

Grace Classical Christian Academy

Uniform Information

STUDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

Attire during the day is the designated school uniform unless otherwise specified by the administration for special events and/or activities. Our uniform supplier is Land's End. All primary articles of clothing must be purchased through these suppliers unless otherwise noted.

The purpose of the school uniform is to foster a sense of unity among the students, to provide a consistently attractive and neat appearance for all students, and to avoid peer pressure in matters of dress. **Parents, Administrators, Teachers and Students** are responsible for reading the uniform information and familiarizing themselves with the policies. Violation notices will be given to students who are not in compliance with the uniform guidelines. Phone calls home will be made to inform parents of non-compliance.

Objective: To set the standards and guidelines for student attire at Grace Classical Christian Academy.

Scope: These guidelines apply to all students.

Guidelines: Students attending Grace Classical Christian Academy are expected to comply with the following guidelines for student attire:

General (for all students): Grace Classical Christian Academy is a *workplace* for students as well as for teachers. Students should dress in a way to demonstrate their respect for the school. They must be in Grace Classical Christian Academy approved school uniforms. Therefore, students shall:

Dress neatly: That is, all shirts tucked in, shoes tied, no holes/tears in clothes, clothing appropriately sized for the wearer.

Be clean: That is, recently washed, groomed hair, and clean apparel.

Enforcement: The school administration and/or teachers will determine if there is a violation of the dress code, either in fact or attitude. Students not complying with this dress code will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.

Special Attire Events/Days: As the Headmaster determines, events such as P.E. and field trips may call for other clothing options.

Reasons for Adopting a Uniform Code:

1. The neat appearance created by a uniform code enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
2. A uniform code instills school spirit and a sense of belonging. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence and the code establishes a tradition.
3. A uniform code saves parents time, as most all uniform items, including accessories, can be purchased from Land's End. In addition, time may be saved each morning as the "what to wear" issue is eliminated.
4. The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues. The selected clothes were chosen with price and durability in mind for overall good value for the money. Growth features in some of the garments may also cut down on total wardrobe expenditures.
5. The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

**STUDENT REQUIRED FORMAL UNIFORM
GRADES PK-12**

The required formal uniform for Grace Classical Christian Academy is listed below by grade level. All students will be expected to dress according to these specifications on required formal uniform days throughout the school year. Here is a partial list of occasions where participating students will be required to wear this formal uniform selection –

- First Day of School
- Field Trips
- School Competitions
- Christmas Program – boys may wear a Christmas tie, girls may wear Christmas hair items
- Easter/Spring Program
- Awards Program

Quick Reference Chart – see following pages for provider details

PK-6th Girls Formal	PK-7th Boys Formal
White Peter Pan Knit Short Sleeved Polo Red Plaid Jumper with GCA logo White Anklet, Knee Socks or Tights Dark Dress Shoes 7th Grade Girls Red Plaid A-Line Skirt White short-sleeved no gape blouse Navy girls cross tie Navy knee high socks Dark Dress Shoes	White Oxford Long Sleeved Shirt Khaki Pleated or Plain Front Chino Long Pants Red Plaid Tie Tan Socks Brown Leather Dress Shoes Dark Belt

See the following pages for specifics on uniform providers and optional uniform items.

STUDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Grace Classical Christian Academy requires a uniform for all students. Students will be requested to wear the required formal uniform on special occasions, field trips, special programs, etc. If the formal uniform is not required, students are free to wear any of the required or optional items. No hats (apart from winter hats which should be removed upon entering the building). We try to make very few changes from year to year with the school uniform items, but Grace Classical Christian Academy does reserve the right to make changes to the uniform items at the end of each school year for the following year's lists. **The Grace Classical Christian Academy logo must appear on all upper body uniform components including shirts, jumpers, sweaters and fleece jackets – with the exception of the boys formal oxford white shirt and the 7th grade girls formal white no gape blouse (NO logo on these items).**

The uniforms must be purchased at Lands End where items can be called in to 1-800-469-2222 or internet www.landsend.com/school (school code: 900149477; logo number: 1256236K)

Please note: The GCCA plaid is the RED PLAID not the Classic Navy Large Plaid.

PK-6th Grade

Girls Required Formal Uniform: White Peter Pan Knit Short Sleeved Polo (Land's End)
MUST BE WORN ON Red Plaid Jumper with GCCA logo (Land's End)
FORMAL UNIFORM White Anklets, Knee Socks or Tights (can be purchased anywhere)
DAYS Dark Dress Shoes (can be purchased anywhere)
Modesty shorts to be worn under jumper (can be purchased anywhere)

7th Grade

Girls Required Formal Uniform: White Short Sleeved No Gape Blouse (Land's End) (no logo)
MUST BE WORN ON Red Plaid A-Lined Skirt (Land's End)
FORMAL UNIFORM Navy Knee High Socks (can be purchased anywhere)
DAYS Dark Dress Shoes (can be purchased anywhere)
Navy Girls Cross-Tie (Land's End)

PK-7th Grade

Boys Required Formal Uniform: White Oxford Long Sleeved Shirt (Land's End) (no logo)
MUST BE WORN ON Khaki Pleated or Plain Front Chino Long Pants (Land's End)
FORMAL UNIFORM Red Plaid Tie (Land's End)
DAYS Tan Socks (can be purchased anywhere)
Brown Leather Dress Shoes (can be purchased anywhere)
Dark Belt (can be purchased anywhere)

PK-6th Grades

Optional Items:

CAN BE WORN ON Side pleat red plaid skort (girls)
NON-FORMAL Red or classic navy interlock, mesh, poly long or short sleeved polo shirt
UNIFORM DAYS (boys or girls, girls can wear feminine fit) (Land's End)
Red or classic navy interlock, mesh, poly long or short sleeved polo dress (girls) (Land's End)
Khaki elastic, pleated, pencil, boot cut or plain front chino long pants or shorts (boys and girls) (Land's End)
Khaki long chino skort (girls) (Land's End)
Khaki ponte pleat skirt (girls) (Land's End)
Brown or black belt (can be purchased anywhere)
Solid white socks/tights (girls – worn with skort, skirt, or jumper) – no leggings or footless tights (can be purchased anywhere)
White, tan, black, or navy socks (boys) (can be purchased anywhere)
Black, brown, white or navy shoes including loafers, slip ons, boat, or athletic. The majority of the shoe must be black, brown, or white with accents in either red, blue, black or white (boys and girls) (can be purchased anywhere)
All shoes must be close toed including sandals (sandals may not be worn from December through February) – girls sandals may be white
Navy Fleece Jacket (boys or girls) (Land's End)
Navy Zip-front Performance Cardigan (boys or girls) (Land's End)

7th Grade

Optional Items:

Interlock, Mesh or Poly Long or Short sleeved Polo in white or light blue (boys and girls)
Peter pan long or short sleeved white (girls)
Oxford or pinpoint button down shirt in white or light blue (boys and girls)
Red or Navy Fine Gauge or Drifter Cardigan (girls)
Khaki elastic, pleated, pencil, boot cut or plain front chino long pants or shorts (boys and girls) (Land's End)
Khaki long chino skort (girls) (Land's End)
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MORE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

Compliance with the Uniform Code:

All students will wear the designated school uniform unless otherwise specified by the Headmaster. New enrollees are to wear nice clothes that fit as closely as possible to the colors of the school uniform (no jeans) until uniforms are obtained. Teachers and staff members will check the students regularly and on an on-going basis to ensure that each student is in compliance with Grace Classical Christian Academy uniform guidelines. Teachers have permission to check clothing labels to ensure the proper uniforms.

General Guidelines:

Shirts: Students may wear white t-shirts under their polo's if necessary for extra warmth. Please note that t-shirts must be a solid white and there should be no writing that shows through the polo. Shirts must be tucked in at all times (exceptions while in the gym or on the playground). Polos are from Land's End. Shirts from any other company will be considered a non-uniform item. If a student must be reminded to tuck in their shirt, they will have their name put on the board.

Garment sizing and length: Sizing of garments needs to be within reason for your child's frame. "Growing room" is understandable, but oversized shirts, jackets or pants are not permissible. The lengths of jumpers and skirts are to be hemmed at the top of the patella (knee bone) or below. Boy's shorts and girl's shorts and skorts are to measure no more than 2" above the top of the patella (knee bone) or longer. Shorts must be purchased from Land's End.

Footwear: Dress shoes shall be dark leather (brown – boys; black or navy – girls) and not draw undue attention to the wearer. Athletic shoes shall have non-marking soles and must be mostly white, black or brown. If there is trim on athletic shoes, it must be red, blue, black or white. All optional shoes should not draw undue attention to the wearer and socks must be worn at all times with all shoes. May wear boots in the winter.

Belts: Belts should be a solid dark color.

Outerwear: In the classroom and school building, only the uniform fleece jacket or cardigans with the school logo can be worn.

Hair and Accessories: Students will keep their hair neat, clean, well groomed, out of their eyes, and in traditional styles and colors. Boys shall not have any facial hair. Boys' hair is not to be bleached, highlighted, or cut or worn in a way to bring undue attention. Girls' hair may be tastefully and conservatively highlighted. Girls may wear barrettes, scrunchies and hair bows that are moderate in size in white, navy, red, or the school red plaid. Hats are not acceptable in the classroom or school buildings for either boys or girls.

Jewelry: Boys may not wear earrings or piercings of any sort. Girls may wear earrings avoiding those that dangle for obvious safety reasons. Watches and rings are fine for boys and girls, keeping in mind moderation and good taste. Gold and silver tasteful necklaces and bracelets may be worn if they are petite in nature. No nose rings, nose crystals or tattoos or fad/beauty trend items (i.e., hair feathers, etc.)

Girls Skirts and Jumpers: Modesty shorts are required for the girls to wear under their skirts and jumpers.

Please take the time to mark each of your children's belongings with a permanent laundry marker to facilitate return of lost items. Please check items such as the fleece jackets and cardigans periodically to be sure your child has not picked up someone else's items. With so many alike it is easy to mix up belongings! Also, please check to ensure that your child's name is still legible on his/her belongings.

Please also note that non-uniform brands may **not** be sold in the used uniform sale at the end of the year. (This should seem obvious, however it is surprising how many non-uniform polo shirts appear on the used uniform sale table at the end of the year and new families then unknowingly purchase these – your help in following the uniform policy will help prevent this.)