

GreenWood Charter School

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Dress Guidelines

Our goal for a dress policy is to create an optimum climate for learning while still allowing for individual expression.

Specific Consequences for inappropriate dress:

If your child is dressed inappropriately, s/he will be asked to call home and retrieve appropriate clothing. S/he will not be permitted back in class until this has been done. The teachers and the administration make the final determination of inappropriate dress for school. *Some outfits may meet the above requirements but are still inappropriate for school.* Multiple infractions of this dress code will be considered disrespect for school rules and additional consequences will apply. The Dress Code Policy ensures all students have the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment conducive to learning. Holding students accountable for these expectations will result in responsible, well- rounded individuals, prepared for success in both college and career.

Each student is expected to take pride in his/her appearance; to dress and groom in a manner that will not disrupt the instructional climate at The GreenWood Charter School. To maintain an orderly and safe environment, and to promote an appreciation of the importance of appropriate attire in a place of learning and career, students are expected to follow the GW policy which was adopted in August 2014.

1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY IS TO:

GreenWood embraces hands-on, expeditionary learning philosophy. Students will be engaged in physical activity frequently, such as field experiences, active play on the field and in surrounding areas, sports and adventure activities, and more. For this reason, *flip flops, are not appropriate footwear.* Also for this reason – short, tight skirts or shorts are not appropriate. Students should be dressed to be active – sitting on the floor, exercising, etc. and still be covered appropriately. Students may be exposed at any time to current weather conditions, such as extreme heat or cold and rain. They should be prepared (water bottles and sunscreen, for example) and dressed accordingly (jackets, hats, sturdy shoes).

2. DRESS CODE:

GreenWood recognizes that proper dress and grooming positively affect the behavior and health of students. Therefore, GreenWood sets the following standards for school dress

and appearance: GreenWood reserves the right to prohibit any item of clothing which may cause a disturbance to an orderly school environment.

1.1 Cleanliness- Emphasis shall be placed on neatness, cleanliness, and safety in the personal appearance of students. We encourage parents to discuss personal hygiene with their students including bathing, brushing teeth, and when to wear deodorant.

1.2 Clothing- Modesty in the personal appearance of students is stressed. Modest clothing should be worn by both males and females. At school and at all school events students are expected to refrain from wearing clothes that are inappropriate and/or distracting, such as:

- Clothing that shows the midriff (no belly buttons), breasts/cleavage, or buttocks, even when bending over.
- Tops need to cover the cap of the shoulder (No “spaghetti straps,” tank tops, tube tops, or boys’ undershirts)
- Clothing depicting inappropriate messages, language, or advertisements
- Clothing that promotes or glorifies violence or drugs, sexually explicit ideas, or ideas that might be hurtful or controversial to others
- Sunglasses nor hats in the building
- Short and or tight skirts or shorts (must be well below fingertip length when arms hang down to sides). If shorts or skirts are just at the fingertip length, students must wear leggings underneath. Shorts or skirts not at fingertip length or longer will not be allowed regardless if tights or leggings are worn underneath.
- Clothing that reveals under-garments, even when bending over
- Pajamas or slippers

1.3 Outerwear- Large coats will not be permitted to be worn in class. During winter months, students should be sent to school with necessary sweaters, long sleeves and warm clothes to be worn in class and gloves, hats, and coats to be worn during outdoor times. Recess and outdoor experiences are essential to the learning of our students and parents should comply with appropriate clothing for the weather. Students will be outside during cold weather to 32 degrees, but will

not be outside during “Red” air quality days. GW faculty and staff reserve the right to interpret whether attire is appropriate.

1.4 Shoes - GreenWood Charter School requires that shoes be worn both in and outside the school at all times. *Slippers and flip flops of any kind are not allowed.* Bare or stocking feet will not be permitted at school or school-sponsored activities. Students must insure that they have the appropriate footwear for the days’ activities (i.e. tennis shoes for exercise, closed-toed shoes for fieldwork, etc). GW faculty and staff reserve the right to interpret whether attire is appropriate.

1.5 Prohibited items include chains on wallets, spikes or studs on any item of clothing, excessive bracelets, or any accessory or excessive amounts of accessories which may be considered a risk to the health and safety or cause distraction from the educational process may not be worn. Badges or symbols worn in protest are accepted as long as they comply with current dress code policy. In addition, no chains will be allowed on any part of the body or clothing. Necklaces will be permitted as long as the single link does not exceed 1/16 inch. Administration and faculty reserve the right to determine whether the excessive nature of the accessory or attachment is a distraction for the students.

1.8 Electronic Devices- An electronic device is a device that a student is in possession of which electronically communicates, sends, receives, stores, reproduces or displays voice and/or text communication or data. These include but are not limited to: cell phones, pagers, unauthorized cameras, iPods, MP3 players, radios, portable stereos, tape recorders, headphones, and comparable electronic devices are prohibited during school hours.

If devices are used at any unauthorized time by students and/or observed by teachers, administration or other staff the device will be confiscated and a parent can pick up the device from school. Upon retrieval the parent will receive notification of their student’s first offense and sign a contract stating their knowledge of the school policy dealing with electronic devices and the consequence if their student has a second offense. On the second offense, the device will be confiscated and a parent-student-administration meeting will be scheduled. Each subsequent offense will be handled on a case by case basis, resulting in, but not limited, to suspension.

- 3. Greenwood Spirit Day (Wednesday)** – Greenwood Students, parents and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing Greenwood apparel and/or any shade of green.
- 4. Staff Dress Code:** Employees of Greenwood will wear professional clothing appropriate for the teaching standards of Greenwood Charter School. Teachers should dress suitable for the day’s engaging activities by following the Greenwood Dress Code.
- 5. ID Badges-** All faculty, staff, visitors, and volunteers are required to wear an official school issued badge at all times while on campus. This badge must be worn on a lanyard or clipped to clothing to ensure visibility of the badge for identification purposes.

*Note: The Administration may make exceptions to the above policy for personal, religious or medical reasons. Greenwood Staff has the final discretion as to whether or not an outfit is acceptable for school.