



Student Dress Code

INTRODUCTION

The scope of education provided at Golden Valley Charter Schools does not stop with the core curriculum, extending to consideration of the environment into which the children come as they attend school. We wish to surround the child with a nourishing environment that is beautiful and supports learning. GVCS endeavors to form a healthy school-time environment by guiding children toward appropriate school attire. This dress code shall also apply to school functions and field trips.

DRESS CODE

- To create an environment focused on learning which provides a wholesome social atmosphere, all attire should be free of logos as well as media references and images. Logos smaller than a credit/business card are permitted. One logo per piece of apparel.
- Clothing should prepare the child for weather and movement
 - Cut so that underwear is not visible.
 - Tops cover the midriff when arms are extended overhead
 - Shoulder straps are a minimum of 1" wide, necklines and sleeve holes keep the chest covered
 - Pants cover the hipbones
 - Skirts and shorts reach mid-thigh length
- Patterns, plaids, stripes, solids, or singular images from nature are allowed. (Only the nature item, no nature words or names of places.)
 - School-related apparel is allowed, such as GVCS shirts, Eagle Chase shirts, GVCS sports team uniforms, Pentathlon shirt, Medieval Games shirt, etc.
 - "Virtues" words and positive messages are permitted
- Come wearing comfortable, practical, flat-soled shoes that are firmly attached to the feet.
 - Flexible, firm-fitting athletic shoes are required for Games Class, though every school day includes movement and physical activity.
 - Shoes must be free of lights and/or wheels
 - Sandals or crocs must have a backstrap.
- Children are asked to come to school free of make-up
 - Nail polish is an exception for all grades
- Hair:
 - Color must be natural
 - Exaggerated, distracting hairdos are not permitted at school (e.g. mohawks, spikes, etc.)
- Jewelry:
 - Leave dangling jewelry at home.

- Only ears may be pierced

Middle School Adjustments

6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are given more freedom of expression in the following ways:

- Clothing
 - Shoulder straps may be “spaghetti” style, as long as the chest and undergarments are adequately covered
 - “Virtues” words and positive messages are permitted
- Students may wear make-up that is moderate and not distracting
 - Must be applied at home before coming to school.
- Hair may be dyed any color
- Jewelry:
 - Earrings and stud-type nose rings are allowed.
 - For safety, no hoops or dangling ear or nose rings are permitted.

The above guidelines may not cover all situations and teachers may need to address particular attire for their class’s learning environment.

ASSEMBLY DRESS

Assemblies and performances may require specific dress, such as white clothes for the May Festival. Music performances, graduations, and ceremonies will be preceded with specific guidelines from the teacher about how to dress. It is important to have ceremonial, unifying attire and students may wish to bring a change of clothes for recess. Failure to present oneself in appropriate attire may require a student to be excluded from a presentation. This includes Friday gatherings.

FREE SPEECH

Students at GVCS shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press as provided for in Education Code Sections 48907 and 48950. Any acts or speech that are obscene, libelous or slanderous, or which create a clear and present danger of unlawful acts or violation of school regulations, or substantial disruption to the orderly operation of the school, or speech that constitutes harassment, threats, or intimidation are prohibited. The school principal can place restrictions on the time, place, and manner for students to exercise these rights.