



**GreatHearts<sup>®</sup>**  
Lakeside

**Great Hearts Lakeside Upper school**

**Academy Dress Code**

# The Purpose of the Uniform

Great Hearts Lakeside has a primary objective of developing a "community of learners," dedicated to the highest standards of academics and deportment. As such, a distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within our school community. It is also a visible signature of our school to the larger community, an indicator of our unity and of our pride of purpose. This is one of the most important functions of a uniform: it identifies its wearer as part of a distinctive group with a distinctive purpose. It is a reminder to its wearer of that purpose and of one's responsibility to that group.



# The Purpose of the Uniform, continued

Our school is also committed to the development of individual personality and character—not through the external ‘expressions’ of dress and appearance, which can easily be purchased or affected, and which can quickly divide students through the power of snap judgments and prejudices—but through personal qualities, virtues, quirks and traits. The Academy holds that the school uniform is an essential condition for cultivating genuine individuality in the school community.



# 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, etc. 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.

# Student Responsibility

Our scholars should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot). Students are responsible for wearing their uniform with care and pride and 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.

# Middle School Girls Uniform

## Required:

- Short or long-sleeve polo with logo  
Color: white or navy
- Khaki pants or shorts
  - Solid black or brown leather belt
- Pleated skirt
  - The skirt hem may be no shorter than just above the knee in front and back
  - Worn at the waist
  - Black or navy modesty shorts



## Indoor Sweaters:

- Navy v-neck pullover or vest
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo
- Navy full-zip fleece with logo

# Middle School Boys Uniform

## Required:

- Short or long-sleeve polo with logo  
Color: white or navy
- Khaki pants or shorts
- Solid black or brown leather belt



## Indoor Sweaters:

- Navy v-neck pullover or vest
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo
- Navy full-zip fleece with logo



# High School Girls Uniform

## Required:

- White short or long-sleeve Oxford shirt with logo
- House tie
- Khaki pants
  - Solid black or brown leather belt
- Pleated skirt
  - The skirt hem may be no shorter than just above the knee in front and back
  - Worn at the waist
  - Black or navy modesty shorts



## Indoor Sweaters:

- Navy v-neck pullover or vest
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo
- Navy full-zip fleece with logo



# High School Boys Uniform

## Required:

- White short or long-sleeve Oxford shirt with logo
- House tie
- Khaki pants
- Solid black or brown leather belt



## Indoor Sweaters:

- Navy v-neck pullover or vest
- Navy quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo
- Navy full-zip fleece with logo



# Middle School Footwear

## Socks:

- Solid black, white, or navy socks (visible, free of logos)
- For girls, tights/knitted stockings, knee socks, fold-over socks, and ankle socks are also acceptable (no leggings)

## Shoes:

- Girls: Keds School Days shoes
- Girls & Boys: Any all-white or all-black athletic shoes
  - Laces required
  - No high-tops, no Converse
  - Free of large/colored logos



# High School Footwear

## Socks:

- Solid black or navy socks (free of logos or patterns)
- Crew length, covering the ankle and ankle-bone
- For girls, tights/knitted stockings, knee socks, fold-over socks, and ankle socks are also acceptable (no leggings or footless tights)

## Boys' Shoes:

- Dark brown or black dress shoes with dark soles (slip-on or lace-up)
- Must be made of leather or synthetic leather (non-suede)



# High School Footwear, continued

## Girls' Shoes:

- Dark brown, dark navy, black dress shoes with dark soles (slip-on or lace-up)
- Low-heeled (less than 1 inch), low-soled, or flat
- Must be made of leather or synthetic leather (non-suede)
- The shoes may have a simple ornament (bow, buckle) of the same color of the shoe or simple silver or gold
- No rhinestones, glitter, or patterned shoes



# Purchasing Information

## Vendors:

- [Dennis Uniforms](#)
- [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- Many uniform items, including khaki pants, belts, socks, and shoes, can be purchased from any vendor. However, they *must* fit within the guidelines outlined in the Uniform policy. If in doubt about an article of clothing, check with a school administrator before purchasing.

## Uniform Vouchers:

Parents must provide their student(s) with the required uniform, except in the case of economically disadvantaged students as provided in the Texas Education Code. The Academy may provide a uniform voucher for such students. If you would like to request financial assistance, please contact the GHLS Office Staff, at [ghlsusinfo@greatheartstxschools.org](mailto:ghlsusinfo@greatheartstxschools.org) for more information.

# Helpful Hints

- As comfort and function are 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**.
- Special lengths and sizes are available. Contact vendors for more information.
- Note the difference in fit between *girls* and *junior* sizes when shopping.
- Uniform requirements are **grade specific**. 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.
- Pants may be purchased from non-vendors so long as the color, fabric and style match the uniform.

# Additional Standards

## Hair:

- Neatly combed or styled
- Neat bows, headbands, and “scrunchies” are permissible for girls
- Natural looking and conservative in color (no bleaching or unnatural highlighting/colors)
- Radical changes during the school year are unacceptable
- Boys should be clean shaven daily



## Jewelry: Girls

- One pair of short earrings only on the ear lobes
- One simple ring on each hand
- One wrist bracelet or watch
- One small, simple necklace
- Chokers, beaded or leather necklaces, shells, large or elaborate chain-link or pendants are not permitted

## Jewelry: Boys

- Boys may not wear earrings or bracelets
- One chain/necklace that is not visible above the collar
- One watch

# Additional Standards, continued

## Makeup & Nail Polish:

- Girls may wear subtle makeup applied tastefully and in moderation
- Heavily lined eyes or gaudy lipstick, glittered or white powdered faces are not permitted
- Fingernails should not be excessively long or painted garishly
- Fingernails may *only* be painted in light pink or beige; tasteful french manicures are also acceptable

## Outerwear (other than the Academy uniform indoor sweaters)

- Jackets and sweatshirts must be free of logos and messages with the following exceptions:
  - Small sports team logos and small brand name logos provided they are tasteful and do not make inappropriate allusions
- Jackets and sweatshirts must be stored in lockers by the start of first period
- Outerwear may *only* be worn during outdoor activities

## Other:

- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent
- No pen or ink drawings on the skin
- No oversized or baggy clothing nor tight-fitting clothing will be permitted



# P.E./Athletics Uniform

## Uniform:

- Great Hearts P.E. gray shirt and sweatshirt
- Great Hearts navy shorts or sweatpants
- Solid white, black, or navy socks
- Athletic tennis shoes (non-marking black soles)



## Uniform Guidelines

- 6th, 7th, & 9th grade scholars will have P.E. 2-3 days a week.
  - It is recommended to purchase ~3 sets of the uniform.
- If a 6th, 7th, or 9th grade student plans to participate in athletics, it may be necessary to purchase an additional set or two. Most teams will practice 3-4 times per week.
- 8th grade students will only need the uniform if they plan to participate in competitive athletics at school.

# P.E./Athletics Uniform, continued

## Dress-out Instructions

- Label all pieces of the uniform with your scholar's name and grade.
- Students should bring their uniform in a small drawstring bag (solid-colored, free from large logos and pop culture references). Label the bag clearly with your scholar's name and grade.
- For Middle School, we strongly recommend students not bring an additional change of shoes.
- The drawstring bag will stay in their locker until P.E.
- During P.E., scholars will enter the gym and form two lines (boys and girls).
- They will be sent three at a time to change in the locker rooms.
- After students change, they will sit in the bleachers and wait for further instructions.

# Athletics and Intramurals

## Shirts:

- All shirts worn for athletic practices and field day should be loose-fitting and in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves)
- Shirt must be either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts
- No midriffs may be visible
- Tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may not be worn as outer garments

## Pants/Shorts:

- Pants/shorts should be worn at the waist and provide for freedom of movement (neither excessively loose nor tight)
- Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and no-longer than just below the knee.
- Pants/shorts should be in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves)
- No undergarments may be visible

## Footwear/Outerwear:

- Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes are permitted.
- All athletic attire should be free of logos and messages, except for GHLS and sports team logos (e.g., Lions, Mavericks)

# Concert Dress

Concerts are a significant moment in the life of the Academy. Performers are part of a choir or musical ensemble, and their membership is signified by the uniform they wear for this special event.

## Boys:

- Black dress slacks, black leather (or synthetic leather) belt
- White long-sleeved Oxford style shirt, solid-color tie of any color
- Black socks, black dress shoes

## Girls:

- Black bottoms, white tops, black dress shoes or dress sandals (no flip-flops, high heels, or boots)
- Dresses and skirts must be full (circle or a-line; not pencil or straight); hems may be no higher than the top of the knee
- Tops must have sleeves; sleeveless tops must be covered by a white sweater
- Slight heels are acceptable. Girls may choose (but are not required) to wear black or nude tights.

# Semi-Formal Events

There are specific, semi-formal dress requirements for special events, including periodic fine arts concerts and the end-of-year ceremonies (such as commencement and graduation).

## Young Men:

- Dress slacks (no jeans or patched pocket pants)
- Dress shirt, tie
- Dress socks, dress shoes
- Dyed/bleached hair or hats are not permitted. Hair should be trimmed and styled appropriately.

## Young Ladies:

- Modest-length skirts or dresses (no shorter than the uniform skirt); bare midriffs are not acceptable; ladies may not wear strapless, spaghetti-strap, or tank tops
- Dress shoes. Although dress sandals (open-toed dress shoes) may be worn, flip-flops or “Y” strapped shoes are not permitted
- No dyed/bleached hair; hair should be trimmed and styled appropriately.

# 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 [ghlsusinfo@greatheartstxschools.org](mailto:ghlsusinfo@greatheartstxschools.org)!