

SECONDARY SCHOOL UNIFORMS REGULATION

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 ADEK 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. The school uniform is available for purchase at Threads Store at Capital Mall. To view the uniform guide, please visit the website from THREADS, GAA's uniform service provider: <http://www.threadsme.com>

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the uniforms for GAA will only be distributed from Threads' Retail outlet in Capital Mall. There will be no uniform sale from the GAA school uniform store.

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.

COMPULSORY UNIFORM FOR ALL STUDENTS 2020 - 2021 School Year

| DAILY SCHOOL UNIFORM | | | | | |
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| Grade | Gender | Tops | Bottoms | Tie | Shoes |
| Grades 6 to 12 | BOYS | Boys blue oxford shirt short sleeve w/ logo | navy stripe trouser for boys (No shorts) | striped tie | ALL BLACK SHOES – INCLUDING DARK SOLES (see image below) SOCKS- SOLID BLACK, BLUE OR WHITE |
| | GIRLS | Girls blue oxford shirt short sleeve w/ logo | navy stripe tailored trouser or skirt for girls (No shorts) | striped tie, striped boy tie or scarf for girls | |



ACCESSORIES

| REQUIRED | OPTIONAL |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.E. BAG with GAA logo • BASEBALL CAP with GAA logo • Navy Swim Cap (for students with long hair) • If students wear a sweater over uniform shirt: V – NECK SWEATER WITH LOGO or CARDIGAN SWEATER WITH LOGO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAA SWIMMING COSTUME / TRUNK • GAA BACK PACK • If girls wear LEGGINGS/STOCKINGS/PANTYHOSE/TIGHTS FOR SKIRTS instead of socks, color must be SOLID NAVY BLUE or BLACK. • If a belt is worn, it must be solid black |

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

| Grade | When to wear | Tops | Bottoms | Shoes |
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| Grades 6 to 12 | Students will wear regular school uniform to school every day. At the beginning of PE class, they will change into this PE uniform. At the end of class, they will change back into regular school uniform. | SKY BLUE POLO Shirt with GAA logo | NAVY GAA SHORTS | QUALITY ATHLETIC SHOES (NOT UNIFORM) WHITE SPORT SOCKS |

GAA MAY NOT REQUIRE UNIFORMS WHILST PARTICIPATING IN AFTER OR OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR ON DESIGNATED SPECIAL DRESS-DOWN 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.

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.

PERSONAL PRESENTATION:

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AND DEPART FROM SCHOOL IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND WHILE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- No excessive make up or jewelry is allowed.
- Students with pierced ears may wear studs or small hoop earrings.
- Rings should be small without sharp edges or loose parts.
- Necklaces should not be visible.
- Except for tasteful natural color highlights, students are not allowed to dye their hair.
- No visible body piercings or tattoos.
- Non-regulation outerwear may not be worn in school; it should be kept in lockers.