



GCA Dress Code and Uniform Options

Girls Uniform Options

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.
- **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 shirt (as described above) must be worn underneath uniform sweaters and sweatshirts during school hours.

- **Sweater**: Plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Crew or V-neck, cardigan or pullover. Vests are also permitted. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweater styles.
- **Sweatshirt**: Grey, hunter green or navy blue with approved GCA Logo only. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweatshirt styles. Details below:
 - GCA logos at Educational Apparel, Schoolbelles, MyLocker.net or GCA Spirit Wear Online Store.
 - 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.

GIRLS PANTS AND SKIRTS:

- **Skirts:** Plaid #81, khaki or navy blue. No shorter than two inches above knees. 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 (GCA plaid available **only** at Educational Apparel, Schoolbellies 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.
- **Socks**—coordinate with uniform colors.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible. Visible undershirts worn beneath uniform shirts must be white with no logos, pictures or words.
- **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.

GCA Boys Uniform Options

SHIRTS:

Polo: Plain hunter green, navy blue, red or white. Long or short sleeves. No trim, “stretch” style, pockets, logos.

Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt: Button-front, long- or short-sleeve, no logos or embellishments.

SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS WORN OVER UNIFORM SHIRTS:

NOTE: A uniform shirt (as described above) must be worn underneath uniform sweaters and sweatshirts during school hours.

- **Sweater**: Plain grey, hunter green or navy blue. Crew or V-neck, cardigan or pullover. Vests are permitted. A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweater styles.
- **Sweatshirt**: Grey, hunter green or navy blue with approved GCA Logo only. . A uniform Polo or Oxford must be worn underneath all sweatshirt styles. Details below:
 - GCA logos at Educational Apparel, 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:

- **Shorts**: Khaki or navy blue, pleated- or flat-front, no cargo pockets. No shorter than two inches above knees. (Khaki is the most common preference among students 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 the most common preference among students 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**—a solid color that coordinates with uniform colors must be worn at all times.
- **Undergarments**—proper undergarments must be worn at all times. Undershirts worn beneath uniform shirts must be white without words, pictures or logos.
- **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 styles of facial hair are permitted.

General Dress Code Information for Boys and Girls:

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

Dress Down/Spirit Day Policy:

On Spirit Wear Days and any other time students are permitted to “dress down” 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) preferably 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.
- Hats or hoods may only be worn on specially designated hat days.

Sweatshirts and Jackets Worn During School Over Uniform Shirts:

- 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.
- 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.

Formalwear Policy (6th–12th Grade)

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 or flip-flops).

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, midriff or cutout styles).

-Sheer or lace fabrics must not be revealing in appearance.

-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. (7-inch inseam is strongly recommended.)
- Athletic shoes and socks must be worn.

GCA School Uniform Approved Vendors and Purchasing Locations:

Educational Apparel

3906 Brown Park Drive in Hilliard
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. Orders can be delivered to GCA.)

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 in Columbus

614-336-2040 or 888-637-303, 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

NOTE: Some approved styles are available at department stores. **Please read uniform requirements before you make any purchases.** Below is a sampling of GCA styles and color options:



(Polo dress for Elementary only.)