



GMC PREP SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

While our elementary students do not wear a military uniform as do our 6th-12th graders, we begin teaching the uniform standards in the elementary grades and do hold students responsible for being in the correct uniform and following all appearance guidelines.

General Uniform Standards and Requirements

- Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Khaki Pants be full length, uniform style pants with belt loops. Cargo pants or cargo-type pockets are not allowed. Skinny pants/leggings/jeggings are not allowed.
- Pants should be a cotton material. They should have a straight fit in the legs and not fit too tightly in the bottom. Pants are required to be full length and should cover the top of the shoe. Capris or ankle pants are not allowed. Pants should be hemmed as applicable to the student's height. Students are not allowed to "roll up" the bottoms of pants as a substitute for hemming.
- Shorts are allowed for girls and boys and skorts for girls during the Summer Uniform months. As with the pants, shorts must be a uniform style with belt loops and no cargo or cargo-type pockets on the legs. The length of shorts and skorts must be at least 2 inches below the child's fingertips when arms are extended straight down at side.
- Belts must be worn with pants and shorts for students in grades 2-5. Skorts without belt loops do not require a belt.
- We acknowledge that some students in grades K and 1 may not yet be ready to independently buckle and unbuckle a belt. These students are exempt from the belt requirement if a parent feels this is best for the child. Elastic waist uniform pants/shorts/skorts are allowed for students in grades K and 1.
- Our "Summer Uniform" months are August, September, October, mid-late March, April, and May. Shorts/skorts may be worn (but are not required) during the Summer Uniform months.
- Full length pants are acceptable all year, but they are required in the "Winter Uniform" months of November, December, January, February, and early/mid March. Parents will be notified of the March dates for Summer and Winter uniforms.

- We fully recognize that students grow during the school year and will work with you as your student needs bigger/longer sizes, but we do expect that parents take responsibility in ensuring that pants fit students in height and girth at all times. Students/parents will receive notice if uniform does not meet the GMC standard.
- Kindergarten students are required to keep an extra pair of uniform pants/shorts at school at all times. More details will be provided to parents at start of school year.
- Short sleeve shirts are acceptable all year with long sleeves optional when students are in the Winter Uniform only. Long sleeve shirts are never required.
- White undershirts are allowed, but are not required with the GMC red polo for elementary students as they are for 6-12 students. If a student chooses to wear a plain solid white undershirt, the sleeves must not extend beyond the sleeves of the red polo.
- Black leather/leather-type dress belt - simple gold or silver buckle (buckle shape may be square, rectangle, circle, or oval.)
- White socks - plain white with no logos, colors, etc. Socks must be visible above the shoe.

Summer Uniform Summary --- Shorts, skorts (for girls), or pants with short sleeve shirt.

Winter Uniform Summary - Pants with short sleeve shirt or long sleeve shirt.

Shoes

- Black tennis shoes must be athletic type sneaker. "Fashion" type tennis shoes are not allowed as our students participate in PE and recess activities that require an athletic shoe. Shoes must have either a white or black sole and only white logos. No other colors of logos or "decorations" are allowed on shoes. Shoes that have a Velcro-strap in lieu of white shoelaces are acceptable. A separate shoe guide is provided to parents.

Outerwear

- The GMC fleece jacket or the GMC rain jacket may be worn at all times and is not dependent on the Summer or Winter uniform. No other type of jacket is allowed to be worn to school.
- While in the Winter Uniform, students may wear a solid black winter knit cap or a solid black ear wrap when outside for PE, recess, or the after school program.
- The only approved additional layers to the uniform shirt and pants/shorts/skort are the GMC fleece jacket and the GMC rain jacket. If students are cool in the classroom, they need to bring one of these outerwear garments with them to school. If a student loses his/her GMC fleece jacket or is waiting for his/hers to arrive in the Bookstore, a solid black front-zip fleece jacket may be worn on a temporary basis. If this need arises, the parent should contact the Annex Front Office for approval of a temporary exception.

Watches and Other Jewelry

- Students may wear a watch as long as the watch band is brown or black if leather, silver or gold if metallic, and white, red, or gray if plastic material. Watches that are oversized, multicolored, or detract from the uniform are not authorized.
- No “smart” watches are allowed. This includes fitness-type watches that have the capability to send and receive text messages and/or access the Internet. GMC Prep defines a “smart” watch as one which is capable of receiving a text message and/or accessing the Internet and/or playing games.
- No jewelry, watch chains, or similar items, to include pens and pencils, colored beads, bracelets, large wallets, or necklaces may appear exposed when wearing the uniform.
- Males may not wear any jewelry except what may be required for medical identification purposes or religious medallions. Religious medallions must be tucked into the shirt and not visible
- Females may wear one earring in the lower portion of each earlobe and it must be gold, silver, or diamond in appearance. Earrings may be screw-on, clip-on, or post-type earrings and must be worn ONLY in the ear lobe. Only earrings that do not exceed ¼ inch in diameter may be worn. When worn, earrings will be worn as a matched pair with only one earring per ear lobe. Ear cuffs and gauges are not authorized. Clear plastic ear inserts may be worn in the ear lobe in place of the one set of earrings. Clear plastic inserts or earrings in other parts of the ear are not authorized.
- Males may not wear any type of earring or plastic (or other material) insert when in uniform or when attending any event sponsored by GMC.
- Rubber “support” bracelets are not authorized to be worn as part of the uniform. No hair ties may be worn on wrists as a bracelet.

Hair Regulations

- Boys – Hair must be well kept and present a neat, natural appearance. It must be free of colors, dies, cutouts, lines, etc, and no faddish or Mohawk styles are permitted. The back of the hair should not fall below the top of the collar and the hair above the ears should not fall over the top of the ear.
- Girls - Hair must be well kept and present a neat, natural appearance free of colors, dies, cutouts, lines, etc. The back of the hair should not fall below the top of the belt line and no faddish or extreme styles are permitted. The length and bulk of the hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or into the cadet's face and should not fall below the natural waistline.
- Hair-holding ornaments (barrettes, pins, clips) must be in a solid color: black, white, gray, or transparent color. Other ornamental items and headbands are not authorized. Females may wear ribbons and bows in the approved colors of red, black, and white – single color or a combination (including patterns) of these colors is authorized.
- Females may wear braids as long as the braided style is conservative and lies snugly against the head.
- Cut-outs, lines, designs of any type, or two-tone hair color is considered an extreme style and is not authorized.

Fingernails

- Cadets will keep their fingernails clean and neatly trimmed. Females may wear fingernail polish that is not exaggerated, faddish, or of extreme designs. Sparkles, multi-colored, etc., finishes are not permitted. Fingernail polish may be worn if it is conservative, such as earthy pastel colors, and compliments the uniform. Extreme bright shades such as purple, gold, blue, green, black, bright red, neon or colors are not authorized.

Special “Dress Down” Days and Field Trip Attire

- We do have several special dress-down days as options for all students to participate in events such as Homecoming in the Fall and Spirit Week in January or February. Detailed guidance will be sent home prior to these days.
- GMC Prep offers optional participation in several “dress down days” to raise money for “Class of” Scholarships. during the year. More information will be sent to parents prior to these days. The general rule is school pants or shorts or jeans with any GMC t-shirt. The GMC Bookstore has a variety of shirts available for purchase and students new to GMC Prep for SY21-22 will receive a GMC t-shirt as part of this year's uniform issue.