

Uniform & Dress Code

At Great Hearts, 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 learners 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. True individuality is formed in the heart and mind, not in appearances.

Uniforms are available for purchase at [Lands End](#) or through the PSO Used Uniform Sales.

Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus during school hours. This means arriving on campus fully in uniform and leaving campus fully in uniform (correct shoes, shirts tucked in, etc.). Students may only change out of uniform after school with teacher/coach permission to participate in an approved curricular or co-curricular activity that requires an immediate change in dress. For religious, cultural, or medical exceptions to the dress code policy, please reach out to the academy's Dean of Students.

School Uniform

Bottoms

- Khaki dress slacks or shorts with black dress belt.
- Girls may wear school plaid skirts (from vendor).
- Skirts and shorts shall be no shorter than just above the knee.

Tops

- Middle School: Navy blue polo, short or long sleeved, with embroidered school crest, tucked into waistband. White undershirts are permitted.
- High School: Black polo, white Oxford, or light blue Oxford, short or long sleeved, with embroidered school crest, tucked into waistband. White undershirts are permitted. Seniors wear the school tie and blazer (when it's under 100 degrees outside). High school students may wear a letterman jacket.
- Campus sweater/outerwear with school crest or approved emblem.

Footwear

- Shoes must be solid black. Athletic shoes or dress shoes are permitted.
- Socks must be solid black or white.
- Girls may wear solid black, white, or navy blue knee highs or tights with skirts.

Accessories

- One bracelet, one pair of small earrings, one ring, and one simple watch are allowed. Smartwatches and facial piercings are not allowed.
- Non-academy outerwear may be worn outside before and after school and must be free of pop-culture, political messages, and/or inappropriate messages.
- Headwear and sunglasses may not be worn inside the school buildings.
- Hygiene and personal care:
- Hair must be a naturally occurring color and clean, styled, and out of the face. Neatly groomed facial hair is permitted.
- Hair accessories should be small and match the uniform.
- Students will bear no tattoos, temporary or permanent, including pen and ink writing and drawings on the skin or face.
- Girls may wear make-up but it may not be excessive in its application.

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Events Dress Code – Athletic Practice & Outdoor Field Day Dress Code

Bottoms

- Athletic shorts or pants may be worn.
- Shorts must be loose fitting, no shorter than mid-thigh, and no longer than just below the knee.
- Where applicable, some athletic teams will provide exceptions to this policy for their practices, e.g. standard spandex shorts for volleyball.

Tops

- Tops must be loose fitting and either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts.

Additional Guidelines

- Attire must be free of pop-culture, political messages, and/or inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks, Notre Dame), and apparel brand names (e.g., Adidas, Nike) are acceptable.
- Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes.
- Hats and sunscreen may be appropriate if the students will be in the sun.

Events Dress Code – Special Events

Concert Performance Attire

- Boys must wear white collared dress shirts with black pants, belt, and black dress shoes.
- Girls must wear a white blouse with a black skirt or dress pants or a black dress and black dress shoes.

End of Year Ceremonies

- Boys must wear dress pants, a collared dress shirt, dark socks, and dress shoes.
- Girls must wear dresses or skirts/dress pants with a blouse and dress shoes.

Spirit Days & Social Events

- The academy will provide specific guidelines for Spirit Days and social events held across the school year, e.g. homecoming, prom, middle school socials, etc.

Additional Guidelines: If an item of dress or appearance is deemed incongruent with the standards of the Academy by the administration, the student must alter their dress or appearance in accordance with the administration's directive.