



GENEVA ACADEMY
Distinctive Classical Christian Learning

UNIFORM GUIDE
2023-2024



GENEVA ACADEMY DRESS & UNIFORM CODE

Beauty

One of the tenets of a classical and Christian learning environment is that all that we endeavor to do is focused on revealing **Truth, Beauty and Goodness** unto the Glory of God, our Creator, Designer, Teacher and Lord.

Uniforms are important to classical & Christian education because they are part of creating a school culture of Beauty by fostering:

- mental & physical preparation for the vocation of “student”
- focus on first things first
- excellence in work ethic
- self-discipline
- academic success
- neatness & modesty

Special places have special rules & etiquette.

Our uniform policy is meant to **REVEAL** Beauty, not to stifle it.

Whether it's music, art, sports, or academics, Geneva Academy allows students to express and define themselves beyond their clothing labels and fashion styles. A unique individual is developed not from appearance, but rather, character, personality and skills. The students of Geneva Academy belong to a community with a common purpose. Just as those in the military, on a sports team, and professionals in service careers also dress in uniform, our students are **set apart** for their common goal: *to Learn & to Learn to LOVE what's **beautiful, true and good.***

Our vision and mission is to train up students who are first Christians and cultivate in them rightly ordered affections or **LOVES**: love God first and then our neighbor.

In many respects, the uniform is the face of Geneva Academy. 1 Corinthians 10:31 states, “*Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*” We believe this principle applies to dress. Geneva Academy students represent the school, their families, themselves and the Lord God; their appearance should reflect that.

American culture is known for its emphasis on individuality and personal comforts. Geneva Academy acknowledges that these impulses may make adhering to the Dress and Uniform Code a challenge within some households. Nevertheless, for the reasons stated above, all parents are asked to ensure in their children outward compliance and inward acceptance of the standards.



AUTHORIZED SCHOOL UNIFORM VENDORS

VENDOR	PRICE	WEBSITE	STORE ID
French Toast	\$	frenchtoast.com	496208
Flynn O'Hara	\$\$\$	flynnohara.com/school/or002	OR002
School Office	\$-\$	Accessories, Girls'/Boys' Ties, PE wear	Contact Kori Shellard: 541-637-7500
Geneva Closet	FREE!	gently used uniforms - no cost	Check Calendar on Family Portal

GENEVA SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ONLINE. NO LOCAL VENDORS. NO LOCAL EMBROIDERY.

All of our vendors offer promotions in July and December! Keep these months in mind for your growing children. When signing into the Geneva Academy vendor sites, you will see the approved dress code items available in Geneva's custom store. Do not order outside of those items.

We understand that not all styles will fit all children, so there is a variety of styles & price ranges from which to choose. It is recommended to size up when in doubt and use a local tailor to ensure proper custom fit if you have difficulty sizing approved vendor styles to your child.

GENEVA CLOSET - WELLSPRING CAMPUS

Many families have donated used uniform clothing in good to excellent condition to the school. The clothing is available at no cost. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this resource. For dates and times Geneva Closet is open, view the Calendar on Family Portal.

GENEVA ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY: SECTION I ~ GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. GENERAL APPEARANCE ~ REQUIRED & ENFORCED

1. School uniforms should fit the child properly and modestly.
2. They should be kept free of stains, holes, tears, etc.
3. Items that have faded or become damaged should be discarded.
4. All clothing should be labeled with the student's name.
5. For both boys and girls, blouses and shirts must be tucked in at all times.

B. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to the dress code policy can only be made with approval by the Headmaster or administration.

C. VIOLATIONS

Beginning two weeks after the first day of school, a student coming to school with an incomplete or non-compliant uniform will receive a violation notice. The notice will be sent home to the parents, stating the specific violation. Parents will be required to sign the notice and return it to the student's teacher. Upon the fifth and subsequent dress code violations, parents may be required to bring the correct uniform item(s) to school and a parent conference may be necessary. If parents are not available to bring required uniform item, the student may be asked to wear items available in the office.

D. FIELD TRIPS

Teachers are instructed to specify attire tailored for the off-campus activity. Default is to wear the uniform required for that day of the week, if not specified.

E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular attire worn on campus should follow similar guidelines of length and coverage while on school grounds. If going directly to your activity from campus, plan your change of clothing accordingly. E.g. Use cover-ups or warm-up apparel over leotards, tunics or shorts over leggings, etc.

F. CLASSROOM WARMTH

Sweaters with Geneva logo are an available Uniform item. Jackets are not allowed for classroom warmth. No exceptions. Ladies may wear tights for warmth, leggings are not allowed.

G. JEWELRY & TATTOOS

- Girls' jewelry will be limited to: a single necklace with a pendant that is no longer than 1 inch, one pair of earrings no larger than ½ inch below the earlobe in length (all earrings need to be secured with a backing or have a secure hoop latch); a single ½ inch or smaller bracelet, or watch. If any jewelry becomes a distraction to its wearer, it will no longer be permitted. No wristbands or armbands. No anti-Christian religious jewelry is allowed.
- Boys' jewelry will be limited to: a single necklace under their shirt with a pendant that is no longer than 1 inch; a single bracelet of no larger than ½ inch (no wristbands or armbands), a simple tasteful ring, or a watch. No jewelry with skulls or demonic symbols will be allowed.
- No visible permanent or temporary tattoos. Tattoos must be covered by Uniform clothing, including PE attire.

H. HAIR & HAIR ACCESSORIES

Since one goal of a uniform is to help students focus on what they are learning and not on what they are wearing, allowable accessories are limited to prevent distraction.

- Girls may wear hair accessories in solid Geneva Academy colors or Geneva's plaid. Embellishments on hair accessories (such as flowers or bows) must be less than 4 inches. Special Geneva hair ribbons & bows are available for sale in the school office. Feathers or hair inserts are not allowed.
- Hair should be in the spectrum of natural hues, should be neatly combed, and should not obscure the eyebrows.
- For both boys & girls, extreme haircuts or styles that flaunt convention that draw unnecessary attention to students & are not appropriate include: mohawks; shaved styles on girls; excessively short hair on girls; or excessively long hair on boys.
- Boys' hair should not cover the collar and no facial hair is allowed.

GENEVA ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY: SECTION II ~ YOUNG LADIES & YOUNG MEN

A. PUTTING ON THE UNIFORM

Students of Geneva Academy belong to a community with a common purpose. Just as those in the military, on a sports team, and professionals in service careers also dress in uniform, our students are *set apart* for their common goal: to Learn & to Learn to LOVE what's beautiful, true and good. Students should dress for their day ahead with a joyful intentionality & sense of belonging, ready:

1. Mentally & physically prepared for the vocation of "student"
2. To focus on first things first, to work hard, to practice self-discipline, to strive for academic success
3. To practice neatness & modesty

Students should understand that getting ready for the work of their day, putting on their Geneva Academy uniform is part of a remarkably beautiful, daily contribution to school pride and giving glory to God.

B. MEN'S ATTIRE

1. Young men should choose clothing that is classic, not trendy.
2. Shirts & Blazers, and slacks should be ironed and wrinkle-free.
3. Undershirts should not be visible beneath shirts. Shirts should be tucked in. No long-sleeved shirts under polos.
4. Shoes should be clean. Black shoes with black soles only. Black belt should be in good shape.
5. Wear the correct color of socks. Black socks for everything. Wear white or black socks for PE.

C. LADIES ATTIRE

1. Young ladies should choose clothing that adorns feminine lines without being tight or revealing. Clothing should be classic, not trendy.
2. Permissible hemlines for skirts and jumpers start at the mid-knee and may go as low as the mid-calf. When seated, the hem should be within three inches from top of knee cap.
3. Polos & Blouses should be ironed & wrinkle-free. Blouse tails must be covered or tucked.
4. Button placket of blouses should lay flat, with no gaping between buttons. Blouses and sweaters are to be professional-looking,

non-sheer, with modest neckline: first button below the collar is to be buttoned; no lower than 4 fingers below the collar bone for v-neck, no lower than two fingers below collar bone for scoop neck.

5. Nude or White camisoles are required for ladies wearing skirts and required under blouses for modesty. All undergarments should be worn in light colors that are least visible under clothing, avoiding dark colors.
6. Men's ties and visible camisoles are not permitted.
7. Skirts are to be professional-looking, non-sheer. No skin should be exposed between waistband and blouse.
8. Knee socks or tights are always required, no bare legs.
9. Uniform items available from our vendors fall within these guidelines. If you find your typical sizing isn't working, size up and tailor to fit.

D. MAKEUP, NAILS

Grammar school girls should not wear make-up. If they do, they will be asked to remove it. Logic and Rhetoric girls may wear make-up that appears natural, and kept to a modest minimum. Bright shades of lipstick or heavy eye make-up will not be allowed. Boys should not wear makeup. Fingernail polish will be limited to a single solid color in pastel shades or clear. Artificial nails are not allowed.

GRAMMAR GIRLS' REQUIREMENTS

K-6

MONDAY/FRIDAY

WEDNESDAYS & CHAPEL DRESS



Polo or Blouse
Short or Long Sleeve
Plain Collar
White or Light Blue;
White Blouse req'd on Wednesday
& Special Events



Navy Jumper*
Navy Skirt*
(to be worn at hips, not natural waist)
* Hemlines must reach the middle of the knee cap (patella) in every season. Tailor or size up accordingly.
4th/5th/6th ONLY
If worn with Polo, Geneva Logo req'd



{Optional}
Cross Tie
Navy or Green Plaid
from school office only



Long Bike Shorts
Anklets {K-4 only}
Knee Highs or Tights
Navy or White
No leggings.
Nude or White Camisoles Req'd for 4th-6th

INFORMAL

T/TH

May be worn ANY day



Burgundy
Cardigan, Sweater, or Vest
with Geneva Logo

May be worn in Classroom
for warmth



Polo with Geneva Logo
White or Light Blue



Navy Pants or Bermuda Shorts
Black, Navy, Brown Belt

K-6
Grammar PE



White or Navy Socks
Plain Athletic Shoes
{Minimal neon colors,
no lights or glitter/gems, etc.}

FORMAL
WEDNESDAYS & DRESS OCCASIONS



Navy Blazer
Flynn O'Hara or French Toast
Req'd for 11th-12th
Optional for 7th-10th
May be worn ANY day & may be worn in Classroom for warmth



Navy or Hunter Plaid Skirt
Short or Long Sleeve White Blouse Req'd
with White Knee High Socks or Tights



Burgundy or Navy Cardigan, Sweater, or Vest with Geneva Logo
May be worn ANY day & may be worn in Classroom for warmth

INFORMAL



Polo with Geneva Logo -or- Short or Long Sleeve Blouse White or Light Blue



Khaki, Navy or Hunter Plaid Skirt White or Light Blue Blouse or Polo with Logo Short or Long Sleeve



Knee Highs or Tights Navy or White {no exceptions}

Please read Section II in its entirety.
YOUNG LADIES' PROPER FIT FOR ATTIRE
-Skirts are to be worn at hips, not natural waist
-Hemlines start at mid-knee length & should not be more than 3" above the knee cap when seated.
-Nude or White Camisoles are Required under Blouses



Nude or White Camisoles Req'd



Long Bike Shorts Req'd {above the hem} No leggings.



{Optional} Cross Tie Navy or Green Plaid from school office only

MONDAY/FRIDAY UNIFORM



Geneva Logo Polo
Short or Long Sleeve
White or Light Blue
Allowed Monday/Friday

Oxford Shirt
Short or Long Sleeve
White or Light Blue
Allowed Monday/Friday

WEDNESDAYS & CHAPEL DRESS



Req'd for Chapel Dress & Special Events

White Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt
with Hunter Plaid Tie
from French Toast or Flynn O'Hara



Navy Pants
with Black, Brown or Navy Belt

Black Socks
Required

INFORMAL

T/TH



May be worn ANY day
Burgundy
Cardigan, Sweater, or Vest
with Geneva Logo

May be worn in Classroom
for warmth



Polo with Geneva Logo
Short or Long Sleeve
White or Light Blue



Navy Pants or Shorts
with Black, Brown or Navy Belt

K-6
Grammar PE



White Socks
Plain Athletic Shoes
{Minimal neon colors, no lights etc.}

FORMAL
WEDNESDAYS & DRESS OCCASIONS



White Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt
with Hunter Plaid Tie
from French Toast or Flynn O'Hara
Navy Pants WITHOUT Blazer

Black Belt
Required



Black Socks



Hunter Plaid Bow Ties are allowed for
11th/12th Grade Boys
Optional



White Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt
with Hunter Plaid Tie
from French Toast or Flynn O'Hara
Khaki Pants may be worn
ONLY WITH Navy Blazer



Navy Hopsack Blazer
Flynn O'Hara or French Toast
Req'd for 11th-12th
Optional for 7th-10th

INFORMAL



Polo with Geneva Logo or Oxford Shirt
Short or Long Sleeve
White or Light Blue

Navy or Khaki Pants

Please read Section II in its entirety
YOUNG MEN'S PROPER FIT FOR ATTIRE



Burgundy or Navy
Cardigan, Sweater, or Vest
with Geneva Logo

Black Belt
Required



Black Socks



May be worn any day & may be
worn in Classroom for warmth

K-12 GIRLS' SHOES



Navy or Black Dress Shoes
Mary Jane, T-Strap, Ballet Flats, Loafers
not more than 1" heel, no open toe

Solid-Black Canvas or Leather Shoes with or without black laces are allowed.

White/Navy Saddle Shoes are allowed.
White/Black Saddle Shoes are allowed.
Burgundy Penny Loafers are allowed.

K-12 BOYS' SHOES



Black Dress Shoes or Solid-Black Canvas or Leather Shoes with or without black laces are allowed.
Black shoes with black soles are allowed.

NOT ALLOWED FOR GIRLS OR BOYS



Brown Shoes
are not allowed.



Black Shoes with white soles or large logo
are not allowed.

CO-ED P.E. UNIFORMS
GRADES 7-12

PE Tee Shirt
REQUIRED



Polo with Geneva Logo
White or Light Blue
(Allowed)



Plain, Solid Mesh Co-Ed Athletic Shorts*
Hem of shorts should reach within 3" of top of the knee cap.

**If the inseams offered in the office or from our vendor do not meet the length requirement for your child, please find navy shorts in similar fabric & compliant length.*

Co-Ed, Navy or Black
Flynn O'Hara



Optional for
Warmth

Loose-Fit Joggers, Sweats,
or Track-Style Athletic Pants
Must be plain, solid color.
No low-rise. No leggings or spandex.
No exceptions.

Navy or Black
Flynn O'Hara



Plain Athletic Shoes
{Minimal neon colors, no lights, etc.}
White or Black Socks



STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PE IF THEY ARE NOT WEARING PE UNIFORM CLOTHING.

MAY WEAR IN THE CLASSROOM
UNIFORM ITEMS FOR WARMTH

APPROVED CLASSROOM WARMTH



Your choice of Burgundy or Navy
Cardigan, Sweater, or Vest with Geneva Logo
Available from Flynn O'Hara or French Toast

Your choice of the above may be worn any day & may be worn in Classroom for warmth



Navy Hopsack Blazer
Flynn O'Hara or French Toast

Req'd for 11th-12th; Optional for 7th-10th
May be worn any day & may be worn in Classroom for warmth

DRESS CODE & UNIFORM FAQ'S

I sometimes find colors close to white, and light blue, such as beige, cream, and French blue. Are these OK? *No, please only send your child to school in specified colors.*

My child is cold during the day. May I send him in with a sweater? *Inside the classroom students may only wear the Burgundy Uniform Sweater (required for each student) or the burgundy sweater vest (optional) with the Geneva logo. Other sweaters and jackets are only allowed outside the classroom during recess.*

Are there requirements for outdoor coats and jackets? *No, children may wear outdoor coats and jackets of your choosing. They may not be worn inside the classroom, however. Please note that optional Geneva fleece jackets or sweatshirts are NOT approved for indoor wear (no exceptions). If students need an additional layer for warmth indoors they must wear a uniform sweater.*

What if my daughter is cold in the winter, can they wear leggings under their skirt or jumper? *No. The uniform is long bike shorts and either knee high socks or tights. Lined tights can be purchased for colder seasons. Leggings are not allowed for warmth.*

On P.E. days, what shoes should my grammar level child wear? *On P.E. days, students have a choice of wearing their everyday shoes, or a pair of plain style athletic shoes. Please find athletic shoes without bright colors, flashy logos, or other design features that are showy or flashy.*

My son comes home everyday with school shoes muddy or grassy from recess time. What can be done? *Students are welcome to leave their P.E. shoes at school for use at recess on non-P.E. days.*

Do I have to buy all clothes new and at the vendors listed? *Every year Geneva Academy's collection of gently used uniforms grows. The Geneva Closet is available for all families & is an economical choice. Pre-owned clothing is free of charge, and families are encouraged to take every item that may be of use that year. For new clothes, you must use the vendors listed. The vendors were chosen on the basis of price range and quality.*

We're having difficulty finding the right fit for my child from the listed vendors. What can we do? *We recognize that children grow at different rates and sometimes there truly is no good fit found amongst the selected vendors. In those cases, parents may hunt for new sources of attire that are in keeping with the dress code. Parents are asked to contact the school office first, however, so that the exceptions can be noted and information gathered for future changes and/or expansions in the dress code or vendor list. Custom tailoring is also an option. Please call the office.*

Acquaintances sometimes make comments suggesting uniforms are a sign of being prideful. How should I respond? *Read the introduction to this guide ~ Uniforms are meant to be worn by students to intentionally create a sense of focusing on first things first: mental & physical preparation for the vocation of "student." Secondly, those comments may mask the real question, which might be "Isn't that elitist?" or "Are you telling me what's good for my child isn't good enough for yours?" or even "Who do you think you are to send your child to private school?" Uniforms promote better concentration on academics and improved school pride (the good kind of pride). This has been shown to be true even in inner city public schools. As to attendance at a private Christian school, parents might answer that bringing up children in the "training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6) is a responsibility they are taking very seriously, and partnering with Geneva is part of their strategy to obey that command.*