



**GreatHearts**<sup>®</sup>  
Live Oak

## **Uniform and Dress Code**

Great Hearts Live Oak 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.

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. It seems 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 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 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 attire that does not meet the standard, the parent will be notified and a change of clothing may be required for attendance that day. If in doubt about an article of clothing, check with the school office before purchasing.

Decisions about apparel may be referred to the Headmaster whose judgment will be final. The school will make specific exceptions to the dress code as required by particular religious customs; parents should address specific concerns to any headmaster or dean before the second week of school.

**Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot) during a school day. 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 extracurricular activity that requires an immediate change in dress.**

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 for such students. If you would like to request financial assistance, please contact the GHLO Office Staff, at [info@greatheartsliveoak.org](mailto:info@greatheartsliveoak.org) for more information.

**Purchasing Note:** Some components of the uniform must be purchased from Dennis Uniforms (431 Isom Rd., [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com)) or FlynnO'Hara (2108A NW Military Hwy, [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)) whereas other items can be purchased from other vendors. Please see the note under each item.

## Boys Uniform Guidelines

### Required:

- Short or long sleeve polo with logo  
K-6: white or light blue  
7-8: white or navy  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O'Hara
- Uniform pants or shorts  
K-4: navy  
5-8: khaki  
Vendor: Any (style and fabric must be comparable to Dennis Uniform/Flynn O'Hara)
- P.E. shorts/t-shirt (**7-8 ONLY**)  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O'Hara

### Optional:

- Navy sweater  
K-6: v-neck pullover or cardigan with logo  
7-8: v-neck pullover or vest with logo  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O'Hara
- Navy quarter zip sweatshirt with logo  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O'Hara

**Pants/Shorts** must have belt loops and a solid black, brown, or navy belt (at least 3/4" wide) must be worn. No fabric or woven belts are permitted. (Kindergarten is exempt from the requirement for belt loops and a belt due to 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. Pants/Shorts should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games). All **pants** must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. **Shorts** should go to just above the knee but not below.

## Girls Uniform Guidelines

### Required:

- Short or long sleeve polo with logo  
K-6: white or light blue  
7-8: white or navy  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara
- Uniform pants or shorts\*  
K-4: navy  
5-8: khaki  
Vendor: Any (style and fabric must be comparable to Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara)
- Skirts, skorts, or jumpers\*  
K-2: plaid jumper (Peter-Pan collar blouse must be worn with jumper)  
K-4: plaid skort  
5-6: plaid skort or skirt  
7-8: plaid skirt  
Vendor: Any (style and fabric must be comparable to Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara)
- P.E. shorts/t-shirt (**7-8 ONLY**)  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara

\* Girls have the option of wearing pants/shorts or a skirt/skort/jumper.

### Optional:

- Navy sweater  
K-6: v-neck pullover or cardigan with logo  
7-8: v-neck pullover or vest with logo  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara
- Navy quarter zip sweatshirt with logo  
Vendor: Dennis Uniform/Flynn O’Hara

**Skirts & Jumpers:** The skirt, skort or jumper must be worn at the waist and the hem must touch the top of the knee, and should fall to the same length in both the front and the back. To measure a correct length, properly adjust the skirt at the waist, ask your daughter to move around for a few minutes, see where the skirt has landed after movement, and adjust the skirt hem as needed to meet the length requirement. **Girls choosing to wear the skirt or jumper must wear solid black or navy spandex shorts beneath their skirts.**

**Pants/Shorts** must have belt loops and a solid black, brown, or navy belt (at least 3/4" wide) must be worn. No fabric or woven belts are permitted. (Kindergarten is exempt from the requirement for belt loops and a belt due to 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. Pants/Shorts should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games). All **pants** must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. **Shorts** should go to just above the knee but not below.

## **Footwear Guidelines**

**K-6 students** may wear either Keds School Days shoes (white and navy blue) or 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. *Please, if possible, avoid the K-Swiss all white shoe because it is very difficult to keep them tied and are not suitable for PE/athletics.* Students must wear solid white, black, or navy socks that are free of logos. Socks must be visible. No-show socks are not permitted. For girls, 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.

**7-8 boys footwear** must be dark brown or black dress shoes with dark soles (slip-on or lace-up). All shoes must be made of leather or synthetic leather (non-suede). When wearing pants, socks must be black, navy, or brown, solid-colored, and free of logos or patterns. When wearing shorts, white socks are allowed, as long as they are free of logos or patterns. No-show socks are not permitted.

**7-8 girls footwear:** Dress shoes which are low-heeled (less than 1.5"), low-soled, or flat and are solid-color dark brown, dark navy, or black with dark soles (slip-on or lace-up). Non-athletic saddle shoes that are white and black/blue are also permitted. All shoes 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 of simple silver or gold color; no rhinestones, glitter, or patterned uppers. Nylons or tights must be non-patterned, solid black or navy in color; socks must be a solid navy, white, or black in color. When wearing a skirt, knee socks or tights must be worn. No-show socks are not permitted.