

Welcome to Garden Hills Elementary

GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY

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-DRESS CODE-

1. Clothing, hairstyles, and jewelry must not cause a disruption or constitute a health or safety hazard.
2. Clothing, including spirit wear, must be modest and of appropriate length and fit. Extremely tight clothing, sagging shorts or trousers, or baggy, oversized clothing is not permitted.
3. Clothing and/or jewelry must not contain words or symbols that are gang-related, offensive, insulting, embarrassing, sexually suggestive, obscene, or promote illegal behavior.
4. Clothing and/or jewelry must not contain any advertisement or display of words or symbols associated with alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.
5. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible. Pants that sit below the waistline are not allowed. Students are only allowed to wear pajamas on school-sanctioned special days.
6. Caps, hats, head wraps, bandanas, hoods, or other head coverings must not be worn in the school building during the school day unless there is a special activity where they are deemed appropriate by the school principal.
7. Appropriate shoes, those that fit and allow for safe movement throughout the school, must be worn at all times at school and school sponsored activities. 8. In accordance with the recommendations of public health officials, the wearing of personal protective equipment (e.g., face coverings, masks, etc.) by students may be required as part of the student dress code.

FRIDAYS ARE SPIRIT DAYS: Show your school spirit every Friday by wearing a Garden Hills shirt. Shirts can be purchased through PTA.

[OrderForm](#)

FIELD TRIP T-SHIRTS: Kindergarteners should purchase an orange Garden Hills shirt to be worn on Field Trip outings. These t-shirts are \$10 and will be sold during Open House or purchased by completing an order form and payment to the front office. [OrderForm](#)

-GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL-

BY BUS: Find bus routes/times online at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/11771>. If you have transportation issues once school begins, you can call transportation at 404.802.5500. Please be sure that you include your child's name, school, bus stop, and bus number when speaking with transportation.

BY CARPOOL: You can pick up a carpool number at the Carpool Station at Open House. After Open House they will be available in the front office once school starts. Parents who plan to pick up their children by car will need a carpool number. Carpool numbers should be hung on your rearview mirror for easy identification in the carpool line.

MORNING:

- Please pull all the way forward so that a designated carpool chaperone or Safety Patrol student can assist your child.
- Please do not drop students off near the buses, at the back of the school, or near AIS (Atlanta International School).
- If you arrive after the 7:45 am bell, please walk your child into school and check them in at the front office.

AFTERNOON:

- Students will be released at 2:45pm. The carpool line moves quickly so it is important to be prompt.
- For the safety of the children, it is important that all cars stay in a single file line.
- Please do not park in the carpool line during carpool hours. If you need to enter the school, park in the parking lot or on Rumson Road and use the walkway access.
- Please wait in your car for your child to be dismissed. Do not wait on the steps in front of the school or in the lobby. We need to keep distractions in the lobby and front office to a minimum, and steps and doors cleared for students exiting the building.

ON FOOT: If your child is a walker, pick them up by following the path to the right of the marquee. The door at the top of the stairs on the left is where they will be released once your child's carpool number is shown to the school official. If you are on foot, please pick your child up from the walker area. The front of the school is for carpool students.

ANY CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 1:30 AND CALLING 404.802.7800

-NO DOGS, CATS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS-

No dogs are allowed on school grounds except for trained service animals. This is just a friendly reminder for families to please keep their pets at home during the day. As most of us love to see a cute and cuddly dog during the day, we need to remember that there are those that do not feel the same way. Some of our students, staff, and volunteers are very frightened of dogs and other animals or may be very allergic to them.

-MEAL OPTIONS-

The menu for breakfast and lunch will be posted once school starts at www.atlantapublicschoolnutrition.us. Through CEP, Garden Hills Elementary will offer healthy meals to ALL students at no charge. Every child has access to free breakfast and lunch every day. NO MEAL APPLICATION IS NEEDED for your child to participate in this program.

Bringing a packed lunch from home is also an option.

ALLERGIES: If your child has an allergy that requires medication (EpiPen, Benadryl, etc.) to be stored at school, there are several forms that need to be filled out by you and your child's doctor. Please contact the front office or school nurse to obtain these forms. Arrangements in the classroom and cafeteria will be determined on an individual basis.

-AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM & AFTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULARS-

THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: An "after care" program for students is available through 6:30pm. During this time, they will have homework helpers, receive a healthy snack, and have supervised activities and free play. Kiddos Atlanta oversees our After School Program. Please visit www.kiddosatlanta.com for details, pricing information, scholarships, and registration for the GHES After School Program.

GEORGIA PRE-K STUDENTS: Kiddos Atlanta is certified to work with Preschool-age children and welcomes your little ones to the After School Program!

THE AFTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULARS PROGRAM: These after school activities are also organized by Kiddos Atlanta (www.kiddosatlanta.com). Class options vary throughout the year and include activities such as sports, drama, art, chess, etc. Look out for flyers and information that will be sent home with your child. If your child goes to the After School Program, they will be returned there once their extracurricular activity is complete.

-PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES-

PTA (PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION) INFORMATION: Parents, please join the GHES PTA! Joining is a great way to keep up to date on the happenings and events at GHES. Membership dues are \$10 which in turn provides support for PTA sponsored events such as Family Fun Day, Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation, and more. Meetings are once a month, check the website on www.gardenhillselementary.org for dates. Anyone who pays dues becomes a member and the board is voted upon annually.

ACORNS TO OAKS, GHES FOUNDATION: Founded in 2011, Acorns to Oaks is a 501c (3) tax exempt organization that exists solely to benefit Garden Hills Elementary. It provides students with access to programs, technology, and educational experiences not funded by tax dollars. The foundation is the entity primarily responsible for creating a beautiful new field for our students! The board is voted upon annually.

GHES GO TEAM: A Local School Governance Team (GO Team) in each school is the method APS will use to get the community, parents and teachers involved in decision making to maximize educational opportunities for our students.

A Go Team is voted on by the community and put in place to help guide decision making. The board is voted upon annually.

SIGN UP GENIUS/SUG: Look out for sign up opportunities via Sign Up Genius in your email. We rely on volunteer help to ensure events run smoothly and can happen at all! Show support by donating time and contributing to the GHES community.

SPIRIT NIGHTS: Look for flyers and check the website for Spirit Night dates. A local restaurant will pay a percentage of their sales on GHES Spirit Nights. It is a great way to see other Garden Hills families and help the school!

-SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS-

THE GAB : Email communication sent out to highlight upcoming important dates and events.

LET OUR L.I.G.H.T. SHINE @ GHES: Bi-Weekly video updates highlighting happenings at GHES.

SEESAW: All teachers will communicate with the class through an app called Seesaw, they will provide you with further instructions.

PRINCIPAL TOWNHALLS: Principal Townhalls will be held throughout the year. Updates will be held virtually.

-INFINITE CAMPUS-

Parents of students in grades K-12 have access to class schedules, attendance records and grades through the [ParentPortalAccess](#) an easy-to-use, secure communications tool for the district. Additionally, the Parent Portal enables parents to verify household information, including email, home address and telephone numbers.