



School Dress Code Policy
English Section – Secondary

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Purpose

The Dress Code Policy at GESM aims to create a positive and respectful learning environment that reflects our core values of respect for the host country, appreciation for diverse cultures within our school community, and the promotion of professionalism among students. This policy is designed to ensure that all students present themselves in a manner that fosters a conducive educational atmosphere while adhering to the school's Code of Conduct. By promoting appropriate attire, we encourage students to take pride in their appearance and understand the importance of representing themselves and the school community positively.

Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled at GESM during school hours, as well as during school-sponsored events and activities.

Dress Code Guidelines

1. School Uniform

- The school does not mandate wearing the school uniform but encourages students to wear it to foster a sense of community and belonging.
- It is encouraged for students to wear the GESM shirts and polo shirts that are available for purchase. These items are designed to promote school spirit and unity while adhering to the dress code.
- During school trips and outings, students may be asked to wear the school shirt for safety reasons, ensuring they are easily identifiable as part of the school community.

2. Respect for Cultures and the Host Country

- Attire should reflect an understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures represented within our school community.
- Students are expected to dress in a manner that shows respect for the customs and traditions of the host country. This includes avoiding clothing with offensive graphics, slogans, or imagery that may be deemed disrespectful.

3. Hygiene

- Students must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene, including clean clothing and grooming.
- Footwear must be appropriate, safe, and in good condition. Closed-toe shoes are encouraged, especially in practical subjects such as physical education and science.

4. Modesty

- Clothing should be modest and appropriate for a school setting. This includes avoiding excessively revealing attire, such as crop tops, short shorts, or skirts that do not reach mid-thigh.
- Undergarments should not be visible, and clothing should not have excessively low necklines or cut-outs.

5. Avoid Disturbing Other Students

- Students should choose clothing that does not distract themselves or their peers from the learning experience. This includes avoiding overly flashy or disruptive accessories, such as large hats or excessive jewelry.
- Clothing should not cause disruption during class or school activities, and students should be mindful of their choices in relation to their learning environment.

6. Professionalism

- The school serves as a training ground for professionalism. Therefore, students are encouraged to dress in a manner that reflects this ethos.
- Attire should be suitable for a professional environment, including collared shirts, blouses, dress pants, skirts, or dresses for more formal occasions.
- Hats are not allowed in the classrooms.

7. Sports Classes

- **Proper Apparel for Sports Lessons:** Students must wear appropriate sports attire during physical education classes. This includes athletic shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts, and suitable athletic shoes that provide proper support and traction.
- **Swimming:** For swimming lessons, students are required to wear appropriate swimwear. Boys should wear swim trunks, while girls should wear one-piece swimsuits or appropriate two-piece swimsuits that adhere to modesty standards. Swim caps are recommended for long hair.
- **Spare Clothes:** Students are encouraged to bring a spare set of clothes for sports classes and swimming to ensure comfort and hygiene after participating in physical activities.
- **Wearing Jewelry:** To ensure safety during sports activities, students should avoid wearing jewelry, including earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. If students have piercings, they should use clear retainers during sports classes.

8. School Personnel

- School personnel are expected to dress in a smart casual manner that reflects professionalism and sets a positive example for students. This includes wearing collared shirts, blouses, dress pants, or skirts.
- Shorts are not permitted for school personnel, except for sports teachers during physical education classes or school-sponsored events.
- As role models for students, school personnel should embody the values of the school through their attire, demonstrating respect for the learning environment and encouraging students to do the same.

Enforcement

- The approach of the school regarding the dress code is the same as for any aspect of school life, which is to promote our core values as elicited in our Code of Conduct.
- The Dress Code will be communicated to students by faculty and staff. Students will be reminded and encouraged to adhere to the Dress Code.
- In the case of repeated offenses, interventions will involve discussions with teachers, the head of sections, and possibly the parents to address the situation and support compliance. Ultimately disciplinary measures may be enforced.

Conclusion

At GESM, we believe that a positive dress code contributes to a respectful and professional learning environment. By adhering to this policy, students not only demonstrate respect for themselves and others but also prepare themselves for future professional settings. This policy is in alignment with our Code of Conduct, which emphasizes the importance of upholding our school values. We appreciate the cooperation of students and parents in maintaining these standards and fostering a community that reflects our shared commitment to excellence.

For any questions or concerns regarding this Dress Code Policy, please contact the school administration at secretariat@gesm.org