Changes to the Handbook 2026-27

Page 12: Off-Campus School Functions

The same norms and guidelines that apply at school, apply to off-campus school functions. High School Sponsored Trip forms will need to be completed and submitted before students attend these functions. Gross Catholic High School sponsors several trips throughout the course of the academic year and in the summer. These trips are a privilege for our Gross Catholic High School students. Any student signed up for a Gross Catholic High School-sponsored trip, who reaches 5 demerits or 10 absences not excused by a doctor note, funeral, or school activity, before the trip, will not be allowed to go. **All costs incurred are the responsibility of the student.** Students who are not current in the payment of tuition and fees may not be allowed to participate in school-sponsored trips. Gross Catholic High School's tuition and fees receivables department will review quarterly, the payment plans of students who have signed up to go on a trip. If the tuition, activity (dance, cheer, etc), or course fees (Art, pottery, etc) are not current, the student will not be allowed to go on the trip.

Page 19: Dress Code

- Uniform
    - Polos: Only solid white or royal long or short-sleeved polos are permitted.
        - No colored or printed t-shirt may be visible under the uniform polo.
        - Any approved ¼ zip tops or polos sold from the Spirit Store may contain a sport or activity name on them with an approved Gross Logo.

Page 19: Dress Code

- Uniform
    - Uniform shorts/skirts: All shorts/skirts, regardless of the gender of the student, must be ¾ of the distance from your hip bone to your knee.
        - All shorts must be khaki.
        - Shorts can be purchased through stores such as Old Navy, Kohls, etc.
        - Girls may wear solid black tights or leggings under their skirts. Fishnet tights are not allowed.
        - Skirts are a blue plaid.
            - Skirts are purchased at DiGiorgio's.

Page 14: College Visits

Starting with the 2026-2027 academic school year, Seniors are allowed 1 excused absence exclusively for college visits. This is only for the official visits scheduled through the admissions or campus visit office. Self-guided tours, attending sporting events, visiting friends, and other non-official visits do not fall under this guidance. These visits should be scheduled in advance, and students are responsible for notifying their teachers. Students should ensure their visit does not conflict with any testing or required school events, such as a retreat. Students must obtain a formal letter from the office of admission that they were present for their college visit on that date. Many college admissions offices have a pre-written letter to supply if you ask. This needs to be submitted to the front office or emailed to attendance@gcgmail.org. Parents will still be required to notify the office of the absence in advance. Documents must be received within 2 school days of the college visit.

The following items will not be accepted for an excused absence:

- Registration/confirmation of a campus visit being scheduled
- Items received during a visit, such as a gift or brochure
- Pictures of you on campus
- Parent emails confirming the visit