

# Make an Appearance!

## GCSS STUDENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



We, the Gainesville City District family, aim high to create a warm and inviting environment. We want every reflection of our brand to be consistent with our tradition of excellence. As a member of this family, your appearance is a reflection of the GCSS brand and how we show up collectively is important to our community. At the same time, we want to build a district where individuality, empowerment, and inclusion are nurtured. With this balance in mind, we have updated our dress code.

Our dress code is generally based on what we like to think of as “school appropriate.” All clothing must fit modestly and provide appropriate coverage and length. Shoes should be safe for the school environment. Care must be taken to avoid distractions caused by tattoos, piercings, and unnatural hair colors and styles.



*The dress code needs may vary at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. For that reason, please check your school’s handbook for school-specific standards.*



*For further clarity it is helpful to provide examples on a “we don’t list.” On this list are examples of the things we don’t do.*

### We Don’t Wear...

- pajama attire, sleepwear, or bedroom footwear.
  - spaghetti straps, backless, strapless, or tank tops.
  - clothing that allows the exposure of our midriff or waist.
  - hats, caps, or hoods inside.
  - clothing in a way that reveals underwear.
  - clothing that fits immodestly.
  - clothing that causes distractions to our mission
- ⇒ examples: clothing with inappropriate language, pictures or symbols; clothing depicting gangs or gang affiliation, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; clothing that advocates/promote violence

