

## **DRESS CODE**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy has a dress code for grades Preschool-8. Parents/guardians are asked to aide in enforcing this dress code. The administration may notify parents/guardians of violations. The dress code may be found in this handbook and on the school's website, [www.olgca.org](http://www.olgca.org).

If there is a time when the prescribed uniform cannot for some legitimate reason be worn, a note from the parent/guardian must be written to the principal. Students who are out of uniform without this excuse will be sent to the office and the parent/guardian will be called to bring the proper clothing.

Throughout the school year, each teacher will periodically conduct formal uniform checks as well as be informally observant of each child's uniform daily.

### **Preschool**

Preschool students do not have to wear a school uniform. These children should wear clothing that is washable, comfortable, easy to get on and off (elastic waist bands are suggested), and conducive to movement. In addition, shirts must have sleeves (no tank tops are allowed) and the students need to wear socks at all times (no sandals or fashion boots are allowed). During the colder months, please dress your child according to the weather. The students will go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or above.

### **Grades Preschool-8 Dress Code**

#### **Jumpers/Skorts**

- K-3, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy *plaid* Jumper
- Grades 4-5, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy *plaid* Jumper or *plaid* Skort
- Grades 6-8, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy *plaid* Skort
- Navy Blue may not be substituted for the plaid jumper or skort
- The jumper or skort may be no more than two inches above the knee in length.
- Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy plaid jumpers or skorts can be purchased at the Religious Supply Center in the Village of East Davenport or Mother Goosebumps in Galesburg.

#### **Shirts**

- Solid/plain white, red, or navy , long or short sleeve polo shirts or blouses with a round or pointed collar
- Shirts may not have writing on them
- Sleeveless and cap sleeves are not permitted
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times

#### **Sweatshirts**

- Official school sweatshirts, solid/plain navy, or solid/plain red may be worn over the uniform shirt
- Each student is asked to have an official red Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy sweatshirt to wear in the annual Christmas program.
- Cardigan or pullover solid red, navy, or white sweaters or sweater vests may be worn over the uniform shirt
- Although hooded sweatshirts are allowed to be worn as a jacket on regular school days, they will not be allowed to be worn in the classroom except on non-uniform days.

#### **Slacks/Shorts**

- Navy blue or khaki slacks (broadcloth, corduroy, or polyester) with a zipper or elastic waist band
- Jeans, poly-stretch flares, cargo pants or sweatpants may not be worn
- Capri's and navy blue or khaki shorts (broadcloth, corduroy, or polyester) with a zipper or elastic waist band may be worn from the start of school until October 31 and again starting April 1 until the end of the year. Short length must be no more than two inches from knee
- No gym shorts allowed as part of the uniform

## Socks

- Red, white, or blue solid colored socks must be worn and visible at all times
- Red, white, or blue solid colored tights or knee-highs may be worn.
- Leggings may not be worn.

## Jewelry

- Boys may not wear any jewelry except for a religious necklace.  
Small post earrings only
- Earrings in the cartilage are not allowed
- Make-up must be moderate and not distracting from school learning
- Jewelry is permitted in moderation and must not distract from school learning.

## Hair

- No fad haircuts such as, but not limited to, mushroom cuts, mohawks, spiked hair, designs cut in the hair, or colored hair
- Must be clean, combed, and styled in a manner that will not be distracting to the learning process
- Boys hair may not go below the shirt collar or over the eyebrows

## Shoes

- Leather, canvas, or gym shoes with rubber soles
- Tennis shoes must be worn on PE days
- Must be visibly tied for safety reasons
- No open toe, heel, sandals, flip flops, or clogs

## Clothing

- Clothing must have a comfortable fit. Clothing that is form fitting is not acceptable
- Hats are to be removed upon entering the building
- Gym clothes may not be worn under the school uniform

## **Out of Uniform Dress Code Grades K-8**

Non-uniform days or dress-up days may be allowed on occasion at the discretion of the school principal. The principal will announce optional days to the dress code with notice sent home in advance. Non-uniform clothes should always be in good condition, fit properly, and be appropriate for a Catholic school.

Although "skinny jeans" may be worn, they may not be skin tight and look like they are "painted on." The shorts/skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Shirts must be worn loose and show no cleavage.

Unacceptable clothing would include but is not limited to: flip flops, open back shoes, short shorts, spandex shorts, un-hemmed shorts, tanks, midriffs, halters, sleeveless shirts, T-shirts with inappropriate messages, pajama pants, etc.

A Good Rule of Thumb: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

All uniform regulations and guidelines are subject to the discretion of the principal.