

## Lower School Uniform Policy Overview

Below you will find a brief overview of the Great Hearts Arlington uniform policy. Please refer to the Family Handbook for specific details regarding the school dress code. As noted below, some components of the uniform must be purchased from one of our uniform partners [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#). Generic items, such as pants and shorts, may be purchased from any retailer you choose.

### K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

#### Required:

- Short-sleeve polo shirt w/logo  
Color: white or light blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- Pants or shorts  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: any
- Solid black or brown leather belt, not woven (No belt required in Kindergarten.)  
Vendor: any

#### Optional:

- Long-sleeve polo shirt  
Color: white or light blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- V-neck or cardigan sweater w/logo  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- Fleece pullover/jacket w/logo  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)

### K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Footwear

- All white or all black athletic shoes
- Shoes should be without distinctive brand markings.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> may have Velcro closures; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> must have laces.
- Socks must be solid white, black, or navy, free of logos, crew or ankle.
- Vendor: any

#### Examples of acceptable footwear:



## **K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

### **Choice 1:**

- Short-sleeve polo shirt w/logo  
Color: white or light blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- Pants or shorts  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: any
- Solid black or brown leather belt, not woven (No belt required in Kindergarten.)  
Vendor: any

### **Choice 2:**

- Short-sleeve polo shirt w/logo  
Color: white or light blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- Pleated Skort  
Color: Great Hearts plaid  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)

### **Choice 3 (K-2<sup>nd</sup> only):**

- Short-sleeve blouse with Peter Pan collar, no lace or piping  
Color: white  
Vendor: any
- Jumper  
Color: Great Hearts plaid  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)

### **Optional:**

- Long-sleeve polo shirt  
Color: white or light blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)
- V-neck or cardigan sweater w/logo  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)

- Fleece pullover/jacket w/logo  
Color: navy blue  
Vendor: [Dennis](#) or [Flynn O'Hara](#)

## **K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Footwear**

**Option 1:** Keds "School Days II" sneakers

**Option 2:** Black or navy Mary Janes

**Option 3:** All white or all black athletic shoes:

- Shoes should be without distinctive brand markings.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> may have Velcro closures; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> must have laces.
- Socks must be solid white, black, or navy, free of logos, knee-high, crew length or ankle.
- Vendor: any

### **Examples of acceptable footwear:**



## 6th-7th Grade Boys

### Required:

- Short-sleeve Polo Shirt  
Color: White or Navy blue  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
  - Pants (with belt)  
Color: Khaki  
Vendor: Any
- OR**
- Shorts  
Color: Khaki  
Vendor: Any
  - P.E. Uniform Shorts and T-shirt  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms

### Optional:

- Long-Sleeve Polo shirt  
Color: White or Navy Blue  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- Sweater, V-neck or Vest  
Color: Navy Blue with white Varsity Stripe  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms

## All Upper School Boys

**Pants:** All pants must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. The pants must have belt loops and a solid (not woven), dark leather belt must be used. **No jeans (including khaki-colored denim) or pants with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo pants, dungarees, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Pants should not have visible reinforced knee patches. Pants should not be excessively tight or loose fitting.

**Shorts:** Shorts should go to just above the knee but not below. Shorts should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games). The shorts must have belt loops and a solid (not woven), dark leather belt must be used. **No jean shorts (including khaki-colored denim) or shorts with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo shorts, extra pockets,

extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Shorts should not be excessively tight or loose fitting.

**Accessories:** Undershirts may be worn but should not be visible. Boys may wear a single chain/necklace that is not visible above the collar and a watch (not a smart watch). Bracelets and piercings are not permitted.

**Footwear: Upper School boys** must wear **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). Socks must be black or navy solid-colored, and free of logos or patterns. No-show socks are not permitted.

Examples of Upper School Boys Shoes that **may be worn** are Dress Loafer or Dress Oxford:



The following styles are **examples of shoes that are not permitted:** semi-casual shoes, shoes that are a cross between dress shoes and sneakers (*Sketcher's* and similar styles), other casual style shoes, boat shoes, suede shoes, high-top shoes, boots, sneakers, tennis shoes, canvas shoes, etc.

Examples of Upper School Boys Shoes that may **not** be worn are Black Athletic Shoes, Black Boat Shoes, Non-Black Soles



## All Upper School Girls

### 6th-7th Grade Girls

Purchasing Note: Some components of the uniform need to be purchased from Dennis Uniforms [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) whereas other items can be purchased from vendor. Please see the note under each item. **Girls may choose ONE or more from the following required uniform options.**

#### CHOICE 1:

- Short-sleeve Polo shirt  
Color: White or Navy Blue  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
  - Pants (with belt)  
Color: Khaki  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- OR**
- Shorts (with belt)  
Color: Khaki  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
  - P.E. Uniform Shorts and T-shirt  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms

#### CHOICE 2:

- Short-sleeve Polo shirt  
Color: White or Navy Blue  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- Navy-blue and Khaki Plaid Skirt with modesty shorts  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- P.E. Uniform Shorts and T-shirt  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms

#### Optional:

- Shorts (with belt)  
Color: Khaki  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- Sweater: Vest, V-Neck, or Cardigan  
Color: Navy Blue with White Varsity Stripe  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms
- Winter PE Sweatshirt and Sweatpants  
Vendor: Dennis Uniforms

**Skirts & Jumpers:** The skirt or jumper hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. To measure a correct skirt/jumper length: properly adjust the skirt at the waist, kneel on a level surface, and measure at most two inches between skirt's hem and the floor. Skirts must be worn at the waist.

**Pants:** Girls' pants must reach to the shoe but should not drag on the ground. The pants must have belt loops and a solid, dark belt at least 3/4" wide must be used. **No jeans (including khaki colored denim) or pants with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean-like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo pants, dungarees, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Slacks should be worn at the waist. Pants should not be excessively tight or loose fitting.

**Shorts:** Shorts should go to just above the knee but not below. Shorts should be worn at the waist. Shorts must be worn with a dark, solid belt at least 3/4" wide. **No jean shorts (including khaki-colored denim) or shorts with external sewn pockets, rivets, or other jean like characteristics are permitted.** No Dickies, cargo shorts, extra pockets, extra zippers, or extra seams will be permitted. Shorts should be worn at the waist and should not be excessively tight or loose fitting.

**Footwear:** 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are to wear **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). 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 black, navy, or white in color. No ankle-high socks are permitted with long pants. Footless tights or leggings are not permitted.

Examples of Shoes that **may be worn** are Low Heel or Flat, and Plain Black Leather with Small Bow or Simple Toe Design:



The following styles are **examples of shoes that are not permitted**: semi-casual shoes, shoes that are a cross between dress shoes and sneakers (*Sketcher's* and similar styles), moccasins, other casual style shoes, boat shoes, suede shoes, high-top shoes, boots, sneakers, tennis shoes, canvas shoes, etc. Examples of Shoes that may **not** be worn are Moccasins, Elaborate/Large Ornament, Patterned Uppers and Cloth Ballet Flats:



**Jewelry:** 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, 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).

**Makeup:** Girls may wear subtle makeup only if it is applied tastefully and in moderation. Heavily lined eyes or gaudy lipstick, glittered or white powdered faces will not be permitted. Fingernails should not be excessively long or painted garishly. Fingernails may only be painted in light pink or beige. Tasteful French manicures are acceptable. No shades of red, blue, green, yellow, purple or black are permissible, nor are glittered, speckled, or patterned nail polish.

### **Additional Standards for All Students**

**Hair:** Should be neatly combed or styled. Neat bows, barrettes, headbands, and "scrunchies" are permissible for girls. Hair should not be arranged or colored so as to draw undue attention to the student. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable.

**Facial Hair:** Boys should be clean shaven daily. Beards and/or mustaches are prohibited. Noticeable facial hair such as "stubble," "peach fuzz," and "5 o'clock shadows" are not allowed.

**Outerwear:** Jackets and sweatshirts may be worn to school for warmth but must be free of logos and messages, with the following exceptions: small sports team logos (e.g., Cowboys, Rangers) and small brand name logos the Ralph Lauren "polo" are acceptable, provided they are tasteful and do not make inappropriate allusions. Students must store their jackets and

sweatshirts in their lockers by the start of first period. Jackets and sweatshirts may be worn during recess and other outdoor activities. However, students may wear their jackets and sweatshirts at lunch from Fall break (mid-October) to Spring break (mid-March) and, on rainy days, students may wear the forementioned clothing during the day only outside the classroom. The Academy uniform sweaters may be worn throughout the school day all year long.

### **Additional Guidelines:**

- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent are permitted. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.
- Religious head coverings should be simple in style and solid in color, matching the colors of the uniform.
- No oversized or baggy clothing will be permitted.

### **Dress Code for Special Events**

All shirts worn for special events should be modest, loose fitting, in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.), should be worn either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts if not tucked in. No midriffs may be shown. T-shirts are preferred—no tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may be worn as outer garments. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest. Pants/shorts should be modest, in good repair (no holes, torn pant legs, etc.). Pants and shorts should be worn at the waist and should be no shorter than mid-thigh, and no-longer than just below the knee. No short-shorts or long baggy shorts may be worn. No boxers or undergarments may be visible.

### **School Concert Dress Code**

Boys: Black or dark dress pants. White dress shirt. Dark necktie. Dress shoes  
Girls: Black or dark, modest-length dress or skirt with a white blouse/top. Dress shoes or dress sandals.