

# General School Policies

## Uniform Guidelines/ Dress Code

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Uniforms at GCA help to ensure a standard of modesty and neatness which glorifies God and helps students focus on academics. They can help students to be less tempted to compare themselves to others, and parents face less pressure to keep up with the current fashions. Lastly, uniforms minimize costs. As you keep these goals in mind, we trust that our dress code will prove to be more of a blessing than a burden for your family.

Uniforms must be purchased through our exclusive provider, Lands' End, before the first day of school. To purchase uniforms, please visit the Lands' End website at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com), click on "school" and enter our school code: 900140856. Shirt recommendations and restrictions are noted online for several pieces. Everything that is available on the Grace Covenant Academy Lands' End site is approved to wear at school.

Students are expected to be in uniform from the time they enter the facility until the time they leave the facility. Below is a list of expectations for how the uniforms should be worn. Students are urged to embrace the "spirit of the law" as they uphold these standards.

### Hair

The point here is not to draw attention to oneself. Only natural hair colors are permitted at school. Hair should be clean, well-groomed and neat at all times. Hair styles that, in the principal's judgment, may distract from learning are prohibited.

### Piercings

Only female students are allowed to wear a maximum of two regular sized earrings on the lobe of each ear. Anything more is out of dress code. No other piercing should be adorned or draw attention to itself for students of either gender.

### Accessories

- No headbands or barrettes for young men are allowed.
- Accessories that are not to uniform code may not be worn or draped on the uniform.

- Makeup, clothing and jewelry must not excessively draw attention to itself. (For example, black lipstick would not be allowed.)
- Tattoos, drawings or markings on the body -- temporary or permanent -- are not allowed to be visible.

### Lower School | Grades K -5

**All students must own a navy blue Lands' End polo** with the GCA logo embroidered on it. You are welcome to purchase red and white polos with logos as well. We wear blue polos on field trip days.

**Girls** may wear khaki pants or shorts in khaki or blue. These may be purchased elsewhere as long as style and color matches Lands' End pants. Girls may also wear Lands' End plaid skirts or skorts with modesty shorts or leggings, and a GCA polo from Lands' End. In addition, girls may also wear a plaid jumper with an embroidered Peter Pan blouse, accompanied by modesty shorts or leggings. The Peter Pan blouse is to be worn only with the jumper and not with other skirts or pants. Skirt length should be at the knee.

**Boys** must wear Lands' End embroidered polos with khaki pants or khaki or navy shorts. Pants and shorts may be purchased elsewhere as long as style and color matches Lands' End.

**Shoes:** All shoes must be closed toed. No Crocs, flip-flops, roller shoes, boots or sandals are allowed. Students should wear tennis shoes or shoes that allow them to be active for P.E.

**Socks:** Any color socks are acceptable, except with skirts or shorts. When worn with skirts, socks should be navy or white.

**Sweaters or jackets** worn in the classroom must be purchased through Land's End and have the GCA logo. Jackets worn back and forth to school -- outside of the classroom -- do NOT need to follow these guidelines.

All other products sold on our Lands' End school site are optional.

### Middle School and High School | Grades 6 - 12

**All students must own a Lands' End navy blue polo** with the GCA logo embroidered on it. You are welcome to purchase red and white polos with logos as well. Polos may be worn tucked or untucked.

**Note-** *The previous formal chapel attire has been changed, there is no longer required chapel dress uniform.*

**Girls casual attire** consists of Lands' End approved skirt (plaid, khaki, or navy), Lands' End shorts (khaki or navy) or Lands' End pants (khaki or navy) with a Lands' End embroidered polo. The skirt may be accompanied by navy or black modesty shorts or leggings. Skirt length should be at the knee.

**Note-** *The previous formal chapel attire has been changed, there is no longer required chapel dress uniform.*

**Boys casual attire** consists of Lands' End pants or shorts (khaki or blue) and Lands' End embroidered polo.

**Shoes:** Closed toed shoes are required for everyone. No athletic shoes or sneakers should be worn with the formal uniform, EXCEPT black tennis shoes with black laces and black soles are acceptable. No Crocs, flip-flops, roller shoes, slippers or sandals are allowed.

**Socks:** Any color socks are acceptable, except with skirts and with the formal uniform. When worn with skirts, socks should be navy or white. The boys' formal uniform requires dark crew socks.

**Sweaters or jackets** worn in the classroom must be purchased through Land's End and have the GCA logo. The GCA athletic warm up suit, including the jacket, should be worn only at athletic events, and not on a regular school day. All other products sold on our Lands' End school site are optional.

### **Off-Campus/ Non-Field Trip Events**

A student should wear what they would wear on a Spirit Day at GCA. For example, jeans that do not have holes or rips or Land's End approved shorts. GCA spirit t-shirt or solid t-shirt.

## **Communication**

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### **FACTS**

FACTS is our school management system. It provides a web-based interface between parents, students, teachers, and staff to share information. Through ParentsWeb, you will be connected with the school and stay informed of your student's progress 24/7, from work, home, or on the road. Parents and students are encouraged to become familiar with FACTS and all that it has to offer.