

Attendance Policy



The Elementary Grades establish the educational foundations for the students throughout their lives. At GWA, the learning is sequential, particularly in phonics, reading, and math. Any breaks in the sequence have been shown to delay or damage a student's educational progress. Additionally, a lot of the teaching in the classroom is completely lost as it is teacher-presented (rather than text or workbook driven) and, therefore, difficult to make up. It is the policy of GWA that elementary level students (grade K-6) who are absent 6 or more times in the semester, may be subject to being retained in that grade, especially if grade level work cannot be maintained. We understand that illness absences are excused, but if a child is absent 3 or more days with the same illness, s/he may need to bring a doctor's/nurse's note. It is the responsibility of the student, with encouragement from the parent, to make up for lost work. Illnesses that require the student to stay home include rashes, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, or a temperature over 100°. Headaches or a slight temperature of less than 100°, in the absence of other symptoms, do not usually require that a student stay home

GWA must offer 1000 clock hours each year for 7th and 8th grade students. Students are required by state law to attend school on a regular basis. As with our elementary students, 7th and 8th grade students who are absent 6 or more times in a semester may be in danger of losing credit for that class. It is the responsibility of the students to determine which assignments are missing and to make them up.

We understand that there may be rare or unusual extenuating circumstances. These are subject to review by the principal.

Dress Code Policy



George Washington Academy Students will wear uniforms whenever they are on the GWA campus. Exceptions may include uniform buy-out days, school programs or sports activities (as determined by the principal) or other special activities.

The Uniform shirts are red (flag red), white, or dark (navy) blue collared polo shirts or collared blouses for the girls. Uniform pants, shorts, and skirts are to be navy blue or khaki. Shorts and skirts must be just above the knee and short shorts or skorts are not allowed. Dockers or Dickies style pants are appropriate. Denims may be worn if they are unfaded, dark blue or khaki, with no holes, tears, or *bling*. Leggings that are red, white or navy blue may only be worn under girls' skirts or jumpers. Baggy, tight fitting, or revealing clothes are unacceptable.

Shoes may be any closed-toed shoes. Sandals are not acceptable footwear because of the safety issues involved.

During cold weather, students may wear whatever sweat shirts, jackets, or hoodies they possess. However, they must take the outer wear off while in the classroom.

Uniforms may be purchased locally at Walmart and JC Penney's stores, or online at Target, Old Navy, and French Toast. Thrift stores in the Valley are also a good place to look for gently used uniforms at a reasonable price. We will have a uniform exchange/purchase day every fall just before the new school year begins.

Students may be sent home if they are out of uniform or if uniforms are not to GWA standards. These cases will be determined by the administration.