

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Parents Please note - The policy is in effect from the first day of school. Students not in compliance will be calling home to have someone bring them the correct uniform, or they will be getting permission to go home and change. Students not in the compliance with the dress code will not be allowed to go to their classes until they are in compliance. Any class time missed is registered as unexcused absences.)

Philosophy

Nationally, with the start of the 21st century, employers have joined with school administrators in order to develop students who are prepared for the workforce upon leaving school. Education, the foremost role of a school enables student to achieve success in their future endeavors. Attire plays an important role in the workforce and learning how to properly dress is an area that schools must address as part of a student's educational process.

Purpose

The primary responsibility for determining appropriate dress and grooming lies with parents. Even though school attire is not intended to stifle a student's personal taste, as part of the educational process, it is necessary to establish guidelines as to what is permitted within the school environment. The safety and health of individuals is of the utmost importance. In addition, it is essential to encourage choices that are conducive to establishing a climate of teaching and learning. Therefore, items that become a distraction to the educational process will be prohibited. The following standards will assist the students and parents in determining acceptable attire for a school setting.

The Dress Code

A "Dress Code Committee," consisting of students, teachers, administrators, and Board Members, has decided on uniform attire.

Shirt

There are two design options for the "uniform" shirt:

- 1) A button-down dress shirt purple, gold, black or white, with a collar and long or short sleeves. (No Stripes).
- 2) A polo style of the same four colors, also with a collar and long or short sleeves.

In both cases, the shirt should have **no brand-affiliated logo** (A logo is often associated with a particular socioeconomic status). In addition, **no stripes**, or **designs** can be anywhere on the shirt. As part of the uniform, students may purchase shirts through one of the school uniform vendors. (Shirts purchased from the school vendors can be purchased with or without the Garfield "G" logo, or Garfield High School Monogram) Shirts must be long enough to ensure that the midriff is not exposed, but not so long that the entire pocket is covered, and buttoned sufficiently to prevent unacceptable exposure.

Pants

- 1) Students must wear khaki pants. (Black pants are no longer allowed)
- 2) A khaki skirt no more than two inches above the knee, may be worn by our female students.
- 3) All students may wear khaki shorts between May 1 and October 1, and also cannot be more than two inches above the knee.

No jeans (of any color), sweat pants, spandex or stretch pants are permitted. Low cut pants that lead to exposure of undergarments or an exposed midriff are not permitted.

Cold or Inclement Weather Clothing

Coats, heavy jackets, and hats are not permitted in the classroom and must be placed in the student's locker prior to the start of the first period class. These articles are to remain in the locker throughout the school day. In the event of cold or inclement weather the following clothing items **may** be worn in class:

- 1) School-issued warm-up jackets that do not have a hood.(No sweatshirts, with or without a hood)
- 2) A solid-colored "light" jacket without a hood or logo.
- 3) Long sleeve solid color shirts can be worn under the uniform shirt.
- 4) Solid color sweaters over the school uniform. (No hoods or logos)

- 5) A solid color fleece (Without a hood) over the school uniform in one of the following colors: Purple, gold, black, or white. (No logos, stripes or designs are permitted on the fleece unless issued by the uniform vendors)

Additionally, decisions on attire/accessories are prohibited as follows:

Safety

- Loose and improperly fitted clothing that may get caught on objects or cause tripping.
- Hooded sweatshirts will not be permitted during the school day. If worn as a jacket to school, they must be placed in the locker prior to the start of first period.
- Sunglasses due to limited vision indoors.
- Footwear that is loose, has untied laces or straps, or does not provide a firm walking surface and good balance. **Flip-flops, slides, bedroom slippers, and beach shoes are not permitted.**

Educational Distractions

- Fashion designed to exaggerate, emphasize, reveal, or call attention to anatomical details.
- Messages via words or pictures on items that are lewd, obscene, drug oriented, profane, or infer violence/weapons. Any clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates membership in an unauthorized group, gang, or secret sorority/fraternity is not permitted.

Miscellaneous Information

Special situations need to be addressed on an individual basis. Health and safety factors arise in special situations (lab classes, field trips, physical education, etc.) that require temporary modifications. For these situations, a determination of proper attire for the activity will be determined by the classroom and/or building administrator.

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As students enter the building their attire will be scrutinized by security. Students who miss class due to improper attire will not be excused which may impact course credit.

Khaki shorts will be permitted between May 1 and October 1. The length must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Exceptions to the uniform dress code:

- * Religious reasons
- * Cases of hardship will be reviewed on an individual basis
- * Khaki skirts throughout the year (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee)