
THE GENEVA SCHOOL

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE
GUIDELINES



2024–2025

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THE GENEVA SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

In the pages that follow, you will find important information about Geneva’s dress code for students. This includes information about the school’s uniform requirements for regular and chapel days as well as requirements for special events such as field trips. The code also includes information about matters such as length and color of hair, appropriate style and color of shoes, and approved jewelry and accessories for girls.

Most private schools have a dress code. And most private schools experience conflict with students over the dress code. This is not too dissimilar to the conflicts parents may have in determining what their child can and cannot wear. These conflicts often arise from children having rules and expectations placed on them that they have little say in creating and that feel stifling and burdensome. And yet most children eagerly wear with pride the uniform of their favorite sports team or the team on which they have earned a place.

In the same way, we hope each Geneva student values being a member of our student body and wears the school’s uniform with pride. Being a Geneva student is a privilege. As such, we expect our students to know the uniform guidelines and attend to their dress each day so our faculty and staff don’t have to. This keeps our teachers from having to be the “police” and thus allows the student-teacher relationship to flourish.

We recognize that the requirements of a school dress code go against the preferences of many students who desire freedom to wear what they want in order to express themselves through their dress. While we acknowledge this reality, we also embrace the role that a uniform code of dress provides in helping students become part of a larger entity, the student body of their school. The dress code, when approached properly, can go a long way toward helping students see the virtue of self-denial for the sake of a larger good. Uniforms require a day-in and day-out commitment to a set of requirements that at times may be unwelcome or burdensome. In working through these struggles, children can move in the direction of maturity and even wisdom.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students must dress in accordance with their biological sex.

Uniforms, sized appropriately for the wearer, must appear clean and be free of tears and holes upon arrival at school.

Skirt, skort, and optional-day dress lengths should be fingertip length or longer.

In order to maintain consistency of color and style, all uniform items except socks, tights, belts, and shoes must be purchased from TGS uniform suppliers or our used-uniform store. The school's uniform suppliers are Lands' End and Tommy Hilfiger. Refer to the [Uniform Suppliers](#) page on the school's website for information on how to order.

Unless stated otherwise, students are required to be in the proper uniform for that day (i.e., regular or chapel uniform). On occasions such as spirit days or for events such as field trips, modified uniform guidelines will be communicated.

Uniform items should be labeled with the student's name. Items left unclaimed at the end of each day will be placed in lost and found in your child's building. Items remaining in lost and found are donated to Geneva's used-uniform store or given to charity at the end of each quarter.

The program directors are the final arbiters of whether a student is in compliance with the dress code.

GUIDELINES FOR NON-CLOTHING ITEMS (HAIR, ACCESSORIES, ETC.)

Students' hair must be neat, clean, and groomed so their eyes and face are visible at all times.

If a student's hair is dyed, it must be a natural color.

Students are not allowed extreme styles such as Mohawks or designs shaved into the hair.

Boys are not allowed ponytails or buns, and the hair must be above the collar.

Girls may wear earrings but may not have any other visible piercings.

Girls may wear jewelry (necklace, bracelet, watch, etc.) as long as it is simple, appropriate to the overall dress, and not distracting or excessive.

Boys must be clean shaven and may not have earrings or other piercings.

Makeup (if worn and only permitted for girls) should be simple and tasteful.

Girls may wear flat headbands, bows, and ribbons.

Hats are not permitted in classrooms or in buildings on campus while school is in session.

Students may wear watches as long as they do not make any noises. SMART watches are not allowed during school hours.

Visible tattoos are not permitted.

ORDERING



ONLINE: Go to landsend.com/school and create or sign in to your account. Include your child(ren) and TGS information in My Account (or find Geneva using the Preferred School Number Search: 900027319). Start shopping with your personalized product checklist.

Don't forget to sign up on landsend.com/school for email updates from Lands' End. You will find it on the "My Account" drop-down.

PHONE: Call 1-800-469-2222 and reference your child(ren)'s Preferred School Number 900027319, grade level, and gender. The Lands' End team of consultants is available 24/7 for assistance.



ONLINE: Go to globalschoolwear.com/school. On the Find Your School page, please enter either your Partner School Number (GENE02) or the name of your school and the state. You will also be required to select your child's grade, gender, and program type. This ensures only the approved items for that specific grade, gender, and program type are shown. NOTE- once you are in the shopping site, you can change these filters to shop for multiple students.

Please note that for each product displayed, the website informs you whether the item is Required, Meets Requirement (one of a choice of product styles that is required), or is an Optional purchase.



The school store can be found online at store.genevaschool.org. Items ordered through the website are delivered to your child or can be left at reception for you to pick up.

Boys

Uniform Options 2024-2025

DRESS FOR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL (K4-6TH)

TGS monogrammed long- or short-sleeve polo shirt (navy, white, or red)

Shorts (in navy or khaki; 3rd-6th grade have the option to wear a brown or black belt with shorts)

Pants (in navy or khaki; 3rd-6th grade have the option to wear a brown or black belt with pants)

DRESS FOR CHAPEL (K-6TH)

Shorts or pants (in navy; 3rd-6th grade have the option to wear a brown or black belt with shorts or pants)

TGS monogrammed long- or short-sleeve polo shirt (in white)

OUTERWEAR

TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy, red, or gray)

TGS branded sweatshirt from TGS store

Appropriately sized and fitted shirts may be worn untucked.

Note: 6th grade boys may wear the dialectic uniform as an option during the spring semester.



If you have any questions about the K4-6th grade uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the directors for the lower school—Jenna Bagnoli (K4-2nd) or Liz Smith (3rd-6th)—or the advancement office.

GUIDELINES FOR SHOES

Students should wear shoes that are comfortable, practical, and conducive to outdoor play. Students may wear tennis shoes on any day but are required to wear tennis shoes on PE days. Girls may wear sandals (with a back strap) or ankle-high boots (2-inch ankle-height maximum) on non-PE days. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, tall boots including many Uggs and all Dr. Martens, shoes with limited traction, and shoes with inappropriate graphics or lights.

DRESS FOR SPIRIT FRIDAYS (USUALLY THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AND ANNOUNCED IN KNIGHT NEWS)

Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo, team or club shirt or sweater, or TGS shirt or sweatshirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform shorts or pants.

Chapel



(BELTS ARE OPTIONAL)



Field Trips



K4–6th grade students must wear the **RED** TGS monogrammed polo shirt on most field trips in order to provide our teachers and chaperones a simple and quick way to account for our students. Field trips on which the red polo is not required (such as SALT activities) will be communicated in advance.

Outerwear



(5TH–6TH GRADE STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK MESH SHORTS FOR NON-UNIFORM FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENT DAYS)



GRAMMIAAR SCHOOL

K4–6TH GRADE

Girls

Uniform Options 2024-2025

DRESS FOR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL (K4-6TH)

TGS monogrammed long- or short-sleeve polo shirt (in navy, white, or red)

Plaid skort or skirt (in hunter/navy plaid)

Shorts (in navy or khaki; 3rd-6th grade have the option to wear a brown or black belt with shorts)

Pants (in navy or khaki; 3rd-6th grade have the option to wear a brown or black belt with pants)

K4-2nd Only: Short- or long-sleeve polo dress (in navy or red) or jumper (navy or hunter/navy plaid)

DRESS FOR CHAPEL (K-6TH)

Plaid skort (in hunter/navy plaid)

TGS monogrammed long- or short-sleeve polo shirt (in white)

OUTERWEAR

TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy, red, or gray)

TGS branded sweatshirt from TGS store

Girls in grades K4-2 must wear navy bike shorts under their dresses.

Girls may wear black or navy solid-colored leggings/tights (no patterns) underneath their skorts, skirts, or dresses.

Appropriately sized and fitted shirts may be worn untucked.

Note: 6th grade girls may wear the dialectic uniform as an option during the spring semester.



Daily



(K4-2ND ONLY)



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Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo, team or club shirt or sweater, or TGS shirt or sweatshirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform shorts, skirt, skort, or pants.

Chapel



Field Trips



Outerwear



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GRAMMARSCHOOL

K4–6TH GRADE

Boys

Uniform Options 2024-2025

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, or light blue)

Shorts (in navy or khaki)

Pants (in navy or khaki)

Belt (in brown or black)

Shoes should be comfortable and practical, in a color and style in good taste. Closed-toe athletic or dress shoes are encouraged. Sandals are also allowed but must have a back strap. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, and shoes with inappropriate graphics.

OUTERWEAR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)
- TGS branded outerwear purchased from the school store or that represents specific TGS sports teams, clubs, or houses.

OUTERWEAR FOR CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)

DRESS-UP UNIFORM (CHAPEL AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS)

TGS monogrammed long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in white)

Pants (in khaki)

Belt (in brown or black)

Geneva tie or bow tie (in navy/dark crimson)

Black or brown leather dress shoes

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR FRIDAY

Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo; house, team, or club shirt/sweater/sweatshirt; or TGS shirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform shorts or pants.

Appropriately sized and fitted polo shirts may be worn untucked.

Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times, buttoned to the second-from-the-top button, and collar buttons buttoned down.

If an undershirt is worn, it must be white.

Students must wear a school polo or Oxford shirt beneath any school sweater.



Chapel



Outerwear



Physical Education

Any Geneva T-shirt
Blue or black athletic shorts
Tennis shoes



DIALECTIC SCHOOL

7TH-8TH
GRADE

Girls

Uniform Options 2024-2025

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, or light blue)

Skirt or skort (in white plaid, navy, or khaki)

Pants (in navy or khaki; with brown/black leather belt)

Shorts (in navy or khaki; with brown/black leather belt)

Shoes should be comfortable and practical, in a color and style in good taste. Closed-toe athletic or dress shoes are encouraged. Sandals are also allowed but must have a back strap. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, high heels over 2", and shoes with inappropriate graphics.

OUTERWEAR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)
- TGS branded outerwear purchased from the school store or that represents specific TGS sports teams, clubs, or houses.

OUTERWEAR FOR CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)

DRESS-UP UNIFORM (CHAPEL AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS)

TGS monogrammed long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in white)

Skirt or skort (in white plaid)

Black, brown, white, or navy leather closed-toe dress shoes (with heels no higher than 2")

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR FRIDAY

Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo; house, team, or club shirt/sweater/sweatshirt; or TGS shirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform skort, skirt, shorts, or pants.

Skirt, skort, and optional-day dress lengths should be fingertip length or longer.

Appropriately sized and fitted polo shirts may be worn untucked.

Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times, buttoned to the second-from-the-top button, and collar buttons buttoned down.

If an undershirt is worn, it must be white. Students must wear a school polo or Oxford shirt beneath any school sweater.

Girls may wear black or navy solid-colored leggings/tights (no patterns) underneath their skort or skirt.



Daily

Chapel



Outerwear



Physical Education

Any Geneva T-shirt
Blue or black athletic shorts (girls 4-inch length minimum)
Tennis shoes



DIALECTIC SCHOOL

7TH-8TH
GRADE

Boys

Uniform Options 2024-2025

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, or gray)

TGS monogrammed short-sleeve or long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in white)

Shorts (in navy or khaki)

Pants (in gray, navy, or khaki)

Belt (in brown or black)

Shoes should be comfortable and practical, in a color and style in good taste. Closed-toe athletic or dress shoes are encouraged. Sandals are also allowed but must have a back strap. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, and shoes with inappropriate graphics.

OUTERWEAR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)
- TGS branded outerwear purchased from the school store or that represents specific TGS sports teams, clubs, or houses.

OUTERWEAR FOR CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)

DRESS-UP UNIFORM (CHAPEL AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS)

TGS monogrammed long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in white)

Dress slacks (in gray)

Belt (in brown or black)

Geneva tie or bow tie (in navy/dark crimson)

Black or brown leather dress shoes



Daily



OPTIONS FOR FRIDAY

Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo; house, team, or club shirt/sweater/sweatshirt; or TGS shirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform shorts or pants.

Appropriately sized and fitted polo shirts may be worn untucked.

Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times, buttoned to the second-from-the-top button, and collar buttons buttoned down.

If an undershirt is worn, it must be white.

Students must wear a school polo or Oxford shirt beneath any school sweater.

Chapel



OPTIONAL DRESS-UP DAYS FOR SENIORS

Seniors may dress up in professional dress on Mondays and wear their senior shirts on Tuesdays.

Outerwear



RHETORIC SCHOOL

**9TH-12TH
GRADE**

Girls

Uniform Options 2024-2025

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, or gray)

TGS monogrammed short-sleeve or long-sleeve Oxford shirt (white)

Skirt or skort (in white plaid, navy, or khaki)

Pants (in navy or khaki; with brown/black leather belt)

Shorts (in navy or khaki; with brown/black leather belt)

Shoes should be comfortable and practical, in a color and style in good taste. Closed-toe athletic or dress shoes are encouraged. Sandals are also allowed but must have a back strap. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, high heels over 2", and shoes with inappropriate graphics.

OUTERWEAR EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)
- TGS branded outerwear purchased from the school store or that represents specific TGS sports teams, clubs, or houses.

OUTERWEAR FOR CHAPEL DAY AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- TGS monogrammed sweater/cardigan/fleece (in navy or gray)

DRESS-UP UNIFORM (CHAPEL AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS)

TGS monogrammed long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in white)

Skirt or skort (in white plaid)

Black, brown, white, or navy leather closed-toe dress shoes

OPTIONAL DRESS-UP DAYS FOR SENIORS

Seniors may dress up in professional dress on Mondays and wear their senior shirts on Tuesdays.



Daily



OPTIONS FOR FRIDAY

Any Geneva top (e.g., TGS polo; house, team, or club shirt/sweater/sweatshirt; or TGS shirt purchased through the school store) may be worn with uniform skort, skirt, shorts, or pants.

Skirt, skort, and optional-day dress lengths should be fingertip length or longer.

Appropriately sized and fitted polo shirts may be worn untucked.

Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times, buttoned to the second-from-the-top button, and collar buttons buttoned down.

If an undershirt is worn, it must be white.

Students must wear a school polo or Oxford shirt beneath any school sweater.

Girls may wear white, black, or navy solid-colored leggings/tights underneath their skort, skirt, or dress.

Chapel



Outerwear



RHETTORIC SCHOOL

9TH-12TH
GRADE

UNIFORM CODE VIOLATIONS

There will be times when students fail to follow the uniform guidelines. When these occur, the school is here to help get the student back on track through a gentle reminder to the first-time offender, a rebuke for the perpetually forgetful, or a firm reprimand to the willfully disobedient. How this is carried out at different grade levels is explained below. In each action, we expect the student to take ownership of his or her behavior and return the next day in compliance with the guidelines.

Common ways in which students fail to conform to the guidelines include the following:

- **Boys:** Keeping their Oxford shirts tucked in; forgetting either a belt or tie or both; hair length; shaving
- **Girls:** Improper hair accessories or jewelry; Skirt, skort, or optional-day dress lengths shorter than fingertip length
- **Both:** Improper shoes; improper sweater or fleece

If a student in K4–6th grade comes to school out of uniform, the teacher and/or directors for the lower school will address the situation on a case-by-case basis. Options for remediation include forgiving the infraction if it is the first time, providing the student with the correct uniform piece from the school’s used-uniform store, or contacting the parent to bring the correct uniform items to the school.

If a student in 7th–12th grade comes to school out of uniform, then the student will be directed to the dean of students for a “red card” (students carry it with them so that they don’t get dinged for the same offense more than once on the same day) and for their consequences. These may include ignoring the infraction if it is the first time or having the student contact the parent to have the appropriate article brought to school as soon as possible. The uniform infraction will be entered into FACTS by a school administrator. Repeated uniform code violations will result in demerits and, when enough accrue, detentions.

It is important to note that a student who continually and willfully ignores or fights against the school’s uniform guidelines is indicating he or she does not want to attend Geneva. Such actions warrant a hard but necessary conversation between school administration and the student and parents.

If you have any questions about uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact the advancement office.



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