



Dress Code Policy

Overview:

- The **NGA** dress code exists to help promote unity and teamwork, present professionally to the larger community, and to ensure students have the correct clothing to successfully participate in the wide variety of activities they may encounter during a day at **NGA**. We ask families and students to be active members in upholding the dress code.
- A typical **NGA** day may include multiple changes of clothing. Students are asked to think ahead, plan, and prepare for each unique day they will encounter at school and arrive ready to participate with the right clothing and footwear. **NGA** believes this preparation and accountability is an important part of developing students' ownership and responsibility around their school day.

Dress Code Accountability:

- Students who do not have the appropriate uniform for the daily activities will be marked as unprepared for the day, which is reflected in the homeroom grade.
 - Students who do not bring appropriate uniform clothing and do not have the option to borrow may need a parent/guardian to bring the item to them at school. Due to the logistics and tight schedule of field lesson days, this may prevent a student from being able to participate in the day's activities, and parents/guardians would need to come pick up their student.
 - Repeated violations of dress code are recorded and addressed, and consequences may include a parent/guardian conference to address the violations.
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General Uniform Guidelines:

- All clothing worn at school or for school events should be clean, in good repair, and in good taste for a school setting.
 - Students should not wear clothing that has significant tearing or staining.
 - Students may not wear clothing with holes or manufactured/intentional fading.
 - Any messaging on student clothing or personal items at school should be appropriate for a school setting.
 - **Footwear:** Students must wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes at **NGA** always. Shoes must be firmly attached with a heel or heel strap, tightened to the foot, and provide good traction. Shoes must allow students to easily move in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. Athletic shoes are the best option.
 - The following footwear is *not* appropriate for **NGA** at any time: high-heels, wedges, platform shoes, bedroom slippers, or flip-flops.
 - We highly encourage everyone to own a pair of rain boots. They can be kept at the school in the student's locker.
 - **Outerwear:** Students are required to have the **NGA** logo as the outermost clothing item while indoors. During the cooler months, this may mean wearing an undershirt underneath the student polo or wearing an **NGA** logoed layer. **Every student should have a raincoat on hand for inclement weather and layers to comfortably be outside even in colder months.**
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Academic Uniform:

- **Tops:** **NGA** logoed polo, sweatshirts and t-shirts.
- **Bottoms:** All bottoms must be neutral, earth-tone, solid-colored khaki or corduroy styles.
- **Abaya and Thobes:** Students are encouraged to wear Islamic garments with the exception of Field Days.

- **The following bottom styles/colors are not permitted:** Blue jeans, bright colors, white, patterns, or camouflage.
 - Pants are acceptable at all times of the year.
 - Female Students may wear neutral, earth-tone, solid-colored, khaki or corduroy skirts with full-length leggings underneath.
 - Female Students may wear Abaya with the NGA logo.
 - Athletic bottoms are not allowed as part of the academic uniform (such as running or PE shorts, biking/yoga pants or shorts, or leggings). Non-athletic bottoms typically will have some combination of: pockets, belt loops, and snap or button closure.

Seasonal Dress Code Changes:

- Time periods when long shorts below the knee are acceptable will be communicated to families by administration and typically fall before October Break and after April Break.

PE Uniform:

- For PE, students should wear their **NGA** PE shirt and grey sweatpants.
- For activities, students should wear attire that abides by the guidelines*.
 - If PE is the student's first block of the day, they may arrive at school wearing their PE uniform but must change into their academic uniform immediately following PE class.

Swimsuit Guidelines:

- Secure fit , swimwear must stay in place during movement and swimming. Loose or flowing garments that may hinder movement or safety in water are not allowed.
- Dark or neutral tones are preferred to maintain modesty and minimize transparency.
- Full-coverage modest swimsuits (burkini style) with attached hood and pants.
- Two- or three-piece sets that include:
 - Tunic or long top (mid-thigh or longer)

- Full-length swim leggings
 - Swim hijab or hood
 - Swim caps or attached hoods that stay secure in water are required for the older girls who wear hijab.
 - Swim trunks that cover from the navel to the knee with a swim guard.
 - The attire should not be body-hugging or form-defining, especially around the chest and hips.
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Field Lesson Uniform:

- For Field Lessons Day, students should wear NGA Academic uniform unless specified by email from administration.
 - During extended times outdoors or in the sun, especially during water activities, students may be required to bring and wear a “rashguard” style item of clothing; essentially a long-sleeved, non-cotton shirt that can be worn close to the skin as increased sun protection.
 - Students may not wear cotton clothing on field lessons unless expressly told otherwise.
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Other:

- **Hair:** Students are expected to present themselves in a manner that is conducive to safety and learning. Students with long hair should have a hair tie or equivalent as needed. We encourage female students to wear hijab as part of their training habit of wearing modest clothing. The hijab should be a neutral, earth-toned solid color.
 - **Jewelry:** Any student jewelry should be modest so as not to interfere, distract, or jeopardize safety in the academic learning environment, PE, Field Lessons. Large or dangly earrings should be avoided for safety reasons in the field.
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Casual Dress Code:

- Students may occasionally be allowed to wear casual dress, including on scheduled “dress down” days, at special **NGA** events, or as a change of clothes/extra clothes on a Field Lesson Day. Casual Dress Code must follow General Uniform Guidelines and additionally:
 - Be school appropriate.
 - Be in good condition with no holes or manufactured/intentional fading.
 - Cover at least below the knee for boys and long pants or skirts for girls.
 - Be appropriate for the activity.
 - Shirts must be long enough to cover my entire torso and reach down to past the hips or mid-thigh, comfortably.
 - Students may wear hooded layers indoors as part of the casual dress code. Students may not wear hoods on their head indoors at any time.
 - On these days, students may wear clothing that adheres to the Casual Dress Code guidelines and provide the required fee at check-in on that day (Students may also choose to wear normal academic attire and not pay the fee). Students who do not bring the dress down fee to check-in may be charged via their FACTS account.
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Changing:

- Students will have access to changing facilities such as a bathroom or the changing room. They are required to have all their necessary items to change themselves in the facility.
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Lost and Found:

- Students should be mindful of where they leave their belongings and should refrain from bringing large amounts of money and valuables to school with them. To avoid losing items, we strongly encourage families to LABEL ALL STUDENT ITEMS, INCLUDING CLOTHING, with a

permanent marker. Any lost items may be found in the designated lost and found bin.