



Gateway Charter High School 2011-2012 Dress Code

A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individual students and results in a higher standard of behavior. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress for normal school days. The school administration reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. The school uniform shall be worn by every student while in school and on the school bus. Personal coats/jackets and hats may be worn to/from school but must be left in student locker during the day. Book bags and purses must be in lockers during the school day.

Every student in attendance shall wear a school uniform, purchased through the designated uniform company.

Hair & Make-up: Hair must be neat and clean with no “unnatural” colors, i.e., fluorescent, bright green, Mohawks, spikes, etc. Blonde highlights are allowed. Hair that is distracting to the educational setting will not be allowed. No bandanas may be worn.

Shoes: Students must wear closed shoes at all times. No boots of any kind or shoes with metal tips may be worn. No stacked or pumped shoes may be worn. No sandals or “Crocs”. We recommend appropriate sneakers or flat dress shoes.

Socks: Socks must be a solid white, blue, or black color (crew or tennis length may be worn). Leggings’ or other inappropriate leg wear is not acceptable.

Shirts: All shirts **MUST** be tucked in and buttoned at all times. Shirts must be purchased from the designated uniform company. If undershirts are worn, they **MUST** be white, grey, or black.

Slacks/Shorts/Etc.: All uniform slacks/shorts/skirts/skort/ etc. are to be purchased from the uniform company and must be worn at the waist with a belt and be in good repair and may not be rolled to appear shorter.

Belts: A solid black or brown belt with no metal adornments and must be worn at all times with any article of clothing that has belt loops. Belt buckles may not be oversized. The belt should be fitted around the waist so that the excess length can be tucked in loops and NOT hanging. Additional adornments, such as chains, are not permitted.

Jewelry: Students may not wear body piercing other than earrings in the ear lobe. One earring per ear may be worn. Only a small stud earring or small ½" hoop may be worn for safety purposes. Limited jewelry can be worn, such as watch, small bracelet, and thin necklace. Necklace should hang inside of the school uniform.

General: At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest, or deemed inappropriate by the faculty.

Dress down days: Students will have the opportunity to participate in a dress down day once per month. This fundraising event will support classroom activities. Specific clothing is allowed and will be identified on a flyer sent home with the students and posted on SIS. Students not following the dress code will call home to have proper clothing brought to them.

Dances: Students will have the opportunity to participate in school dances or social functions. Appropriate dress or themed outfits will be required. Detailed information will be sent home in a flyer to describe the requirements of each activity/function.

Students may ONLY wear dark blue/navy school sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or fleece, purchased through the uniform company, if chilly during the school day. (No hoodies) School sweatshirts and fleece jackets are outerwear only. No clothing may be tied around a student's waist.

Uniform Consequences: The Lee County *Code of Conduct for Students* states:

Dress Code Violation (DCV) - Failure to comply with dress code requirement(s).

- First offense - Correction/WRN of ISS
- Second offense - ISS Rest of Day
- Third offense - ISS & 1 day After-Hours School
- Fourth offense - Level II (TBD by Administration)
- Fifth offense - Level II (TBD by Administration)