



GCA Dress Code and Uniform Options

Uniform Options for GIRLS

SHIRTS:

- **Polo**: Plain hunter green, navy blue, red or white. Long or short sleeves. No trim or ruching, no “stretch” styles, no pockets, no logos. Shirts may not be “oversized” and/or too long
- **Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt**: Button-front, long- or short-sleeve, no logos or embellishments.
- **White Round-Collar Blouse**: Plain, button-front, long or short sleeves. No trim or ruching, no “stretch” styles, no pockets, no logos. (Typically worn in Elementary only.)

SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS WORN OVER UNIFORM SHIRTS:

NOTE: A uniform Polo or Oxford (described above) must be worn underneath uniform sweaters and sweatshirts during school hours.

Sweater: Plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Plain crew- or V-neck cardigans, pullovers and vests are permitted. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweater options.

Sweatshirt: Grey, hunter green or navy blue with approved GCA Logo only. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweatshirt options. Details below:

- **GCA logos** at District Image, Educational Apparel, JC Manny, Schoolbelles, MyLocker.net or GCA Spirit Wear sales.
- Approved **fabric** colors: Grey, hunter green or navy blue sweatshirts, hoodies or jackets.
- Approved **accent/lettering** colors: hunter green or white.
- Approved **graphics** are: student’s last name, approved GCA logo/graphic (i.e., Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo), and/or a GCA sports number).

PANTS and SKIRTS:

Skirts: Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue. No shorter than two inches above knees. (The GCA plaid is available only at Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles and School Closet.) Two styles:

- 4-pleat skirt with elastic back.
- Pleated with side zipper.

Shorts: Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no cargo pockets. No shorter than two inches above knees. (Khaki is preferred in Upper Academy.)

Pants: Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no “skinny/pencil” or “stretch” styles, no “jogger” styles, no cargo pockets. (Khaki is preferred in Upper Academy.)

For K-5th GRADE GIRLS ONLY:

- **Jumper:** GCA Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue drop-waist jumper with pleated skirt (available only at Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles and School Closet.)
- **Polo Dress:** Plain hunter green, navy blue or red. Long or short sleeves. No trim, ruching, pockets or logos. Must be knee length.
- **Skort:** GCA Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue. (Scooters are **not** permitted.)

Supplemental Uniform Item Requirements for Girls

- **Tights/Leggings**—solid color worn under a skirt of approved length that coordinates with uniform colors.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible. Visible undershirts/tank-tops worn beneath Polos and Oxfords must be white.
- **Hair Accessories**—must be appropriate for school attire.
- **Jewelry**—Earrings are the only pierced jewelry permitted. All jewelry must be inoffensive to the Christian faith. Excessive or inappropriate jewelry will be addressed individually.

Uniform Options for BOYS

SHIRTS:

- **Polo:** Plain hunter green, navy blue, red or white. Long- or short-sleeve. No trim, no “stretch” styles, no pockets, no logos. Shirts may not be “oversized” and/or too long.
- **Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt:** Button-front, long- or short-sleeve, no logos/embellishments.

SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS WORN OVER UNIFORM SHIRTS:

NOTE: A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath uniform sweaters and sweatshirts during school.

- **Sweaters:** Plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Plain crew- or V-neck cardigans, pullovers and vests are permitted. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweater options.
- **Sweatshirts:** Grey, hunter green or navy blue with approved GCA Logo only. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweatshirt options. Details below:
 - GCA logos at District Image, Educational Apparel, JC Manny, Schoolbelles, MyLocker.net or GCA Spirit Store.
 - Approved fabric colors: Grey, hunter green or navy blue sweatshirts, hoodies or jackets.
 - Approved accent/lettering colors: hunter green or white.
 - Approved graphics: student last name, approved GCA logo/graphic (Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo), and/or a GCA sports number).

PANTS:

- **Shorts:** Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no cargo pockets. No shorter than two inches above knees. (Khaki is preferred in Upper Academy.)
- **Pants:** Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no “skinny/pencil” or “stretch” styles, no “jogger” styles, no cargo pockets. (Khaki is preferred in Upper Academy.)

Supplemental Uniform Item Requirements for Boys

- **Belts**—a coordinating color that is worn with pants and shorts at all times for grades 6th–12th.
- **Socks** must be worn at all times.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times. Undershirts worn beneath uniform shirts must be white without logos, pictures or words.
- **Jewelry**—No earring or other pierced jewelry is permitted. All jewelry must be inoffensive to the Christian faith.
- **Hair**—Must be clean and well-groomed. Hair length must be cut and styled so that the hair does not fall below the eyebrows or below the bottom of the ears on the sides and below the bottom of the collar length in the back. Extreme hairstyles will be addressed on an individual basis.
- **Facial Hair**—Must be clean-shaven and/or neatly trimmed at all times. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. No extreme facial hair styles are permitted.

General Dress Code Information for Boys and Girls

1. Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times—Grades 6–12.
2. Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
3. Oversized clothing is not permitted.
4. Heels and soles of shoes should not exceed two inches in height.
5. Closed-toe shoes only (no flip-flops or Croc-styles allowed).
6. Socks must be worn with shoes—Boys only.
7. There are to be no decorations or logos on uniforms other than those adopted by the school.
8. All school attire must be clean and hemmed and in good repair.
9. All undershirts worn beneath Polo and Oxford shirts must be white without any logos, pictures or words.
10. Hats, scarves or other accessories may not be worn in school, including dress-down/Spirit Wear days.
11. Chains (choker, wallet, etc.) are not permitted.
12. The only body piercings permitted are ear piercings.
13. Extreme hairstyles or colors that draw undue attention are not permitted.
14. Apparel at school and all school-related activities must be modest, appropriate and God-honoring.

Dress Down/Spirit Day Policy

On days when students are permitted to “dress down” in “Spirit Wear” or other special event and not required to wear the approved school uniforms, the following policy must be followed:

- Clothing must be clean and neat. Tears or holes in clothing are not allowed. Clothing must be modest and not draw undue attention to a student’s physical appearance. Students violating this policy will be required to contact their parent to receive a change of clothing.
- Only approved style shirts and sweatshirts with approved GCA logos may be worn on dress down and spirit days unless otherwise specified by Administration. Only polo-style or crewneck shirts are permitted. No V-neck, cropped or tank tops are allowed. Students violating this policy will be required to contact their parent to receive a change of clothing.
- Students may only wear jeans (or capri-style jeans for girls only) in blue or black denim only, or uniform shorts, skirts or pants unless otherwise specified by Administration. Jeans may **not** have holes or tears in them. Uniform shorts and skirts must fall two (2) inches above the knee when standing (even when worn with tights or leggings.).
- Leggings (and “jeggings”) **may not be worn as pants**. Leggings may only be worn under a skirt of approved length. Sweatpants and athletic pants are **not** allowed.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn. (Croc-styles are not permitted.)
- Hats or hoods may only be worn on specially designated hat days.

Sweatshirts and Jackets Worn During School Over Uniform Shirts

- Approved GCA athletic team apparel (team sweatshirts or jackets ordered through the coaching staff and approved by the principal) may be worn as part of the uniform during the school day.
- Approved accent colors: white accents on hunter green and Navy blue sweatshirts; hunter green accents on grey sweatshirts (only approved styles through District Image, Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles, JCManny or MyLocker.net.)
- Approved back graphics: student’s last name, GCA sports number, and or an approved GCA logo/graphic (Genoa Christian Academy, GCA, Lions, lion logo, and/or GCA sports team/club logo printed in black, grey, hunter green or white.

Formalwear Policy (6th–12th Grade)

Students must follow GCA rules concerning modesty when shopping for formal wear.

Gentlemen are expected to wear the following:

- Tie with dress shirt (button-down with collar).
- Dress pants (no jeans, joggers or cargo pants).
NOTE: Middle School boys may wear approved uniform khaki pants or shorts.
- Dress shoes with socks (no tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops or Croc styles).

Ladies are expected to follow these guidelines when selecting dresses:

- Dresses must have shoulder straps. (No strapless dresses. One thick strap may be acceptable depending on fit. Please see principal with questions.)
- Undergarments must be completely covered.
- Cleavage must not be visible.
- Lower back and midriff must be covered (no backless or midriff cut-out styles).
- Sheer or lace fabrics must not be revealing.
- Dress length must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

NOTE: Dresses must meet these guidelines without relying on a cover-up.

Physical Education (PE) Policy (6th–12th Grade)

Students are to change into gym clothing for physical education classes. Students will be unable to participate in gym class if they are not dressed according to the policy. They will also have participation points deducted from their quarter-end PE grade for each day they can't participate in class due to dress. Students must change back into their uniform after 7th Period P.E.

- Clothing must be clean and neat. Tears or holes in clothing are not allowed.
- T-shirts with offensive sayings and tank tops are not allowed. (No V-neck or sleeveless.)
- The required length of gym shorts is to the tips of the fingers when arms are naturally hanging straight down to the sides. A minimum 5-inch inseam is required.
- Athletic shoes and socks must be worn.

GCA School Uniform Approved Vendors and Purchasing Locations

In addition to the suppliers listed here, some department stores carry approved Polo and Oxford shirts and uniform pants/shorts. Keep in mind that some uniform suppliers offer styles that are not part of our dress code, so make sure you search for Genoa Christian Academy or use the codes below.

- Avoid “skinny” and “stretch” styles and any embellishments.
- Please visit one of these websites or store locations to view correct GCA styles. The store employees will be happy to help you find GCA items in the right size and length for your student(s).
- Call ahead for store hours, and consider visiting one or more stores to try on uniforms.

Educational Apparel: 3906 Brown Park Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026
800-776-3034 or 614-876-3030, www.educationalapparel.com(GCA school code: Westerville #111)

French Toast: 800-373-6248 or www.frenchtoast.com (GCA School Code: QS47EQE)

Lands’ End Apparel: 800-469-2222 or www.landsend.com/school (GCA School Code: 900141771)

School Closet (Two locations)

73 North Stygler Road

Gahanna, OH 43230

Phone: 614-476-4104 or 877-725-6467

4507 North High Street

Columbus, Ohio 43214

Phone: 614-262-6016 www.schoolcloset.com

Schoolbelles Uniforms: 867 Bethel Road, Columbus 43214
888-637-303, or online: www.schoolbelles.com (GCA School Code: S2632)

School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/>,
(GCA School Code GENO01) Customer Service: 877-825-2860

Pictures of a sampling of GCA uniforms:



(Dress and jumper for K-5th Grades only.)