

Dress Code and Uniform

The aim of our uniform is for students to present a neat, work-like appearance at all times and to take pride in being members of GEMS American Academy. In accordance with ADEC policy, the school's uniform is compulsory and should reflect the school's commitment to honor UAE traditions, culture and religion.

The GAA uniform supplier is *Threads*. Parents are able to purchase the uniform directly from the school or a retail outlet at Dalma Mall. It is possible to order online from www.threadsme.com.

All uniform items, including bags, lunchboxes, water bottles and other personal belongings should be clearly labeled at all times. This will aid in the swift return of misplaced belongings.

Appearance

- Full and correct GAA uniform must be worn at all times. This includes travelling to and from the school.
- Full and correct GAA uniform must be worn following after school activities (ASA's) and when embarking on school trips (unless otherwise instructed by a member of staff in writing).
- Ties should be tied in a small neat knot that covers the fastened top button.
- GAA sweaters may not be tied around the waist at any time.
- Students may wear a watch.
- Girls may wear one small stud earring in each ear lobe and these should be removed for PE and swimming.
- Any additional jewelry of religious significance is subject to written approval by the school (and following a formal request from the parent).
- Make-up and nail polish may not be worn.
- Students may not wear school uniform when involved in social events unrelated to the school.
- Students should wear full school uniform to all *Parent Teacher Consultations* and other formal school events.

Hairstyles

Girls hair should be tied back fully off the face in one or two braids or ponytails. The sensible use of hair accessories is acceptable to keep hair orderly and neat eg. Alice band, hairband, clips, slides, elastic bands etc. as long as they are plain white, dark blue or black.

Student's hair must be of a natural colour rather than bright, obvious or "unnatural", and be neat and of a modest style. Hairstyling products (non coloured gel, wax, mousse etc.) can be used to style hair in a neat and tidy manner, but not to create exaggerated hairstyles, for example, spikes. If a hairstyle contravenes these requirements the student will be requested to amend this with immediate effect and if this is not possible they will be required to remain at home until such time as their hair has returned to an acceptable condition.

GAA may not require uniforms whilst participating in after or out of school activities or on designated special dress days. However, students should be properly dressed in a manner that is not offensive to our host country. The following rules will apply:

- No tight clothes
- No spaghetti strap shirts
- No exposed mid-riff
- No hoodies
- No offensive logos or expressions on clothing
- No skirts/ shorts above the knee

The Secondary Administration may require a student to return home for the purpose of changing clothing. Our policy is: Wear clothing that is respectful to yourself and others.

The only excused uniform violation should be by way of parental notification to the Secondary Office before the start of the school day. The consequences for violation of the uniform policy range from after school detention or out of school suspension.

Elementary School Uniform Requirements

DAILY UNIFORM KG1- KG2

1. GAA polo shirt.
2. Dark blue shorts for boys.
3. Dark blue skorts (culottes) or shorts for girls.
4. White socks.



5. All black shoes with non-marking soles. No sandals for safety reasons.
6. School caps for outside activities
7. KG PE Uniform is available but optional

DAILY UNIFORM Grade 1-5

1. GAA light blue oxford shirt with logo, fully buttoned. *
2. Dark blue shorts or slacks for boys.
3. Dark blue skorts (culottes) or slacks for girls.
4. Blue and white tie for boys and bow-ties for girls.
5. White socks with shorts/skorts and black socks with slacks.
6. Black shoes
7. All White sport shoes with non-marking soles and heels for PE. No sandals for safety reasons.
8. School caps for outside activities

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

1. GAA PE shirt.
2. GAA PE shorts.
3. Regulation swimming suit (personal suits are fine - one piece suit for girls).
4. White athletic shoes with non-marking soles and heels.

SEASONAL WEAR

1. GAA cotton blue sweater with school logo.
2. GAA hoodies/jumpers with school logo as sold in uniform shop.



***Please note students will not be allowed to wear non-uniform items in the classroom.**

Middle / High School Uniform Requirements (Grades 6-12)

DAILY UNIFORM

1. GAA light blue oxford shirt with logo, fully buttoned. *
2. Dark blue slacks for boys as supplied by the uniform store.
3. Dark blue skirts or slacks for girls as supplied by the uniform store. The skirt length should be below knee length even when seated. If the skirt is slightly above the knee, black tights/stockings should be worn underneath.
4. Blue and white tie with logo for boys and scarf for girls.
5. White socks with skirts and black socks with slacks.
6. All black shoes with non-marking soles and heels.
7. Black leather belts for slacks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

1. GAA PE shirt.
2. GAA Blue PE shorts.
3. Regulation swimming suit (personal suits are fine - one piece suit for girls).
4. White athletic shoes with non-marking soles and heels.

SEASONAL WEAR

1. GAA cotton blue sweater with school logo.
2. GAA hoodies/jumpers as sold in uniform shop.



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