

DRESS CODE**I. Philosophy**

- A. At Grace, we believe that learning happens best in a well prepared and structured environment. A large part of that environment is our students and how they dress while on campus and at school events. Students know that they are in a distinct place and dress accordingly while also upholding biblical standards of modesty and appropriateness. As such we have developed specific standards for dress and grooming while students are at school functions.
- B. Grace bases its dress code upon two criteria:
 - 1. Biblical standards of modesty (1 Timothy 2:9, Romans 12:1)
 - 2. The desire for a neat, clean and attractive appearance, being courteous of our neighbors while avoiding extremes (Mark 12:31).

II. General Guidelines and Enforcement

- A. Grace uses Land's End as their official vendor for school uniforms and all approved uniform styles can be found on their website under the Grace School section.
- B. Final authority regarding all dress code related determinations rests with the Administration.
 - 1. When a student is in violation of the handbook, they will be able to return to class once they are properly attired. Under certain circumstances the school may provide alternative clothing for the day.
 - 2. General appropriateness and modesty (as determined by Administration) is expected at all school events which take place outside of normal school hours. Students who are not in compliance with this requirement may be asked to leave the function.
 - 3. At all times, dress should be distinctly masculine or feminine. Students are not permitted to dress like the opposite gender (Deuteronomy 22:5).
- C. Preschool: Students do not have a uniform, but some basic parameters are given in the "Non-Uniform Dress Days" section below.
- D. Elementary:
 - 1. 1st Violation: The student's teacher will contact the parent regarding proper dress code attire.
 - 2. 2nd Violation: The student will be referred to Administration.
- E. Jr/Sr High:
 - 1. 1st Violation: A call will be made to the parent to bring proper attire or have the family purchase appropriate attire.
 - 2. 2nd Violation: A call will be made to the parent to bring proper attire or have the family purchase appropriate attire. A 30-minute detention will be assigned.
 - 3. 3rd Violation: A call will be made to the parent to bring proper attire or have the family purchase appropriate attire. A 60-minute detention will be assigned.
 - 4. 4th Violation: A call will be made to the parent to bring proper attire or have the family purchase appropriate attire. The student will be referred to administration for further discipline. The student and the parent may be required to meet with Administration before the student is allowed back in the classroom.

III. Boys

- A. Shirts:
 - 1. All students must wear an unaltered polo shirt with a Grace logo to school each day purchased through Lands End, the Grace Spiritwear Store or received as part of a club/team. Undershirts must be solid school colors and not display any non-Grace logos.
- B. Shorts/Pants:

1. Elementary: Shorts or pants from Land's End must be worn each day. They must fit properly and may not be excessively baggy or tight. Sweatpants, warm-ups, athletic shorts or recreational clothing may not be worn unless authorized by Administration. Shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
 2. Jr/Sr High: Students may wear shorts, jeans or other types of pants of any color. However, they must be of a single uniform color, pattern (plaid or stripes are acceptable), or fade. No bleach marks, fade streaks, discoloration, holes or frays will be allowed at any time. Clothes may not have a camouflaged print. Shorts and pants must fit properly and may not be excessively baggy or tight. Sweatpants, warm-ups, athletic shorts or recreational clothing may not be worn unless authorized by Administration. Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- C. Outerwear:
1. Sweatshirts/Sweaters: including hoodies and zip-up sweatshirts, must be a Grace School item. Button up shirts, including flannels and plaids, may not be worn over the required Grace polo in lieu of a sweatshirt or sweater.
 2. Jackets: may be worn and are not required to have a Grace logo. Logo must be no bigger than one square inch. Solid school colors are preferred.
- D. Footwear:
1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
 2. All footwear is recommended to be closed toed and must have a back or heel strap.
 3. Flip flops or slippers are not allowed.
 4. Elementary: Crocs are not allowed and socks must be school colors.
 5. Preschool: All shoes must be closed toed with a back strap.
- E. Headwear:
1. Preschool/Elementary: Hats/winter headwear may be worn on campus but must be taken off when entering the classroom.
 2. Jr/Sr High: No hats or other headwear of any kind are allowed. Winter headwear is allowed during inclement weather with approval by the Administration.
- F. Hair:
1. Hairstyles and colors must not be extreme and must be a subdued natural color. Hair may not be worn in a ponytail or bun and must be out of the students' eyes.
- G. Facial Hair:
1. Sideburns must be no lower than the bottom of the ear. Students' faces must be clean-shaven.
- H. Tattoos and Piercings:
1. No visible tattoos or body piercings, including nose piercings (covered or not), or gauges are permitted at any time.
- I. Jewelry or any other accessories:
1. Sunglasses may only be worn outside.
 2. All other accouterments must be kept simple and non-distracting.
- J. Cosmetics:
1. Boys may not wear make-up or nail polish.

IV. Girls

- A. Shirts:
1. All students must wear an unaltered polo shirt with a Grace logo to school each day purchased through Lands End, the Grace Spiritwear Store or received as part of a club/team. Undershirts must be solid school colors and not display any non-Grace logos.
- B. Shorts/Pants:

1. Elementary: Shorts or pants from Land's End must be worn each day. They must fit properly and may not be excessively baggy or tight, no shorter than three inches above the knee. Sweatpants, warm-ups, athletic shorts or leggings may not be worn unless authorized by Administration
 2. Jr/Sr High: Students may wear shorts, jeans or other types of pants of any color. However, they must be of a single uniform color, pattern (plaid or stripes are acceptable), or fade. No bleach marks, fade streaks, discoloration, holes or frays will be allowed at any time. Clothes may not have a camouflaged print. Shorts and pants must fit properly and may not be excessively baggy or tight, no shorter than three inches above the knee. Sweatpants, warm-ups, athletic shorts or leggings may not be worn unless authorized by Administration.
- C. Skirts and Dresses:
1. Elementary: Girls may wear skirts or dresses that are on the approved list from Land's End. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
 2. Jr/Sr High: Dresses and skirts are acceptable for girls but may be no shorter than three inches above the kneecap including any slits, even if tights and leggings are worn underneath. Any dress or skirt must be worn with a Grace polo.
- D. Outerwear:
1. Sweatshirts/Sweaters: including hoodies and zip-up sweatshirts, must be a Grace School item. Button up shirts, including flannels and plaids, may not be worn over the required Grace polo in lieu of a sweatshirt or sweater.
 2. Jackets: may be worn and are not required to have a Grace logo. Logo must be no bigger than one square inch. Solid school colors are preferred.
- E. Footwear:
1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
 2. All footwear is recommended to be closed toed and must have a back or heel strap.
 3. Flip flops or slippers are not allowed.
 4. Heels on any shoe may not be higher than two inches.
 5. Elementary: Crocs are not allowed and socks must be school colors.
 6. Preschool: All shoes must be closed toed with a back strap.
- F. Headwear:
1. Elementary: Hats/winter headwear may be worn on campus but must be taken off when entering the classroom.
 2. Jr/Sr High: No hats or other headwear of any kind are allowed. Winter headwear is allowed during inclement weather with approval by the Administration.
- G. Hair:
1. Hair must be a subdued natural color and must not be extreme.
 2. Hair must be well-groomed and kept out of the face.
- H. Tattoos and Piercings:
1. No visible tattoos or body piercings, including nose piercings (covered or not), or gauges are permitted at any time.
 2. Elementary: Girls may wear earrings as long as they are studs.
 3. Jr/Sr High: Girls may wear earrings as long as they are not distracting.
- I. Jewelry or any other accessories:
1. Sunglasses may only be worn outside.
 2. All other accouterments must be kept simple and non-distracting.
- J. Cosmetics:
1. Elementary: Girls may not wear any makeup or fake nails on campus. Nail polish is permitted.
 2. Jr/Sr High: Girls may wear make-up and nail polish that is not extreme.

V. Non-Uniform Dress Days:A. Preschool:

1. Preschool students do not wear a uniform, however a few basic clothing parameters are expected.
2. Students should wear clothes appropriate for preschool play, including the likelihood of getting dirty with consideration for the weather.
 - a) Students should have two full spare sets of clothes which will be left in their classroom in case of accidents.
 - b) Students may not wear clothing with scary or graphic images.
 - c) Students must wear closed toe shoes which also have a back/strap.

B. Elementary:

1. Dress Code must still be followed unless a divergence from this section specifically applies to the day (e.g. on a sports dress day, team logos would be permitted).
2. Fridays: Students may wear Grace spirit wear shirts with their uniform bottoms.
3. Free Dress: Students are allowed to wear non-Grace clothing but must still be school appropriate (no skulls, inappropriate wording, etc.). Apparel must also still be modest (no spaghetti straps, leggings, or wording across bottoms).

C. Jr/Sr High:

1. Dress Code must still be followed unless a divergence from this section specifically applies to the day (e.g. on a sports dress day, team logos would be permitted).
2. Spirit Dress: Tank tops, tights and immodest apparel are not permitted. Students not participating in the specified Spirit Dress must be within the regular dress code.

