DRESS CODE GENERAL INFORMATION

GILMOUR CUSTOMIZED UNIFORM ATTIRE (GRADES 1-6)

We intend our school uniform to promote a “down to business” approach. Research reports that children who wear uniforms view them as learning clothes and take academics more seriously. We believe that our uniform will actually encourage greater creativity. Without distraction of clothing styles and fashion trends, our students can demonstrate their creativity in ways that emphasize their unique thoughts, individual talents and God-given abilities. The Director or Administrative Associate will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of a student’s attire or appearance.

Please refer to separate Lower School email regarding uniform information from Lands’ End, our source for uniforms.

BOYS:
Belts: Belts must be worn with pants that have belt loops. Belts should be plain in style/color and tucked into loops (not left dangling).

Shoes and Socks: Please refer to Lands’ End customized website for approved shoe styles, types and colors. Shoes must have closed-in back/toes and fit securely. Not Permitted: Sandals, crocs, hiking boots, clogs, “open air” tops or shoes resembling tennis/gym shoes. Solid color socks coordinating with the uniform are to be worn at all times. Visible socks must be worn at all times. Shoe colors: Colors must coordinate with uniform (black, brown, tan, navy, gray, mahogany, green).

Hair: Should be kept out of the eyes and well off the collar. Extreme change in hair color, or fad styles and cuts are unacceptable. Hats may not be worn during the school day.

Shirts: Must be tucked in.
Pants: Cargo pants are not permitted.
Sweaters: Uniform sweaters may be worn over a uniform shirt (not alone).

Jewelry: Keep jewelry simple, tasteful and not distracting. Multiple necklaces or bracelets of any kind are a distraction. Long chains pose a danger during play periods/gym class and may not be worn at school. No earrings are permitted.

GIRLS:
Belts: Belts must be worn with pants that have belt loops. Belts should be plain in style/color and tucked into loops (not left dangling).

Shoes and Socks: Shoes must have closed-in back/toes and fit securely. All weather mocs/Mary Jane’s, Alpine lace-up/zip/athletic styles with no-skid, scuff-proof rubber soles are required. (See Lands’ End catalog.) Not Permitted: sandals, crocs, hiking boots, clogs or sling-backs. Solid color socks, knee socks or tights coordinating with the uniform are to be worn at all times. Flesh color tights or hose are not permitted. Visible socks must be worn at all times.

Shoe Colors: Colors must coordinate with uniform (black, brown, tan, navy, gray).

Shirt: Must be tucked in.

Pants: Cargo pants are not permitted.
**Sweater:** Uniform sweaters may be worn over a uniform blouse or shirt (not alone).

**Jewelry Accessories:** Keep jewelry simple, tasteful and not distracting. Long chains pose a danger during play periods and gym class and should not be worn at school. One pair of earrings may be worn. No dangling earrings are permitted.

**Hair:** Extreme change in color and fad styles or cuts are unacceptable. Hair accessories including headbands should be simple and complementary. Scarves and scarf headbands are not permitted. For safety reasons, outdoor scarves should be tied. Hats may not be worn during the school day.

**Makeup:** Not permitted.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE FOR ALL**
Students are to wear gray t-shirts with navy shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh), navy running pants or navy sweatpants.

Swimsuits Girls: one piece
Swimsuits Boys: boxer style

**OUTERWEAR ATTIRE FOR ALL**
Students go outside to play every day except in inclement weather. Students must have appropriate clothing to play outdoors everyday (e.g. coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, boots). All students are required to wear athletic shoes or snow boots for outdoor recess. Outdoor scarves should be tied.

**CASUAL DRESS/DRESS DOWN DAYS ATTIRE FOR ALL**
For casual dress down day, pants of any type may be worn, including appropriate jeans or athletic pants. Any type of shirt including a t-shirt is acceptable. Any type of shoe with closed-in heel/toe may be worn, except for a hiking boot. Not Permitted: sandals, crocs, sling-backs. Shorts, not shorter than mid-thigh, permitted beginning after Spring Break – October 15.

Clothing may not be torn or frayed and cannot have inappropriate pictures, logos or messages. Sleeveless or backless outfits are not permitted. All other dress guidelines apply.

**SPECIAL OCCASION DAYS ATTIRE**
For specified picture days, Promotion Day and other announced special events, the students will present a “dressed up” appearance. Boys may wear a dress shirt with a tie. A blazer, sweater or vest is optional. Girls may wear a dress, skirt or dress pants. A blazer, sweater or vest is optional.