



## DRESS CODE

A high standard of dress encourages respect for individuals in the school community. The GSOTA dress code guidelines are in force on all regular school days. Positive benefits of uniforms include:

- Uniforms encourage students to express their individuality through academic achievements, not outward appearances.
- Uniforms put the focus on academics, not fashion.
- Uniforms minimize the visible socio-economic differences between children.
- Uniforms create a sense of school pride and belonging.

### Uniform Shirt Options

#### **Polo with Embroidered School Logo – purchased only at Harris School Uniforms**

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Orders may be placed online at [www.harrisschooluniforms.com](http://www.harrisschooluniforms.com)

- Primary/Grades K, 1, 2 – Royal Blue or White polo shirt
- Intermediate/Grades 3, 4, 5 – Teal or White polo shirt
- Middle School/Grade 6, 7, 8 – Black or White polo shirt

#### **Dri-Fit T-shirt – purchased at GSOTA**

- Primary/Grades K, 1, 2 – Royal Blue, Gray or White t-shirt
- Intermediate/Grades 3, 4, 5 – Lime, Gray or White t-shirt
- Middle School/Grade 6, 7, 8 – Black, Gray or White t-shirt

### Uniform Bottoms – May be purchased at any retail store

- Boys – Traditional uniform shorts or pants in khaki, navy, black; four pockets or less; neatly tailored style. **No cargos, denim, athletic/sports styles or sweats.**
- Girls – Traditional uniform shorts, skorts or pants in khaki, navy, black. Shorts or skorts length near the knee. **No denim, yoga pants, leggings, athletic/sports styles or sweats.**

### Socks/Shoes

Closed-toed, closed-heel shoes worn with socks. No crocs, sandals, roller skate shoes, military or boot style footwear.

### Accessories

No fashion extremes in clothing, jewelry, makeup or hairstyles that are distracting. Conservative jewelry and hair accessories are permitted. Hats and bandanas are not permitted.

### Cool/Cold Weather Clothing

- A white or black long-sleeved t-shirt shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt.
- A solid color, buttoned or zippered sweater or jacket may be worn in the classroom.
- Students may purchase a monogrammed hoodie from Harris School Uniforms or GSOTA.
- Students may wear appropriate jackets, hats, scarves for outdoor activities in cold weather.

**Dress Down Days**

Clothing on approved dress down days must conform to the standards of modesty and appropriateness reflected in the school uniform. Students may not wear clothing with offensive images or text, immodest cuts or fits, spaghetti straps or other attire deemed inappropriate by the administration.

**Uniform Violations**

School administrators will determine if clothing is appropriate for school and complies with the dress code. If a student comes to school out of uniform (or dressed inappropriately on dress down days), the parent will be called to immediately bring the student an appropriate change of clothing. Habitual or excessive violations of the dress code will result in additional consequences.

**Exemptions**

Exceptions to the Dress Code shall be permitted when:

- A student's parent requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student's disability or medical condition. Such request shall be provided in writing and submitted to the Director for approval; or
- The wearing of clothing in compliance with the Dress Code violates a student's sincerely held religious belief. Such students and the student's parents shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious issues and the requested exemption to the policy; or
- A parent/guardian notifies the Director in writing that the student's failure to wear clothing that complies with the Dress Code is due to financial hardship. The school shall offer assistance to students who are having difficulty complying with the Dress Code due to financial hardship.