
THE GENEVA SCHOOL

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE
GUIDELINES



2023–2024

UNIFORM COLOR CHANGES

In the following updated uniform guidelines for the 2023/2024 school year, you will see a few notes on changes being made to the color options. These notes reflect the fact that the school began a process in the 2022/2023 school year to reduce the color options in order to arrive at a more uniform color palette that is in keeping with the school's identity.





In the 2023/2024 school year, the school will further the process by

Removing the gray heather color for sale for K4–6th grade and discontinuing its use in these grade levels altogether in 2024/2025. Starting in 2024/2025, the K4–6th grade options will be navy, white, and red.

Removing the cobalt/royal and red options for sale for 7th–8th grade and discontinuing their use in these grade levels altogether in 2024/2025. Starting in the 2024/2025 school year, the 7th–8th grade options will be navy, white, and light blue.

Removing the red option for sale for 9th–12th grade and discontinuing their use in these grade levels altogether in 2024/2025. Starting in the 2024/2025 school year, the 9th–12th grade options will be navy, white, and gray.

COLORS BEING REMOVED FROM VENDORS AND USED UNIFORM SALE

	2023–2024
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	
DIALECTIC SCHOOL	 
RHETORIC SCHOOL	

UNIFORM COLOR CHANGES CHART

2023–2024

PURCHASE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL:
DIALECTIC SCHOOL:
RHETORIC SCHOOL:

navy, white, red
navy, white, light blue
navy, white, gray



FINAL
COLORS

2023–2024

WEAR

GRAMMAR SCHOOL:
DIALECTIC SCHOOL:
RHETORIC SCHOOL:

navy, white, red, gray heather
navy, white, light blue, cobalt/royal, red
navy, white, gray, red

2024–2025

PURCHASE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL:
DIALECTIC SCHOOL:
RHETORIC SCHOOL:

navy, white, red
navy, white, light blue
navy, white, gray



FINAL
COLORS

2024–2025

WEAR

GRAMMAR SCHOOL:
DIALECTIC SCHOOL:
RHETORIC SCHOOL:

navy, white, red
navy, white, light blue
navy, white, gray



FINAL
COLORS

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.

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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 by the program directors (lower school K4–2nd, lower school 3rd–6th, or upper school), 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 (lower school K4–2nd, lower school 3rd–6th) and the dean of students (7th–12th) 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.

Boys

Wearable Colors 2023-2024

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

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

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 zip-front sweater/cardigan (in navy, red, or coal heather*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy, red, or gray heather*)

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.

NOTE: The heather gray options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025. SEE PAGES 2-3 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Daily



(BELTS ARE OPTIONAL)

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

GUIDELINES FOR SHOES

Students should wear shoes that are comfortable and practical. Students may wear tennis shoes on any day but are required to wear tennis shoes on PE days. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, tall boots, 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)



GRAMMARSCHOOL

K4–6TH GRADE

Girls

Wearable Colors 2023-2024

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

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

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 (in navy, red, or pewter heather/heather gray/coal heather*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy, red, or gray heather*)


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.

 **NOTE: The heather gray options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025. SEE PAGES 2-3 FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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

GUIDELINES FOR SHOES

Students should wear shoes that are comfortable and practical. 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 on non-PE days. Shoes that are not permitted include flip-flops, Crocs, slides, slippers, tall boots, high heels over 2", 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, skirt, skort, or pants.

Chapel



Field Trips



Outerwear



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.

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



GRAMMARSCHOOL

K4–6TH GRADE

Boys

Wearable Colors 2023-2024

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, light blue, cobalt/royal*, red*)

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

TGS monogrammed cardigan/sweater (in navy, coal heather, pewter heather, or red*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy or gray heather)

Not Permitted with Dress-Up Uniform (Chapel and Other Special Occasions)—TGS outerwear (jackets, pullovers, or hoodies with the school logo) purchased through the school store. The hood on the hoodie must remain off while in school.

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



NOTE: The cobalt/royal and red options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025.

SEE PAGES 2-3 FOR MORE INFORMATION



DIALECTIC SCHOOL

7TH-8TH
GRADE

Girls

Wearable Colors 2023-2024

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

TGS monogrammed polo shirt (in navy, white, light blue, cobalt/royal*, or red*)

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

TGS monogrammed cardigan/sweater (in navy, coal heather, gray heather, or red*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy or gray heather)

Not Permitted with Dress-Up Uniform (Chapel and Other Special Occasions)—TGS outerwear (jackets, pullovers, or hoodies with the school logo) purchased through the school store. The hood on the hoodie must remain off while in school.

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.



Chapel



Outerwear



NOTE: The cobalt/royal and red options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025.

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DIALECTIC SCHOOL

7TH-8TH
GRADE

Boys

Wearable Colors 2023-2024

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

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

TGS monogrammed short-sleeve or long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in light blue or 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

TGS monogrammed cardigan/sweater (in navy, gray or red*) OR sweater vest (in navy, gray, or red*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy, gray, or red*)

TGS monogrammed navy blazer

Not Permitted with Dress-Up Uniform (Chapel and Other Special Occasions)—TGS outerwear (jackets, pullovers, or hoodies with the school logo) purchased through the school store. The hood on the hoodie must remain off while in school.

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

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.



Daily



OPTIONAL DRESS-UP DAYS FOR SENIORS

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



NOTE: The red options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025.

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Chapel



Outerwear



RHETORIC SCHOOL

**9TH-12TH
GRADE**

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHAPEL

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

TGS monogrammed short-sleeve, or long-sleeve Oxford shirt (in light blue or 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

TGS monogrammed cardigan/sweater (in navy, gray, or red*) OR sweater vest (in navy, gray, or red*)

TGS monogrammed fleece quarter- or half-zip pullover (in navy, gray, or red*)

TGS monogrammed navy blazer

Not Permitted with Dress-Up Uniform (Chapel and Other Special Occasions)—TGS outerwear (jackets, pullovers, or hoodies with the school logo) purchased through the school store. The hood on the hoodie must remain off while in school.

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

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.



OPTIONAL DRESS-UP DAYS FOR SENIORS

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



NOTE: The red options are being phased out. They will be allowed for wear in 2023/2024 but will not be for sale and will be discontinued altogether in 2024/2025.

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Chapel



Outerwear



RHETORIC SCHOOL

**9TH-12TH
GRADE**

ORDERING



ONLINE: Go to landsend.com/school and create or sign in to your account. Include your student 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 student'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 student'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 is located in the lower school, but items can also be ordered through the website and delivered to your student(s) in both buildings. The school store can be found online at store.genevaschool.org.

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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