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School Uniform Policy for Students

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY:

High academics, character, and a safe and disciplined learning environment are crucial to the success of Good Foundations Academy. Studies show that the adoption of a school uniform policy can also promote school safety, improve discipline, and enhance the learning environment. For these reasons, this policy is to be taken seriously. Our school uniform policy allows us to avoid knowing the social background of a student based on appearance, yet allowing the individual personality of each student to shine through.

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a neat modest way reflecting pride in themselves and their school. It is the responsibility of parents and children to ensure compliance with the dress code. If there are any questions, keep it simple, err on the conservative side, and don't be afraid to bring in pictures or the clothing and ask questions.

POLICY:

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Clothing is neat and clean, will fit appropriately with no visible underclothing
- Polo shirts will be tucked in, whether worn with pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts
- Clothing or appearance will not cause distractions or safety hazards
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed, and not distracting to the learning environment. Hair color must appear natural.

APPROVED APPAREL:

Polo shirts (boys and girls)

- o Long sleeve or short sleeve polo shirts
- o Cap sleeve polo shirts are approved for girls
- o Red (true red, not maroon), white, or blue (navy or light blue, not medium blue)
- o White undershirts or camisoles are recommended with white polo shirts
- o Turtlenecks or long-sleeve t-shirts in red, white or blue, worn under polo shirts is approved
- o No visible logos or brand names

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts (boys and girls)

- o Docker-style (twill or poly/cotton fabric)
- o Navy blue or tan/khaki
- o No patch pockets
- o Uniform-style Capri pants are allowed for girls if they meet the above standards.

- o Shorts must be not shorter than 3" above the knee (width of an index card)

Skorts, culottes, Jumpers, Skirts, and Polo Dresses (**girls**)

Skorts are a skirt with built in shorts, or skirts that look like a skirt in the front, and shorts in the back. Culottes are shorts that look like a skirt. Jumpers are made of the same fabric as skirts, skorts, and culottes. They have an attached top that are of the same color as well. Polo dresses are the same as a polo shirt at the top, continue to dress length, and have a collar with three or four buttons only at the top (not buttons all the way down the front). Skorts, culottes, jumpers, skirts, and polo dresses are all acceptable for girls in uniform colors (navy, khaki/tan, red, and light blue; NOT white) under these guidelines.

- o Length and style to meet the same guidelines as shorts
- o Skirts, jumpers and polo dresses must be worn with leggings or uniform color shorts underneath. (See legwear section for colors)
- o Jumpers must be worn with a visible polo shirt underneath
(See legwear section for colors)

Sweater Vests, Cardigan Sweaters, and Sweatshirts

- o Solid color (red, white, or navy) sweaters, sweater vests and cardigan-style, *not hooded*, sweaters are approved for classroom wear
- o Crew neck sweatshirts (red, white, or navy) may be worn in class over the top of a polo shirt. (color must be seen). (GFA sweatshirts are acceptable)

Shoes

- o Any color
- o Non-marking soles
- o No open toes
- o No flip flops
- o No lights
- o No Heelies
- o No crocs
- o No sport sandals, such as Keen or Teva
- o No slippers or moccasins
- o No snow boots or boots with fur

Legwear

- o Socks and shoelaces should not be distracting
- o Tights, leggings, and bike shorts for girls are approved in uniform colors (red, white, navy blue, light blue) and only worn under skorts, culottes, jumpers, skorts, and shorts.
 - No rainbow or obvious designs allowed on legwear, tights, or bike shorts

Outerwear

- o Students are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing for recess in cold weather, including boots, jackets, mittens, and hats
- o Outerwear is not allowed inside the classroom – students are encouraged to wear long sleeve polo shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or turtle necks in cooler weather.

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

Logo Wear

GFA is contracting with national vendors to have the school uniform clothing with the GFA logo, including polo shirts, sweater vests, and cardigan-style sweaters.

Other Optional items

- o Belt
- o “Spirit Wear” – approved t-shirts or sweatshirts as determined by GFA
- o Hats **for outside wear only**
- o Boots **for outside wear only**

ALTERNATIVE DAYS:

Spirit Fridays:

Fridays will be known as Spirit Days where students may wear shirts and sweatshirts with the GFA logo. Field day shirts, school play shirts, or other school activities shirts are acceptable. Students may also wear a university or military logo on these days as well. **No College team, NFL, NBA, MLB, type of jersey allowed.**

Dress Down Days Standards

GFA has several scheduled Dress Down Days as a reward for good character. On scheduled days, students may earn the privilege to wear street clothes to school that meet the following guidelines:

- Clothing shall be modest and clean
- Shirts shall meet the pants or skirt: no belly shirts, no visible undergarments
- Shirts shall be solid or patterned, and may include elementary age-appropriate words or images (example: butterfly, sports themes, Disney characters/G-rated characters, etc.)
- Sweatshirts and hoodies are allowed if they meet the above requirements
- Shoes shall be appropriate for school activities: no high heels, no flip flops, no lights or heelies
- Skorts or skirts *with shorts underneath* are allowed
- No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless tops
- No short shorts
- No athletic shorts or pants
- No hats
- No costumes allowed on Dress Down Days or Halloween, unless teacher-approved activity tied to curriculum (i.e. book report, Middle Ages day).

If a student chooses not to participate in designated Dress Down Day, he or she shall wear a school uniform that day.

Spring Picture Day

GFA requires uniforms to be worn for Fall Picture Day. We understand that many families would prefer to have student pictures taken in clothing of their choice, so we have scheduled a FREE Dress Down Day to coincide with Spring Picture Day. Students are encouraged to “dress up” for pictures, however regular Dress Down Day Standards apply.

Note: Administration and the Dean of Students reserve the right to use their discretion concerning any questionable apparel.

Compliance:

The GFA School Uniform Policy has been designed for simplicity and equity. Enforcement of the school uniform standards is the responsibility of the teachers and administrators. Students attending GFA are expected to adhere to the dress code.

**If a family needs assistance in providing school-approved clothing, GFA may provide vouchers to the family for clothing in the Uniform Closet.

**If there is an article of clothing in question, feel free to bring it in and verify that it meets school policy.

**This policy is intended to create a framework, to meet the purpose as stated at the beginning of this policy.