



**Student Dress Code
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

INTRODUCTION

The scope of education provided at Golden Valley Charter Schools does not stop with the core curriculum but extends 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. The dress code shall apply to school functions and field trips.

DRESS CODE

GVCS endeavors to form a healthy school-time environment by guiding children towards appropriate school attire. Support is most needed and appreciated in the following areas.

To ensure a safe environment for our children, have them:

- Leave dangling jewelry and earrings at home. The only pierced jewelry allowed is earrings (except where permitted for the 7th and 8th grades; see below).
- Come well dressed for the weather and movement. Our educational model includes movement several times a day. Rain Policy: Your child should plan to play outside even when it rains. Children will not be allowed outside on rainy days without a raincoat and hat, which excludes them from much needed play.
- Come wearing comfortable, practical, flat-soled, shoes that are firmly attached to the feet. No flipflops or shoes with heels are allowed. Check schedules for GAMES classes. These classes require flexible, firm-fitting running shoes worn with socks, though every day at school requires physical activity and movement.
- To create an environment focused on learning and which provides a wholesome social atmosphere, the children should wear:
- Clothing, hats and lunchboxes free of printed messages, pictures or images. Words or images on clothing should be no larger than 2" X 4". The one exception shall be for single images from nature and the words from the list of virtues.



DRESS CODE AND FREE SPEECH GUIDELINES

- Prints, plaids, stripes or solids are allowed
- School related apparel such as: Golden Valley T-shirts, Eagle Chase T-shirts, etc.
- Shoes free of lights and/or wheels.
- Clothing (tops, pants, dresses...) cut so that underwear is not visible. Specific examples are:
 - Tops that cover the midriff even when arms are extended overhead, with the torso completely covered.
 - Pants that cover the hipbones.
 - Skirts and shorts at least mid-thigh length.
 - Clothing free of purposeful cutting, slashing, or ripping.
 - Width of straps on shoulders a minimum of 1" wide. Tops with necklines and sleeve-holes that keep the chest covered. No spaghetti straps (except where allowed in 7th and 8th grades; see below).

Children (kindergarten through 6th grade) are asked to come to school free of make-up. Exaggerated, distracting hair-dos, such as mohawks or spikes, are not permitted at school. Hair color must look natural – it must be a color that grows on humans.

1. Children sent to school inappropriately attired will be sent to the office receptionist and given a t-shirt to wear for the day. With the first two occurrences, the parents will be notified. On the third occurrence, the parents will be called to either bring a change of clothes or to bring their child home.
2. These guidelines may not cover all situations and teachers may have special need to address particular attire.
3. Please contact your class teachers if you have any questions about specific articles of clothing.

Upper Grades 7-8 ONLY:

- Only positive messages/words are permitted on outerwear.
- Spaghetti straps are permitted, as long as the chest area is adequately covered.
- Piercings allowed include stud-type nose rings and earrings ONLY. For the safety of students, no hoops or dangling nose rings or earrings are permitted.
- Animals, Elements of nature, Landscape scenes.



ASSEMBLY DRESS

Assemblies and performances may require specific dress such as white clothes for May Fair. Music performances, graduations, and ceremonies will be preceded with specific guidelines from the teacher about how to dress. It is important at Golden Valley to have a 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.