



## Dress Code 2023-24

### 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.

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](http://www.grovechristianschool.com) for the complete Dress Code list.

It is necessary that student dress reflects an atmosphere consistent with the standards of the school and that it be neat, clean and modest. 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. Students not in compliance with dress code may be counseled privately and may be subject to disciplinary action. 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 privately counsel students who attend such events to change clothes should their attire be deemed inappropriate.

### Regular Dress

- Black, white or royal polo shirts with a logo no larger than 1 inch.
- Plain khaki or plain black slacks or shorts. No cargo, cropped, 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 gray 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 and Field Trips

- Grove uniform tops, official t-shirts or official Grove sweatshirts.
- Plain black or blue jeans in good condition (no rips, stains, or bleached spots; no cargo or “skinny jeans”). Knee-length jean shorts may be worn.
- Grove hoodies or sweatshirts are allowed; plain black or gray 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.

## **Game Days**

- Students should wear Dress Code pants / skirt
- Students can wear their Warm-Up Jersey

## **Professional Dress**

Some examples of Special Occasion events include, but are not limited to Athletic Receptions, Awards, Picture Day and Graduation. Students not in compliance with dress code at Special Occasion events may be counseled privately, may be asked to change 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**

- Button-down or collared shirt
- Uniform pants, dress pants or dress shorts (No denim or athletic-style).
- Shoes are to be closed-toe and have a back.

### **Girls**

- Girls can wear pants, dresses or skirts
- Dresses and skirts need to be knee-length
- Shirts / tops and dresses should have straps at least 2 inches wide.
- No leggings, denim or athletic-style.
- Heels should be lower than three inches.

## **Formal Occasions**

Some examples of Formal Occasion events include Prom and Homecoming. 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.

Students not in compliance with dress code at Formal Occasion events may be counseled privately, may be asked to change and may be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Boys**

- 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.

## **General Guidelines**

### **All Students**

1. Hair must be clean and combed. No unnatural hair color or extreme hair style or color is permitted.
2. Proper underclothing must be worn at all times and underclothing should never be visible.
3. Students may not wear their hoodies or sweatshirts without a proper polo shirt, or spirit shirt on Spirit days, underneath.
4. Pants should not be tight and form fitting or excessively baggy. Frays, patches, holes, cuts or slits are not permitted in pants or jeans.
5. Head coverings including hats, caps, hoods or bandanas are not to be worn in the school building.
6. Excessive necklaces or bracelets should not be worn.
7. Sunglasses and gloves 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 top of the shirt collar or longer than the eyebrows.
2. Students should be clean-shaven at all times.
3. Boys may not wear earrings.

### **Girls**

1. No more than two earrings in each ear lobe.

## **Physical Education**

- Students should wear loose shorts with at least a 5 inch inseam.
- Tee shirts should be worn; not tank tops

## **Dress Code Violations (DCV)**

When students are dressed inappropriately, consequences will be given and parents may be contacted in order that they may bring the correct clothing to school. Discipline for Dress Code violations will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> DCV: Loss of Spirit Day privilege for the following Friday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DCV: Loss of Spirit Day dress privilege on the next Friday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> DCV: Detention, Parent Conference, and Loss of Spirit Day privilege for the following Friday
- 4<sup>th</sup> DCV: Saturday Detention and loss of dress privilege on Spirit Day for the remainder of the semester
- 5 or More DCV: Further disciplinary action at the discretion of the administration and potential loss of dress privilege on Spirit Day for the remainder of the year.