



Uniform and Dress Code

The Great Hearts Online Uniform and Dress Code is developed to promote 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.

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, and traits. It is countercultural to assert this in our age, but the Academy holds that the school uniform is an essential condition for cultivating genuine individuality in the school community. It is not this or that particular element of the uniform that "matters" more than any of the others; rather, the uniform as a whole is what matters.

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 uniform requirements below and to ensure that their children attend class each day in proper attire. It is an uncomfortable experience for a child to be corrected for a uniform violation, and repeated uniform issues can become an enormous distraction for students.

The uniform is the basis of a dress code with a "professional," business-like standard. Our students should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. All uniform items must be clean, neat, reasonably pressed, and in properly fitting condition. If a child is deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire, the parent will be notified, and a change of clothing will be required for attendance that day. If in doubt about the appropriateness of an article of clothing, check with the Director of Academy Operations before purchasing.

Decisions about the appropriateness of apparel may be referred to the Headmaster whose judgment will be final. Contact the school Headmaster, before the first day of school, if you need to request an exception to the dress code based on medical needs or religious customs.

Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on synchronous sessions, with the exception of pre-identified special days, (e.g. Literary Character Day)

Purchasing Note: Some components of the uniform must be purchased from Dennis Uniforms (www.dennisuniform.com) or FlynnO'Hara (flynnohara.com) whereas other items can be purchased from other vendors. Please see the note under each item.

Boys Uniform Guidelines

K-6 Boys Uniform

On occasion students may be required to record videos reciting poetry or performing various other assignments. For these occasions students are required to be in full uniform. Full Uniform includes uniform polo shirt, Navy pants or shorts, belt, socks, and shoes.

Required:

- Short sleeve polo OR long sleeve polo
Color: white or light blue
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara



Optional:

- Navy pants or navy shorts Vendor: Any
- Navy sweater or vest with logo – button up or pull-over Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara
- Navy quarter zip sweatshirt with logo
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara
- Black or Brown leather belt

Pants/Shorts must have belt loops and a solid black, brown, or navy belt (at least 3/4" wide must be used). No fabric or woven belts permitted. **No jeans or pants with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo pants, oversized pants, super-baggy pants, dungarees, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. **Pants/Shorts** should not be excessively tight or loose fitting. Pants/Shorts should be worn at the waist (and no undergarments may be visible). All **dress pants** must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. **Shorts** should go to just above the knee but not below.

Outerwear: Only the Great Hearts Online Navy-blue sweater and quarter zip sweatshirt with logo uniform are allowed to be worn during synchronous sessions and while recording assignments



K-6 Grooming for Boys

Boys must maintain a clean, neat haircut that keeps hair out of the eyes when combed. The haircut should follow traditional style and should not hang over the ears or collar, be gathered into a ponytail, reflect a current fad or be a distraction. The hair is to be neatly combed before the beginning of each school day. No artificial coloring of the hair, extreme spiking of the hair or mohawks (including combed down or over and some facsimile of a mohawk). Hair gel that helps the hair stay in place or controls curly hair is allowable. The student is subject to an infraction if his hair is not in compliance. If a student wears a necklace, it must be tucked into the shirt and not visible. No other jewelry or smart watches are permitted. A watch may be worn as long as it does not become a distraction.

Girls Uniform Guidelines

K-6 Girls Uniform

On occasion students may be required to record videos reciting poetry or performing various other assignments. For these occasions students are required to be in full uniform. Full Uniform includes uniform polo shirt, Navy pants, shorts, or skirt, belt, socks, and shoes.

Required:

- Short sleeve OR long sleeve polo Color: white or light blue
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara

Optional:

- Navy and khaki plaid skort or skirt
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara
- Navy pants or navy shorts Vendor: Any
- Navy sweater or vest with logo – button up or pull-over
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara
- Navy quarter zip sweatshirt with logo Vender: Dennis Uniforms/FlynnO'Hara



Skirts & Jumpers: The skirt or jumper hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back.

Pants/Shorts must have belt loops and a solid black, brown, or navy belt (at least 3/4" wide must be used). No fabric or woven belts permitted. (Kindergarten is exempt from wearing a belt for toileting purposes.) **No jeans or pants with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean-like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo pants, oversized pants, super-baggy pants, dungarees, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. **Pants/Shorts** should not be excessively tight or loose fitting and should be worn at the waist with no undergarments visible including at sports practices and games. All **dress pants** must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. **Shorts** should go to just above the knee but not below.

Tights/knitted stockings, knee socks and fold-over socks (including the ruffle ones sold at Dennis/FlynnO'Hara) are acceptable and must be solid white or solid navy, free of logos and designs. Leggings are not acceptable under the uniform skirt.

Outerwear: Only the Great Hearts Online Navy-blue sweater and quarter zip sweatshirt with logo uniform are allowed to be worn during synchronous sessions and while recording assignments



K-6 Grooming for Girls:

Girls' hair should be clean and styled in such a way as to keep it out of their eyes and in a non-distracting fashion. For girls with long hair, it must be well tacked back with barrettes, pony holders, etc. No spray glitter, fake hair pieces, unnatural hair coloring, or flashy accessories. Simple bows, barrettes, scrunchies, and headbands that are the colors of the uniform (white, gold, navy, or skirt-pattern) are permitted. Students will be asked to remove any hair accessories that become a distraction. Hair accessories are to be worn in the hair only. Students may not wear make-up or nail polish. Small silver or gold studded earrings may be worn (no dangling or hoop earrings). If a student wears a necklace, it must be tucked into the shirt and not visible. No other jewelry or smart watches are permitted. A watch may be worn as long as it does not become a distraction.

Footwear K-6 Boys and Girls

Students may wear either any all-white or all black athletic shoe (no hightops). Shoes may have laces (to be tied at all times) or Velcro closures. Slip-on and Mary Jane style shoes are not acceptable. Students must wear solid white, black, or navy socks that are free of logos. Socks must be visible. No-show socks are not permitted.



Additional Guidelines for all K-7 students

No other piercings, body art (including pen and ink drawings on the skin), jewelry or temporary tattoos should be worn during synchronous sessions or when recording class assignments. Radical hair color changes during the school year are not permitted. Non-compliance will result in discipline.