath all sweatshirt options during the school day. Plain sweatshirts are NOT permitted—they must have an approved GCA logo.

Sweatshirt requirements:

- GCA logos at District Image/Big Walnut Apparel, Educational Apparel, JC Manny, Schoolbellies, MyLocker.net or GCA Spirit Wear sales.
- Approved fabric colors: Black, grey, hunter green or navy blue sweatshirts, hoodies or jackets.
- Approved accent/lettering colors: hunter green or white.
- Approved graphics: student last name, approved GCA logo (i.e., Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo), and/or a GCA sports number).

PANTS and SKIRTS for Girls:

- **Skirts:** Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue. No shorter than three inches above knees. The GCA plaid is currently available only at Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles and School Closet.

Two skirt styles:

- 4-pleat skirt with elastic back
- Pleated with side zipper

- **Shorts:** Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no cargo pockets. No shorter than three inches above knees.
- **Pants:** Khaki or navy blue, pleated or flat-front, no “skinny/pencil” or “stretch” styles, no cargo pockets.

For K-5th GRADE GIRLS ONLY:

- **Jumper:** GCA Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue drop-waist jumper with pleated skirt (currently available only at Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles and School Closet.) Must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- **Polo Dress:** Plain hunter green, navy blue or red. Long or short sleeves. No trim, ruching/ruffling, pockets or logos. Knee length preferred. Must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- **Skort/Scooter:** GCA Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue. Must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. (Try these on or measure carefully—skorts and scooters vary in length.)

Girls Supplemental Uniform Item Requirements and Other Rules

- **Tights/Leggings**—only solid black, grey, navy blue or white worn under a skirt of approved length.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible. Visible undershirts/tank-tops worn beneath polos and Oxfords must be white and plain with no designs.
- **Hair Accessories**—must be appropriate for school attire.
- **Jewelry**—Earrings (girls only) are the only pierced jewelry permitted during school. All jewelry must be inoffensive to the Christian faith. Excessive or inappropriate jewelry will be addressed individually.

GCA BOYS Uniform Options

SHIRTS for Boys:

- **Polo**: Plain hunter green, navy blue, red or white. Long- or short-sleeve. No trim, no “stretch” styles, no pockets, no logos. Shirts may not be “oversized” and/or too long or too short.
- **Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt**: Button-front, long- or short-sleeve, no logos/embellishments.

SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS WORN OVER UNIFORM SHIRTS:

NOTE: A uniform Polo or Oxford (described above) must be worn underneath uniform sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets during school hours.

- **Sweaters**: Only in plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Only plain crew- or V-neck uniform-style cardigans, pullovers and vests are permitted. Regular-sized pockets are permitted. No long and/or flowy open styles are permitted. A uniform polo-style shirt or Oxford shirt must be worn underneath all sweater options during the school day.
- **Sweatshirts**: Black, grey, hunter green or navy blue with approved GCA Logo only. A uniform polo-style shirt or Oxford shirt must be worn underneath all sweatshirt options during the school day. Plain sweatshirts are NOT permitted—they must have an approved GCA logo to be worn during the school day.

Sweatshirt requirements:

- GCA logos at District Image/Big Walnut Apparel, Educational Apparel, JC Manny, Schoolbelles, MyLocker.net or GCA Spirit Store.
- Approved fabric colors: Black, grey, hunter green or navy blue sweatshirts, hoodies or jackets.
- Approved accent/lettering colors: hunter green or white.
- Approved graphics are: student’s last name, approved GCA logo/graphic (i.e., Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo), and/or a GCA sports number).

PANTS for boys:

- **Shorts**: Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no cargo pockets. No shorter than two inches above knees.
- **Pants**: Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no “skinny/pencil” or “stretch” styles, no cargo pockets.

Boys Supplemental Uniform Item Requirements and Other Rules

- **Belt**—in a coordinating color that is worn with pants and shorts is recommended for grades 6–12. Sagging pants are not permitted.
- **Socks** must be worn at all times.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times. Undershirts worn beneath uniform shirts must be white without logos, pictures or words.
- **Jewelry**—No earrings or other pierced jewelry is permitted for boys.
- **Hair**—Must be clean and well-groomed. Hair length must be cut and styled so that the hair does not fall below the eyebrows or below the bottom of the ears on the sides and below the bottom of the collar length in the back. Extreme hairstyles will be addressed on an individual basis.
- **Facial Hair**—Must be clean-shaven and/or neatly trimmed at all times. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. No extreme facial hair styles are permitted. Makeup and/or nail polish are not permitted to be worn by boys.

General Dress Code Information for Boys and Girls

1. Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times—Grades 6–12.
2. Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
3. Oversized and/or saggy clothing is not permitted.
4. Heels and soles of shoes should not exceed two inches in height.
5. Closed-toe shoes only (no flip-flops or Croc-styles allowed).
6. Socks must be worn with shoes—Boys only.
7. No decorations or logos other than those adopted by the school on approved items only.
8. All school attire must be clean, hemmed and in good repair.
9. If an undershirt is worn beneath a uniform polo or Oxford shirt for comfort, it must be white without any logos, pictures or words. A uniform polo or Oxford always must be worn under an approved GCA sweater, sweatshirt or jacket during school hours.
10. Hats, scarves or other accessories may not be worn in school at any time including dress- down/Spirit Wear days. (The exception is a designated costume day during Spirit Week.)
11. Chains (choker, wallet, etc.) are not permitted.
12. Extreme hairstyles or colors that draw undue attention are not permitted.
13. Apparel at school and all school-related activities must be modest, appropriate and God-honoring. Students may be required to change clothes if an administrator deems it necessary.

Dress Down/Spirit Day Policy

On days when students are permitted to “dress down” in “Spirit Wear or other special event and not required to wear the approved school uniforms, the following policy must be followed:

- Clothing must be clean and neat. Tears or holes in clothing are not allowed. Clothing must be modest and not draw undue attention to a student’s physical appearance. Students violating this policy will be required to contact a parent to receive a change of clothing.
- Only approved style shirts and sweatshirts with approved GCA logos may be worn on dress down and Spirit Wear Days unless otherwise specified by Administration. Only polo-style or crew-neck shirts are permitted. No V-neck, cropped or tank tops are allowed. Students violating this policy will be required to contact a parent to receive a change of clothing.
- Students may only wear jeans (or capri-style jeans for girls only) in blue or black denim only, or uniform shorts, skirts or pants unless otherwise specified by Administration. Jeans may **not** have

holes or tears in them. Uniform shorts and skirts must fall three (3) inches above the knee when standing (even when worn with tights or leggings).

- Leggings (and “jeggings”) **may not be worn as pants**. Leggings may only be worn under a skirt of approved length. Sweatpants and athletic pants are **not** allowed.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn. (Croc-styles are not permitted.)
- Hats or hoods may only be worn on specially designated hat days.

Sweatshirts and Jackets Worn During School Over Uniform Shirts

- Approved GCA athletic team apparel (team sweatshirts or jackets ordered through the coaching staff and approved by the principal) may be worn as part of the uniform during the school day.
- Approved accent colors: white accents on hunter green, Navy blue or black sweatshirts; hunter green accents on grey sweatshirts (only approved styles through District Image/Big Walnut Apparel, Educational Apparel, JC Manny, MyLocker.net or Schoolbelles.)
- Approved back graphics: student’s last name, GCA sports number, and or an approved GCA logo/graphic (Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo printed in black, grey, hunter green or white.

Formalwear Policy (6th–12th Grade)

Students must follow GCA rules concerning modesty when shopping for formal wear.

Gentlemen are expected to wear the following:

- Tie with dress shirt (button-down with collar).
- Dress pants (no jeans, joggers or cargo pants). NOTE: Middle School boys may wear approved uniform khaki pants or shorts.
- Dress shoes with socks (no tennis shoes, sandals or flip-flops).

Ladies are expected to follow these guidelines when selecting formalwear:

- Dresses/tops must have shoulder straps. (No strapless dresses. One thick strap may be acceptable depending on fit. Please see the principal with questions.)
- Undergarments must be completely covered.
- Cleavage must not be visible.
- Lower back and midriff must be covered (no backless or midriff cut-out styles).
- Sheer or lace fabrics must not be revealing.
- Dress length must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

NOTE: Dresses must meet these guidelines without relying on a cover-up.

Physical Education (PE) Policy (6th–12th Grade)

Students are to change into gym clothing for physical education classes. Students will be unable to participate in gym class if they are not dressed according to the policy. They will also have participation points deducted from their quarter-end PE grade for each day they can't participate in class due to dress. Students must change back into their uniform after 7th Period P.E.

- Clothing must be clean and neat. Tears or holes in clothing are not allowed.
- T-shirts with offensive sayings and tank tops are not allowed. (No V-neck or sleeveless.)
- The required length of gym shorts is to the tips of the fingers when arms are naturally hanging straight down to the sides. A minimum 5-inch inseam is required.
- Athletic shoes with laces, and socks must be worn.

School Uniform Approved Vendors and Purchasing Locations

In addition to the suppliers listed here, some department stores carry approved polo and Oxford shirts and uniform pants/shorts. Avoid “skinny/stretch” and cargo styles and any embellishments. Keep in mind that some uniform suppliers offer styles that are not part of our dress code, so make sure you search for Genoa Christian Academy or use the codes below. Please visit one of these websites or store locations to view correct GCA styles. The store employees will be happy to help you find GCA items in the right size and length for your student(s). Call ahead for store hours, and stop in for a fitting. Save your receipt just in case a return is necessary.

Educational Apparel: 3906 Brown Park Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026
800-776-3034 or 614-876-3030, www.educationalapparel.com (GCA school code: Westerville #111)

Lands' End Apparel: 800-469-2222 or www.landsend.com/school (GCA School Code: 900141771)

School Closet: 73 North Stygler Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Call for hours: 614-476-4104 or 877-725-6467 www.schoolcloset.com

Schoolbelles Uniforms: www.schoolbelles.com (GCA School Code: S2632)

School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/> (GCA School Code GENO01)
Customer Service: 877-825-2860

NOTE: Some department stores carry GCA styles, but please consult the Dress Code before purchasing. Save your receipts in case returns are necessary. Contact the GCA Office with questions at 740-965-5433 or gca@genoachristianacademy.org.

Pictures of a sampling of GCA uniforms styles and colors are on the next page:



NOTE: The polo dress and the jumper are for Elementary girls only.