



GreatHearts[®]
Lakeside

Lakeside 101: Family Orientation Sessions

Session 1: Academy Dress Code

The Uniforms

At Great Hearts schools, the student uniform is an essential part of who we are and what we do. The uniform serves to unify our students as one community of learners, irrespective of our diverse backgrounds. The uniform also signifies to the larger community our common purpose and identity as schools in pursuit of the true, the good and the beautiful. Finally, the uniform frees our students to pursue their intellectual and moral development as individuals, without the distractions of fad and fashion.



Parent Responsibility

While students are responsible for their clothing and appearance, it is the parents who are responsible for providing the conditions required for meeting the standard, e.g. haircuts, proper shoes, shirts, skirts and pants that fit properly, and mending or replacing worn and torn items. Parents are urged to understand the [dress code](#) and to ensure that their children go to school each day in the right attire from head to toe.

It is an uncomfortable experience for a child to be corrected for a dress code violation, and repeated issues can become an enormous distraction for students. Parents who are struggling to meet a [dress code](#) requirement are encouraged to reach out to administration for guidance.

Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for wearing their uniform with care and pride, and for maintaining good grooming habits throughout the school day. Tucking in and buttoning shirts, tying shoes, and keeping sleeves and socks properly adjusted are important opportunities for students to exhibit pride in their membership in the Academy.

Personal grooming is another important component of the [dress code](#). Students should arrive to school with clean hands, face, hair, and uniform. Hair should be combed and neatly styled. Throughout the school day, students should remember to wash their face and hands and to refrain from marking themselves with ink and paint.

Kinder through Fourth Grade Girls Uniform

Required:

- Short-sleeve or long-sleeve polo
Color: white or light blue
- Navy pants or shorts
- Plaid skirt
- **K-2 Only:** Plaid jumper & Peter Pan collared shirt

Optional:

- Navy sweater—button-up or pull-over
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo



Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Kinder through Fourth Grade Boys Uniform

Required:

- Short-sleeve polo or long-sleeve polo
Color: white or light blue
- Navy pants or shorts

Optional:

- Navy sweater—button-up or pull-over
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.



Fifth-Sixth Grade Girls Uniform

Required:

- Short-sleeve or long-sleeve polo
Color: white or light blue
- Khaki pants or shorts
- Plaid skirt or skort

Optional:

- Navy sweater—button-up or pull-over
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo



Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Boys Uniform

Required:

- Short-sleeve or long-sleeve polo
Color: white or light blue
- Khaki pants or shorts

Optional:

- Navy sweater or vest—button-up or pull-over
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.



Approved Shoes for K-6



Students may wear either Keds School Days shoes (white and navy blue) or any all white or all black athletic shoe.

Students may wear solid white, navy, or black that are free of logos. Socks must be visible; no-show socks are not permitted. *Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.*



Purchasing Information

Great Hearts now has two preferred vendors for our uniforms. Families can choose from either vendor. More information can be found on their websites:

- [Dennis Uniforms](#)
- [Flynn O'Hara](#)

Several items—i.e., pants, shorts, belts, shoes, socks—may be purchased from other vendors (e.g., Target, Old Navy) as long as the items meet the [dress code](#) requirements.

Reducing Costs

Over the years, families have worked together to re-sell used uniforms. We are working to obtain used uniforms for sale sometime over the summer.

Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive vouchers for the purchase of uniforms while supplies last. Eligibility is determined based upon the annual Free & Reduced Lunch Application released in July.

Helpful Hints

- Because comfort and function are so important, we recommend that families visit a uniform vendor to try on sizes and styles. If an in-person visit is not possible, please work carefully with the vendor to determine correct sizing.
- Uniform requirements are grade specific. ***Please, please, please*** let the uniform vendor know your child's grade before purchasing. This will ensure you have the proper attire.
- Consider purchasing items that give your child room for growth. Hems and buttons can be adjusted, and this will save you money over time.
- Note the difference in fit between *girls* and *junior* sizes when shopping.
- Special lengths and sizes are available. Contact vendors for more information.
- Pants may be purchased from non-vendors so long as the color, fabric and style match the uniform.

Hair

Girls' Hair: Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Neat small bows, barrettes, headbands, and hair ties are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no artificial jet- black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

Boys' Hair: Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Hair must be above the top of the shirt collar. Hair should be styled so that it does not fall below the eyebrows or past the midpoint of the ear. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

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Jewelry

K-6: Girls may wear one pair of short earrings only on the ear lobes. “Short” means that the earrings should not hang more than ½ inch below the ear lobe. Large hoops or other dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted. Loops are not to be larger than the size of a nickel. No body-piercing jewelry except traditionally- located earrings will be permitted. One simple ring on each hand is permitted. One wrist bracelet, one watch (no Smartwatches permitted), and one small necklace are permissible. Only simple, fine-gauged, 16- to 20-inch, silver or gold chain necklaces (with or without a pendant) are permitted.

The following will not be permitted: chokers, beaded necklaces (colored or otherwise), leather necklaces, shells, large or elaborate chain-link, and large or elaborate pendants (larger than an inch in length, width or diameter). Boys may not wear earrings.

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Grooming

Grooming: Hair and nails should be clean and trimmed. Hands and face should be clean. No ink designs, permanent or temporary, are permitted on the skin.

Makeup and nail polish. Students in K-6 may not wear makeup. Fingernails may only be painted in light pink, clear, or beige. No shades of red, blue, green, yellow, purple or black are permissible, nor are glittered, speckled, or patterned nail polish.

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Outerwear

Official school sweaters as described in the uniform guidelines are the only outerwear allowed to be worn **in the school building**. The uniform sweaters and quarter-zip sweatshirt may be worn year-round throughout the school day.

Jackets and sweatshirts (including spirit jackets/hoodies with the GHLS logo) may be worn during recess and outdoor transitions for warmth, provided they do not detract from the Academy culture. Hats and sunglasses may only be worn at recess. All outerwear, including hats and sunglasses, must remain in the lockers, backpacks, or cubbies when not in use.

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Athletics and Intramurals

Physical activity and friendly competition is an important part of Academy life. Performance and enjoyment of athletic events is greatly enhanced by functional attire that reflects the Academy's culture.

Basic guidelines for athletic activity are loose-fitting shirts and bottoms in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.). Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and no longer than just below the knee. If a player would like to wear spandex or compression pants or shorts, they must be covered by loose fitting athletic shorts. Footwear should be athletic in nature. All athletic attire should be free of logos and messages, with the exception of GHLS and sports team logos (e.g., Lions, Mavericks), provided they do not detract from the Academy culture.

Please see the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) for more details.

Semi-Formal Events

Special events in the life of the academy, including dances and end-of-year ceremonies (such as promotion), are signified by semi-formal dress. Specific guidelines for attire for semi-formal events will be communicated as events are scheduled and announced.

Questions?

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Great Hearts Lakeside! While we have endeavored to provide meaningful information about the [Academy Dress Code](#), we recognize that there may be unanswered questions.

Please email questions to info@greatheartslakeside.

In partnership,

Great Hearts Lakeside