



## UPPER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

Gill St. Bernard's School expects students to dress in a manner that reflects our core values in addition to considering personal responsibility, school pride, and respect for the learning environment. The Dress Code is designed to be clear, objective, and easy to follow.

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- **Students should remain in Dress Code at all times during the school day.**  
The Dress Code reflects personal responsibility and respect for the learning environment. Staying in Dress Code helps promote a professional atmosphere and demonstrates pride in representing Gill St. Bernard's School. Consistently following dress expectations helps students build habits that will serve them in college, the workplace, and beyond.
- **Students should understand that enforcement is based on the clothing item itself, not how it fits a particular student.**  
The Dress Code applies equally to all students. If a garment is permitted, it is permitted for everyone, regardless of height, body type, or fit. This eliminates subjective judgments such as "too short" or "too tight" and ensures fairness and consistency in enforcement.
- **Students should expect consistent enforcement from all members of the community.**  
All adults in the school community are responsible for upholding and enforcing the Dress Code.

### BOTTOMS

**Students may wear:**

- Casual or dress pants (khakis, chinos, corduroys, slacks)
- Dresses

- Skirts/skorts
- Jeans
- Shorts

**Students may not wear:**

- Sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, athletic pants/shorts, athletic joggers, pajama pants, lounge pants, warm up/track pants, GSB branded athletic pants or shorts
- Any item of clothing that is ripped or torn

*Note: When wearing skirts or dresses, students are encouraged to put thought into their choices. In some cases, students may be advised to wear compression shorts or similar garments underneath for added coverage.*

## **TOPS**

**Students may wear:**

- Shirts (collared or uncollared)
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts/hoodies/fleeces

**Tops must meet the following requirements:**

- Fabric must cover the shoulders (any width is acceptable)
- Tops/dresses may not be backless
- Tops must always meet the waistband of the bottom garment (whether standing, sitting, or moving)

**Words or lettering on tops may have:**

- Official GSB branding or writing
- College or university names/logos
- Small manufacturer logos (e.g., Nike swoosh, Under Armour logo, Adidas stripes); logos may not include any writing or lettering

**Students may not wear:**

- Any top with writing, branding, or graphic designs not listed above (logos with lettering, slogans, bands, vacation destinations, or non-school organizations), sports jerseys
- Any item of clothing that is ripped or torn

## **HEADWEAR**

### **Students may wear:**

- Religious or cultural head coverings

### **Students may not wear:**

- Hats, caps, or hoods indoors

## **FOOTWEAR**

- Students must wear footwear at all times
- Shoes must allow safe movement around campus during all weather conditions
- No specific footwear restrictions apply unless determined necessary for safety or specific school activities

**The GSB Dress Code prohibits the display of political images, language, or slogans on any attire during school or during school events.**

## **SPECIAL DRESS DAYS**

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Throughout the school year, students will be asked to observe **Special Dress Days** in recognition of specific events or occasions. These days fall outside the scope of the standard daily dress code and include both **Dress-Up Days** and **Casual Dress Days**. Students are expected to approach these days with good judgment, respect for the school community, and adherence to the guidelines outlined below.

### **Dress-Up Days**

On designated Dress-Up Days, students are required to wear clothing that reflects the formality and importance of the occasion. These days may include events such as Convocation, Awards Ceremonies, or other formal gatherings.

**Appropriate attire includes:**

- Collared dress shirts or professional blouses or sweaters
- Jacket or blazer
- Dress pants, khakis, or skirts
- Dresses
- Dress shoes or clean, formal footwear
- Ties are optional but encouraged for those who wish to wear them

**The following items are not permitted on Dress-Up Days:**

T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, sweatshirts, hooded garments, athletic wear, or any excessively casual clothing.

**Casual Dress Days**

On designated Casual Dress Days, the school relaxes its standard dress code to allow for more informal and comfortable attire. These days are typically associated with spirit days, community celebrations, or specific student-led events.

**Acceptable casual attire includes:**

- Sweatpants, or athletic wear
- T-shirts or sweatshirts without offensive or inappropriate graphics

**The following items are not permitted on Casual Dress Days:**

Pajamas or sleepwear, ripped or excessively distressed clothing. Clothing with references that are suggestive, offensive, or counter to the School's core values may be addressed at the discretion of the administration.

**SENIOR PRIVILEGES**

- Seniors may be granted “Casual Fridays” beginning mid-October, provided full Dress Code compliance is demonstrated in the opening weeks of the school year.
- This senior privilege may be revoked if compliance is not maintained.