

## **GILMOUR ACADEMY DRESS CODE**

### **Middle and Upper Schools, 2008-2009**

It is Gilmour Academy's belief that the school setting warrants attire that reflects and sets the tone for an appropriate seriousness of purpose and respect for the school community. As in all effective institutions, boundaries and limits are required. To that end, we ask students to adhere to the spirit and the letter of the dress code.

#### **Young Men**

##### **Blazer**

A navy blue dress blazer must be worn between October 15 and April 15 in convocation, assemblies, liturgies, in the dining room, and if a teacher requests, in the classroom. When a blazer is not worn, it must be locked in the student's locker. The student must have a printed label with name or monogram sewn into the inside of the blazer. Though available through Schoolbelles and Lands' End, blazers may be purchased anywhere.

##### **Slacks**

Dress slacks must be navy blue, khaki or gray cotton classic style twill of appropriate fit and length and must be worn with plain black or brown belts. Slacks must be traditionally styled slacks with inside pockets (not patch pockets) cuffed or stitched hems, with no contrasting seams or other adornments. No jeans, colored denims, corduroys, cargo or bell-bottomed pants are permitted. No rivets, cut, split or torn bottoms or frayed hems will be allowed.

##### **Shirts**

Shirts must be white cotton oxford cloth button down, either long or short-sleeved, with the GA monogram and must be ordered through Schoolbelles or Lands' End. Only plain white undershirts with no printing or pictures will be permitted. White cotton turtlenecks are optional, but will also include the GA monogram and may only be worn under a sweater or sweater vest. Shirts must otherwise be buttoned at the neck, worn with a tie and completely tucked into the slacks.

##### **Sweaters**

The official school sweater is a long-sleeved navy blue crew neck, a long-sleeved navy blue V-neck, or a navy blue sleeveless V-neck sweater vest with the Gilmour crest. They must be ordered through Schoolbelles or Lands' End.

##### **Ties**

Appropriate neckties are to be worn properly with a shirt with the knot covering the top button.

##### **Socks and Shoes**

Visible socks must be worn at all times. Shoes - either black or brown loafers, tie shoes or Birkenstock backless shoes are permitted. No athletic shoes, sandals, canvas, "crocks", open-toed shoes or clogs of any kind may be worn. Appropriate boots may be worn during inclement weather when there is a need to go outdoors. They are not permissible in the academic buildings.

##### **Grooming**

Hair must be cut so that it is above the collar and is complementary and in keeping with the Dress Code and uniform. Ponytails are not acceptable. Mustaches and beards may not be worn; clean-shaven appearance is expected every day. No earrings, body or tongue piercing, or tattoos are permitted.

##### **Additional Items**

For certain occasions and when given permission, students will have the option to attend school in more casual attire.

No hooded clothing, including sweaters or sweatshirts, is permissible during school hours.

No fleece apparel, including vests or jackets, is permitted.

No hats or baseball caps are to be worn within the school building at any time.

#### **Young Women**

##### **Blazer**

A navy blue dress blazer must be worn between October 15 and April 15 in convocation, assemblies, liturgies, in the dining room, and if a teacher requests, in the classroom. When a blazer is not worn, it

must be locked in the student's locker. The student must have a printed label with name or monogram sewn into the inside of the blazer. Though available through Schoolbelles and Lands' End, blazers may be purchased anywhere.

#### **Skirts**

Skirts must be navy blue, khaki, grey plaid, or light blue pinfeather kilts. Skirts must be of appropriate and modest length, (as a guideline skirts should be at least one inch below the fingertips with hands at the side), and are to be ordered only from Schoolbelles or Lands' End. Please make certain when ordering that length is measured. Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.

#### **Slacks**

Slacks must be khaki plain front or pleated slacks and can be ordered through Schoolbelles or Land's End. Slacks must be traditionally styled slacks with inside pockets (not patch pockets) cuffed or stitched hems, with no contrasting seams or other adornments. They must be belted with a plain brown, black or navy belt. No trendy belts with beads, links, rivets, etc are permitted. No slacks with rivets, cuts, split or torn bottoms, or frayed hems will be allowed.

#### **Blouses**

Blouses must be short or long-sleeved white oxford cloth button down, blouse must be fully tucked in at all times. An optional short or long-sleeved ribbed bottom knit polo shirts may be worn. White cotton turtlenecks are optional, but will also include the GA monogram and may only be worn under a sweater or sweater vest. Only plain white undershirts with no printing or pictures will be permitted and **must be tucked in at all times**. All blouses, polo shirts and turtlenecks are to be ordered through Schoolbelles or Lands' End and will be monogrammed with the Gilmour monogram.

#### **Sweaters**

The official school sweater is a long-sleeved navy blue crewneck, or long-sleeved navy blue V-neck sweater, or a navy blue sleeveless V-neck sweater vest with the Gilmour crest. They must be ordered through Schoolbelles or Lands' End.

#### **Socks and Stockings**

Solid white, navy blue, or gray knee socks or tights must be worn at all times. For winter, cable knit knee socks, or ribbed tights may be worn. In warmer weather, opaque knee socks or opaque stockings may be worn. Leggings, trouser socks, sheer stockings, or stockings with decorated textures such as fishnet, lace, etc. are not permitted. Socks and tights can be ordered through Schoolbelles or Lands' End. Girls may not wear leg warmers, thigh-highs, thermal underwear, or long pants of any kind under skirts.

#### **Shoes**

Socks must be worn at all times. Shoes - either black or brown loafers, tie shoes or Birkenstock backless shoes are permitted. No slippers, fur-lined shoes, "crocks", athletic shoes, sandals, canvas, open-toed shoes or clogs of any kind may be worn. Appropriate boots may be worn during inclement weather when there is a need to go outdoors. They are not permissible in the academic buildings.

#### **Grooming**

Distracting hairstyles or colors are inappropriate. No shaved hair styles are permitted. Only stud or hoop earrings not more than 1/2 inch diameter will be permitted. No body or tongue piercing or tattoos are permitted, nor will head coverings such as scarves or bandanas be permitted. Make-up should be conservative and appropriate for school.

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