



Uniform and Dress Code Policy 2020-2021

Students are expected to wear a GGA uniform top at all times within the building. However, choice is important so any of these tops are acceptable.

Uniform:



Polo Shirt - Dark Purple or Black

GGA T-Shirt - Dark Purple (any shirt that has a GGA logo)

GGA White Short or Long Sleeve Dress Shirt

Optional Uniform Tops:

GGA Sweatshirt

GGA Zip Up Fleece Sweater



PE and Athletics Uniform:

GGA Athletic Shorts

GGA Athletics T-Shirt

(We provide these uniform items)

Girls Global Academy Dress Code:

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Our goal is to provide simple guidelines to ensure students are ready and prepared for school. We reserve the right to adjust this dress code to ensure our attention is focused on what matters - your student's education. We will also expect students to dress up to a higher level when they represent GGA in the community.

Bottoms

All types and colors of bottoms are allowed including pants, skirts, and shorts, with some exceptions:

To maintain a professional learning environment, the following items are prohibited:

- Any type of sleepwear like pajamas
- Athletic wear like joggers (allowed during PE class)
- Leggings or jeggings

Additional Expectations:

- Jeans are okay, but no rips or tears
- Shorts and skirts must be longer than mid-thigh

Shoes

You choose! All shoes are allowed, with the exception of some shoes for safety:

- No open toe or open heel shoes
- No flip-flops or slides
- No slippers or house shoes

Head Coverings

- Decorative head coverings, wraps, and bandanas are allowed
- Hats, bonnets, do-rags, and other sleepwear are prohibited

Uniform and Dress Code FAQs:

Where can I get uniforms?

GGA has contracted with a uniform vendor Risse Brothers. All uniforms are available for purchase online <https://www.rissebrothers.com/> and can be shipped to your home. In addition, uniforms can be purchased in person at their facility: 9700 Martin Luther King Jr Highway Suite B, Lanham, MD 20706. (301) 220-1985

Why does GGA not have a more restrictive uniform and dress code?

GGA's uniform and dress code aims to follow best practices, is informed by the research, and is intended to allow our school community to focus on their education. In 2018 the National Women's Law Center commissioned a report of Washington D.C.'s dress code titled: [Dress Coded: Black girls, bodies, and bias in Washington D.C. Schools](#). This report tells us that most schools have overly strict dress code rules, focus on what's wrong with girls' bodies, and are based on race and sex based stereotypes. Therefore GGA strives to be different when it comes to uniform and dress code that focus more on education, and allows girls to make choices for themselves.

How did GGA decide on this uniform and dress code policy?

GGA's Co-founders believe that it is important to engage parents and students about what the uniform should look like at GGA. We had conversations with families and students early in the process, solicited feedback from all school community members through a survey, and finally proposed a version of this policy for enrolled parents, families, and students. Through this feedback process the policy was refined and improved and will continue to be refined as GGA grows and learns more from its families and students.

Can I as a parent (or family) limit what my student wears?

Families are encouraged to have conversations and make family based decisions on what you think is appropriate for school. Some families prefer to limit the color and types of pants, while others prioritize choice. GGA encourages families and students to talk about how clothing can impact your identity and the perception others have of you.

How will the dress code be enforced?

Students will be checked for the dress code as they enter the building and in their advisory first period. See *Discipline Policy* for additional information.

What if I forget my uniform?

All it takes to be in uniform is a uniform top. GGA recommends you keep an extra uniform top in your locker just in case. But if you need a shirt we will have extra shirts available to borrow. If you are wearing an item that is out of dress code, you may be required to call a parent/family member to bring the needed item to school.