

Grove Christian School
Parent/Student Handbook
2021-2022



Dress Code Overview
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General Overview

Students at Grove Christian School come together to study in a disciplined environment where they are challenged to reach their highest potential spiritually, academically, physically and socially. The personal appearance of the student is important in the development of character, personal responsibility, and self-image. As such, parents and students should select clothing appropriate to both an academic and a Christian atmosphere. Thus, it is necessary that student dress reflects an atmosphere consistent with the standards of the school and that it be neat, clean and modest.

The intent of the dress code is both to present a student with a neat and appropriate appearance, as well as to avoid putting undue emphasis on outward appearance. Dress, grooming and appearance expectations are designed to foster pride in appearance, instill discipline, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. Students are to come to school looking clean, neat, and dressed as outlined in this handbook. Student compliance with the spirit and purpose of the dress standards is important. Refer to the GCS website, www.grovechristianschool.com for the complete Dress Code list.

Dress code compliance is the primary responsibility of the student and the parents; however, the administration reserves the right to determine if a student is dressed and groomed appropriately. The dress code begins when a student arrives on campus and extends until they are dismissed to leave campus. While these standards do not apply at most community events, faculty members may ask students who attend such events to change clothes should their attire be deemed inappropriate.

General Guidelines

All Students:

1. Hair must be clean and combed. No unnatural hair color or extreme hair style or color is permitted.
2. Polo shirts should be tucked in at all times.
3. Proper underclothing must be worn at all times and underclothing should never be visible.
4. Students may not wear their hoodies or sweatshirts without proper polo shirt, or spirit shirt on Spirit days, underneath.
5. Pants should not be tight and form fitting or excessively baggy. Frays, patches, holes, cuts or slits are not permitted in pants or jeans.
6. Head coverings including hats, caps, hoods or bandanas are not to be worn in the school building.
7. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building.
8. No visible body piercing, with the exception of earlobes for female students, is permitted.
9. Tattoos are not allowed, any existing tattoos must be covered by clothing.
10. It is unacceptable for students to write on their clothing, on themselves, or on each other.

Boys:

1. Hair must be no longer than the collar of the uniform shirt in the back and bangs no longer than the tops of the eyebrows. Boys may not wear their hair in ponytails.
2. Students should be clean-shaven at all times.
3. Young men may not wear earrings, nose rings or other body piercings.

Girls:

1. Excessive necklaces or bracelets should not be worn. No more than two earrings in each ear lobe.
2. Crop slacks or jeans may not be worn.

Regular Dress:

- Black, white or royal polo shirts.
- Plain khaki or plain black slacks or shorts. No cargo, corduroy or “skinny” styles. No black jeans, sweatpants, or yoga pants. Shorts must be no shorter than touching the top of the knee. Girls may wear plain black, khaki, or Grove plaid uniform skirts or jumpers. Skirts must be no shorter than touching the top of the knee. Solid black or gray full-length leggings permitted under school approved skirts.
- Grove hoodies or sweatshirts are allowed; black or grey sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed, including cardigans. No logos or prints other than Grove’s or a small manufacturer logo may be visible. Long sleeve T-shirts are not permitted to be worn as outerwear with Regular Dress.
- Shoes are to be closed-toe, have a back and be relatively flat. Crocs and other similar styles are not permitted. It is recommended that students wear athletic shoes.

Spirit Dress, Field Trips, and Special Events:

- Grove uniform tops or official t-shirts.
- Plain black or blue jeans in good condition (no rips, stains, or bleached spots; no cargo or “skinny jeans”).
- Grove hoodies or sweatshirts are allowed; plain black or grey sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed, including cardigans. No logos or prints other than Grove’s or a small manufacturer logo may be visible.
- Shoes are to be closed-toe, have a back and be relatively flat. Crocs and other similar styles are not permitted. It is recommended that students wear athletic shoes.

Professional Dress for Special Occasions

Some examples of Special Occasion events include, but are not limited to, in-school and ACSI performances and competitions, Athletic Banquet, Awards, and Graduation. Students wearing professional dress for performance events may be required to dress in specific colors such as black or blue. Students not in compliance with dress code at Special Occasion events may be counseled privately and may be subject to disciplinary action. The administration may ask that parents email a photograph of the student modeling the outfit within two weeks of the event to confirm appropriate modesty.

Boys:

- Shirt and tie required
- Uniform pants or a more formal style. No shorts. No denim pants.
- Belts are required.
- Shoes are to be closed-toe and have a back.

Girls:

- Dresses that are touching the top of the knee and if sleeveless have straps at least 2 inches wide.
- No leggings.
- High heels are permitted, but must be less than 3 inches and may not have a spiked heel.

Banquet and Formal Occasions:

The administration may ask that parents email a photograph of the student modeling the outfit within two weeks of the event to confirm appropriate modesty. If a question exists about the appropriateness of an outfit, it is recommended that a photograph be submitted before price tags are removed.

Boys:

- Dress Shirt and tie required.
- Dress pants are required.
- Jackets are appreciated but not required.
- Shoes are to be closed-toe and have a back.

Girls:

- Appropriately modest strapless gowns are permitted.
- Plunging necklines and backless dresses are not permitted.
- Dresses must be within two inches of the top of the knee if it is a short dress.
- Dresses should be of modest fit and not too tight.
- High heeled shoes are permitted.