

GCMS Families and Students,

Please review the dress code language that will be used and enforced by GCMS Administrators for the 2022-2023 school year. The intention of this dress code language is to respect the individual rights of all students while creating a safe environment that is conducive to teaching and learning.

“Students are expected to wear clothing in a neat, clean, and well fitting manner while on school property and/or in attendance at school sponsored activities. Students are to use discretion in their dress and are not permitted to wear apparel that causes a substantial disruption in the school environment.

- Student dress (including accessories) may not advertise, promote, or picture alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, violent behavior, or other inappropriate images.
- Student dress (including accessories) may not display lewd, vulgar, obscene, or offensive language or symbols, including gang symbols.
- Hats, coats, bandannas, sweat bands, and sunglasses may not be worn in the building during the school day.
- Hair styles, dress, and accessories that pose a safety hazard are not permitted in the shop, laboratories, or during physical education.
- Clothing with holes, rips, and/or tears, showing undergarments may not be worn at school.
- The length of shorts or skirts must be appropriate for the school environment.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

If there is any doubt about dress and appearance, the building principal and/or assistant principal will make the final decision. Students whose dress causes a substantial disruption of the orderly process of school functions or endangers the health or safety of the student, other students, staff or others may be subject to discipline.”

We realize that this language allows for interpretations that will not always be universally agreed to, however each building administrator will have final authority in questions of the dress code. Our primary purpose is to be an educational institution and we do not want dress to be a distraction from that mission. As I like to say in my own home if you have to ask it may not be appropriate for school.

Your attention and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darnell