

Country Gardens Charter School

Student Dress/Uniform Policies: Students who have more than 2 dress code violations may be suspended.

School uniforms are to be worn daily and at all evening functions except for graduations, proms, and themed events with costumes. Due to the nature of our curriculum and its necessity for students to be involved in many outdoor activities, our dress/uniform code is designed to keep students safe and free from injury. We also stress the importance of liking yourself and others naturally and without being “Put on.” Uniform/dress code infractions will result in wearing borrowed “school” clothes/shoes during that school day, being sent home, in-school suspension, loss of privileges, and/or out-of school suspension.

Uniform violations may result in students losing bus privileges. The administration needs to focus on school activities involving students, not on the dress code. Please make sure your child leaves home with the proper attire. Students will NOT be allowed to change out of uniforms and into street clothes at school or on the bus. Students need to come to school already in uniform, no street clothes underneath.

1st offense – warning and one day in-school suspension

2nd offense – out of school suspension/ and or community service – cleaning buses and campus/Saturday school.

- **Shirts:** Uniform t-shirts with school logo. Shirts purchased for field trips may be worn only by students who attended the trips. Girls need to wear appropriate white/beige undergarments under light colored shirts. Shirts must be long enough that they fall 3” below their waist. Exposing the stomach and back torso are **not** allowed. PLAIN shirts are not acceptable. Students may not wear another shirt, or vest that covers the school name. Students may wear two shirts as long as the school shirt is worn on top and the shirt underneath is a plain solid t-shirt or another school shirt. No shirts can be made for students at home.
- **Jackets:** Students may wear jackets. Due to the heat no jackets are to be worn or brought to school until after fall break in October. No jackets can be worn if it is 85 degrees or higher.
- **Pants:** Any color or appropriate designs are allowed Excluded colors: white and red. Jeans, bell bottoms, capris, sweatpants and overalls are allowed. Pants, shorts and capris cannot be of a stretchy material. Hip huggers, low rise and extremely low rise are not allowed. The stomach and belly button are to be covered at all times. Pants must have a waist band. Both straps on overalls are to be fastened appropriately. Pants are not to be tight; they should hang slightly not cling to the body. Students may not wear ripped jeans if skin is shown above the knees. Pants must be hemmed. Pants cannot be more than ONE size larger than would normally fit the person. Belts are required for boys if the pants are hanging too low around the waist, NO sagging or bagging of pants allowed. NO underwear is to be exposed at any time! No Logo’s or peek – a – boo pants. Normal wear is allowed, yet no excessive tears or unhemmed legs will be allowed. No skin may be shown through “ripped style” jeans.
- **Shorts:** Shorts are allowed yet need to go 1-2 inches past the student’s fingertips. and follow the same rules as pants. When sitting, a child’s shorts should not rise above mid thigh.
- **Skirts:** NOT ALLOWED. Skorts or culottes are allowed and follow the same rules as pants/shorts and must be to the knee.
- **Sunglasses:** These are not allowed on campus.
- **Undergarments:** ALL STUDENTS WILL WEAR UNDERWEAR. NO THONGS, G-STRINGS, SEE – THROUGH MATERIAL, OR TEDDIES. Girls developed enough to wear a bra are required to do so.
- **Shoes:** CROCS are not allowed. May be of any color/design except white. White shoes are not allowed on campus for any special dress days. All shoes with laces must be tied to a snug fit and not to be

loose at the top. No roller shoes. NO EXCEPTIONS! K-1st grade students who cannot tie their own laces must have Velcro.

- **Socks:** Socks need to be worn with shoes. No net/lace stockings allowed.
- **Jewelry:** No body piercing except ears. One pair of earrings on the lower ear lobes only. Necklaces, rings and bracelets are allowed, 2 of each ONLY. These must be small in nature. (No license plates, etc.) No offensive, drug, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gang or cult related symbols allowed. No cult jewelry allowed. No dog collars and/or spiked collars. Grades 7-12 are allowed two pairs of stud earrings. Only stud earrings are allowed. NO gauges or plugs of any kind or size. Violations will be confiscated and NOT returned until the end of the year. No gauges. Nose rings will not be tolerated.
- **Skin Adornment:** No TATTOOS (real or fake) or any other skin adornments. If you already have a tattoo, it must be covered at all times. 9-12 graders may wear make-up yet must be kept light and conservative. No make-up is allowed in K-8 grades. Students will receive consequences for this offense.
- **Wallets and small purses** (no larger than 5x8) are allowed. NO CHAINS!
- **Hair:** Hair must be clean and styled conservatively. (No grunge look, no dread locks, hair-cuts must be conservative and “normal in nature”. No Mohawks or odd shaved styles. If you are not sure if a hair-cut will be acceptable, ask before you cut it.) No half-shaved designs. Also, all hair must be kept free from the face so as not to interfere with any learning activities. This means that long hair will be cut into bangs or pulled back and fastened in some manner. Weaves are allowed but not overly large and must be the natural color of the person’s hair-NOT COLORED OR STREAKED, ETC. Hair coloring or bleaching is only allowed in high school and must be of natural colors. All other grades K-8 must leave their hair its natural color. No bleaching, dying, streaked, striped or frosting. Students violating this will be suspended on the first offense. Do not come to school the first day with hair colored or bleached-you will not be allowed to enter your classroom!
- **Hats:** Hats are allowed yet must be worn with the brim in front. No offensive, drug, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or gang related symbols will be allowed. No bandanas, hair nets, or pantyhose style caps. A hat will be taken and returned only 1 time. On the 2nd time the hat will NOT be returned. Hats are not to be worn in the classroom.
- **Nails:** These must be kept natural and not excessively long or pointed. Nail polish must be in pastel colors only, NO BLACK or dark PURPLE. Artificial/fake nails of any type are NOT ALLOWED in any grade. Students violating this will be suspended on the first offense and nails must be removed before coming back to school.

• **Backpacks:** No backpacks of any kind are allowed on campus. No exceptions and no excuses! All swim clothes and towels must be in a typical plastic bag from a grocery store and brought to school as needed. Draw string bags are allowed.