



**GREATER PORTLAND  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**Student Essays**

**Grades 6 - 12**

*To be completed by students in their own words and handwriting*

**For School Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

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Middle Name

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Preferred Name or Nickname

1. Describe yourself—how do friends and adults describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List your hobbies, interests, and extracurricular activities (sports, music, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What single event (good or bad) has had the greatest impact on your life? How has it affected you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Explain why or why not you wish to attend Greater Portland Christian School: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What church do you attend, if any? How often do you attend? What does it mean to you to be a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How do you feel about our student code of conduct and dress code as described in the excerpts below? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Student Signature

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Date

**NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Greater Portland Christian School is a distinctively Christian institution dedicated to biblical principles of fairness and equality (Proverbs 24:23; Acts 17:26; Galatians 3:28). Therefore, GPCS welcomes students of any sex, race, color, and national and ethnic origin, providing them all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

**DRESS CODE PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

The GPCS student dress code is based on the principles of modesty, neatness, safety, and appropriateness. It has been designed to help ensure a school environment in which learning can take place safely and without distraction and to help prepare students to deal with workplace requirements. Students are given wide latitude in how they dress as long as they comply with the principles and guidelines below. Parents have the primary responsibility to make sure their children are dressed appropriately for school and conform to the dress code.

General guidelines: 1) Students are to dress modestly, neatly, safely, and appropriately for the Christian school setting. 2) All clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair (not ripped or torn), and sized appropriately: not oversized, sloppy, or tight-fitting. All clothing must be modest—not revealing or see-through. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed and to practice good physical hygiene. 3) Dress and grooming must never contradict GPCS’s biblical values. Logos, styles, etc., that violate biblical principles of wholesomeness and modesty are never appropriate at school functions of any kind. 4) Any clothing, jewelry, or grooming style that calls attention to itself and/or is disruptive in any way at school or school functions is unacceptable (except as permitted as part of special days, pep rallies, and similar activities).

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW:**

Greater Portland Christian School is a school family based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as taught in his Word, the Bible. In such a community, we all—students, parents, and staff—are expected to engage in ways that build each other up and honor God (1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31). There is no place for language, appearance, or behavior that would show anything other than respect for God, ourselves, and those around us, for our facilities, and for our learning environment (Romans 12:10,16; 13:8-10; 14:19). No one at GPCS should ever experience rudeness, disrespect, sexual comments, theft, intimidation, harassment, fighting, or any other type of behavior that would make that person feel unsafe, unwelcome, or less than equal. Therefore policies have been developed to help ensure that students experience the safe, respectful, and Christ-honoring environment necessary for optimal learning and training.

The *Student Code of Conduct* expresses basic principles by which we expect students to live as long as they are enrolled at GPCS and is comprised of these policies:

- Conduct Expectations for All Students*
- Student Dress Code*
- Student Responsible Use (of Technology) Policy*
- Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) Policy*
- Physical Privacy and Sexuality Policy*
- Sexual Purity, Pregnancy, and Abortion Policy*

Attending GPCS is a privilege that is extended on the condition that students and parents accept and agree to abide by this *Student Code of Conduct*. Violations of the code, regardless of location or time, may result in disciplinary action. Behavior that also violates the law may be referred to law enforcement authorities.