

GRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

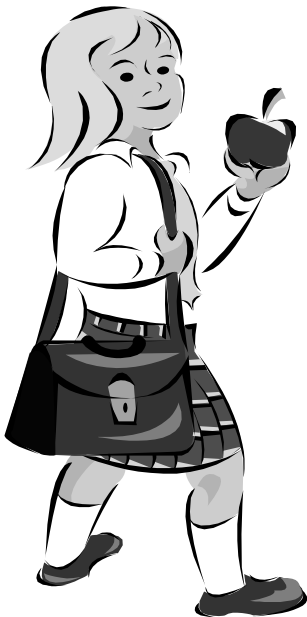
Dress Code Reminders

(From the Parent/Student Handbook)

Grace Community School is committed to the principles of modesty, decorum, and suitability for the pursuit of academic excellence in grooming, appearance, and dress code of our faculty and students. We are convinced that this creates a positive atmosphere for appropriate behavior and attitudes. An appropriate dress code also contributes to maximum learning by minimizing distractions and fashion competition, and helping each student maintain proper focus on his or her academic studies.

Accordingly, we have developed Grace Community School's personal grooming, appearance, and dress code based upon these principles.

- Attire must at all times be neat, clean, in good repair and fit properly.
- Baggy, oversized, sloppy clothing is not permitted on campus or at any school activity.
- Skirts and jumpers must be modest—not excessively short or close fitting.
- Socks are to be worn by both boys and girls.
- Boys' shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Uniform sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets are the only outer-garments that may be worn to school, outside or inside.
- Shorts must be modest—not excessively short or close fitting.
- Open toed shoes are not permitted on campus or at any school activity.
- Boys' hair must be neatly groomed, not excessively long, in your natural color, and not distracting.
- Girls' hair must be neatly groomed, in your natural color, and not distracting.
- Earrings and distracting jewelry are not allowed for boys.
- Excessive and distracting jewelry are not allowed for girls.



- Makeup may be worn in moderation by Junior High girls only.
- The decision of the Administration is final in all matters of dress code and personal grooming. Please do not ask for exceptions.

Because we are committed to your spiritual and academic success, we will do our best to enforce these guidelines consistently, equitably and with kindness and compassion. We appreciate your cooperation.

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Monday, July 17, 2006

Dear Grace Community School Parents,

We are committed to pursuing excellence in every endeavor of Grace Community School. This includes continually evaluating and amending our personal grooming and dress code for the maximum spiritual and academic benefit of each of our students.

Accordingly, please find “Grace Community School’s Dress Code Reminders” on the other side of this letter. Please note the following important changes:

- **Boys’ Shirts:** We are returning to the previous GCS policy of requiring that boys’ shirts must be tucked in at all times on campus. *(Two years ago, we removed this requirement from our dress code, in light of changing dress code styles in society. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a significant increased sloppiness and unkempt appearance of our male students on campus. We admit our mistake, and are now reinstating a superior standard.)*
- **Outerwear:** We are now requiring that only approved uniform outerwear be worn to school, outside or inside. Approved uniform jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts include the following:
 - Any jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt included in the Mills Uniform Brochure.
 - Any jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt purchased directly from GCS.
 - Any jacket sweater, or sweatshirt in the following colors (either solid color or in any combination of the approved colors) with NO writing, or insignia on it, front or back:

Black	Navy Blue
Gray	Royal Blue
White	Sky Blue

(We have tried, unsuccessfully, over the past several years, to allow students to wear virtually any jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt to school, while restricting the colors allowed inside the classroom. This simply has not been successful. It was consistently confusing and frustrating to both students and faculty. We are confident that this change in allowed outwear will provide a simpler dress code to follow and enforce, a more positive learning and character building environment for each GCS student, and will not present an undue burden on any family.)

- **Theme T-Shirts:** We are permitting students in all grades to wear this year’s (and only this year’s) Theme T-Shirt (Lift High the Cross) to school any day of the week.
- **Field Trip T-Shirts:** For all elementary off campus field trips, we are requiring that each student wear either the new Field-Trip T-Shirt or the old “It’s True” Athletic T-Shirt. Either of these shirts may also be worn to school on any sports game day. Our new Field-Trip T-Shirts will be available for purchase at Back-To-School-Night on Monday, August 28. *(The purpose for this rule is simple—the safety of your children, our students. When we take them off campus, we want to be sure that they are safe and secure at all times. This policy will help insure their safety and security.)*

Please see “Dress Code Reminders” on other Side