

**GRACE SNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT ATTIRE INFORMATION
2011-2012**

Grace Snell Middle School Student Attire

Based on overwhelming parental, faculty and staff support, our school has adopted a student dress code. The following student attire is expected for all students:

Students are expected to dress in school spirit wear daily. The spirit wear attire meets the required Grace Snell Middle School student dress code. The Comet attire for boys is khaki or blue/black pants, jeans (no rips or holes) or shorts (no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee) that meet the student dress requirement for condition and fit, with white or blue collared polo style shirts. The Comet attire for girls is khaki or blue/black pants, skirts, shorts (no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee) or capris that meet the dress requirement for condition and fit, with white or blue collared polo style shirts.

Shorts, skirts and dresses

Shorts, skirts and dresses should always be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee. Slits in skirts/dresses cannot be more than 2 inches above the top of the knee. Waistlines of shorts/skirts/pants must be on or above the hips with **no** underwear showing. Clothing that exposes any portion of the waist, hips or midriff may not be worn to school.

Girl's blouses and boys shirts

All shirts have a collar; solid color polo style shirts are the accepted style for the Grace Snell Student Dress Code. White or blue solid colored polo style collared shirts are recommended.

Headgear

Headgear is prohibited and must be kept out of sight in the building. This includes, but is not limited to: caps, sock caps, hats, birthday tiaras, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sweatbands, headbands, sunglasses, or other head coverings. No combs, rakes, curlers or picks may be worn in the hair. Exceptions for religious or medical reasons may be granted by grade level assistant principal. Students should not wear "unnatural colored hair..orange, purple, blue etc."

Footwear

Shoes must be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes/slippers are not allowed. Students should also not wear flip flops or sport flip flops, even with socks.

Pants

Pants should not be "sagging" or below waistline or exposing underwear/gym wear. Belts should be worn. Here are some quick checks to make sure your pants are OK:

- Waistline must be on or above hips with no underwear showing at any time.
- Pants that are too baggy and cannot be kept at the waist are not allowed.
- If the crotch of the pants is anywhere near your knees - they are too baggy and **do not** fit properly for the school environment.
- There should be no rips or holes in jeans, shorts, dresses, or skirts.
- Pajama bottoms are not allowed at school.
- Writing across the seat area is not allowed.
- Undergarments should never be visible.
- **Solid color khaki or blue/black pants/jeans are recommended.**

Proper Fitting Clothing

Clothes should not fit too tightly. Stretch Lycra, jeggings (jean leggings) Spandex or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants or underwear worn as an outer garment are strictly prohibited, even if worn with skirts or dresses.

Student Outerwear

Students may not wear trench coats or other long coats that resemble the style of a trench coat to school. Students may not wear blankets, capes, or cloaks to school. All coats must be properly worn. Hoodies or coats, jackets, and shirts with hoods are not allowed to be worn in the building.

Clothing that has references to sex, drugs, or alcohol should not appear on clothing.

No words, symbols, or artwork that advocates or depicts violence or that is inflammatory or suggestive of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, sex, illegal gang affiliation, hate groups, or other illegal activity should be expressed or implied. No student clothing shall be disruptive or have caused past disruption to the school environment.

Jewelry and accessories may not be spiked.

Accessories or jewelry that may pose a danger is not allowed to be worn at school. This includes, but is not limited to: wallet chains, spiked rings, spiked bracelets, two or three finger rings that are joined, and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist. Sharp objects that could pose a danger, such as spikes or safety pins are not allowed on clothing or book bags; no spiked piercing on face, tongue, ears, etc. is allowed.

No gang-related clothing or symbols.

Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Taskforce as being commonly identified with gangs. Garments, jewelry, body art and tattoos that communicate gang allegiance are not allowed to be worn at school, and no item may be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation. Gang-related attire includes, but is not limited to:

- Sagging pants
- Pants with one leg rolled up
- Long, bulky chains/necklaces
- Clothing with **Old English** script
- Over-sized pendants
- Bandanas/scarves
- Sweatbands/headbands
- Draping articles of clothing, towels, etc. out of pants pocket, or over the shoulder, etc.

This rule is subject to updates as additional wearing apparel is identified as gang-affiliated or disruptive. The GSMS web site may be consulted for additional changes.

What happens if I wear something that does not meet the Grace Snell Middle School student dress code?

Every morning homeroom teachers will check students' attire to make sure it adheres to the required GSMS Student Dress Code. If students are not properly dressed for school they will be referred to the grade level assistant principal.

Students may call his/her parent to bring a change of GSMS approved attire, **or** the student may change into an appropriate shirt and pants that will be provided by the school. The student's clothing will be locked in the grade level office until school clothes are returned washed and folded by the next day.

Administrative Consequences

Dress Cut #1	Warning-- student calls parent for change of clothing
Dress Cut #2	Warning-- student calls parent for change of clothing
Dress Cut #3	Silent lunch; student calls parent for change of clothing
Dress Cut #4	In-team isolation scheduled by referring teacher; student calls parent for clothes
Dress Cut #5	Grade level detention scheduled by referring teacher; student calls parent for clothes
Dress Cut #6 +	Administrative referral; student calls parent for clothes

Referring teacher sends student to grade level office with copy of dress code violation notification. Grade level clerk documents student violation and notifies referring teacher of consequence level. Referring teacher follows through with consequence. Student may be placed in ISS until clothing is changed.

If there are continued dress code violations, administrative consequences may also be in order at the discretion of the administrator.