

## Uniform Code 2023-2024 School Year

### **The Purpose of Kingswood's Uniform Code - Development of Virtue**

In a society that is obsessed with self and an attitude of *"It's all about me,"* the virtues of humility and obedience are rarely witnessed. At Kingswood, we want our students to *"stand out"* by their actions - their life of virtue. Asking students to wear particular articles of clothing or specific colors provides an atmosphere of dignity and respect. No student should feel that he/she is not part "of the group" (clique) because of their attire. All students are *children of God and precious in His eyes.*

### **Additional Reasons**

Requiring students to wear uniforms is a practice which enhances their education. First, by having a dress code, the students know, in fact and in reality, that they are involved in an activity that requires them to dress properly. In the business world, if a uniform is not required, employees are to comply with an explicit or implicit dress code, appearing clean, neat, and modest.

Second, uniforms eliminate the distractions created by trying to dress competitively with their fellow students or to be attractive to members of the opposite sex or to simply "show off."

Finally, it fosters school pride, a sense of unity, and self-pride and self-respect in the children which, in turn, fosters respect for others. The uniform must be clean, pressed, and neat, fit properly, not be worn out, faded, or stained. Modesty in appearance governs.

### **The Uniform Code for Girls**

Kingswood Academy asks that our students dress professionally with their uniforms clean and in good repair, with shirts tucked in. The girls' skirts should be knee-length. (You can check it by having her kneel down. The skirt should touch or almost touch the floor). Undergarments should never be visible.

Girls should aim for a simple elegance that is appropriate for this age. For this reason, no makeup or nail polish (except clear) is permitted. The wearing of jewelry is limited to simple chain necklaces with a religious significance, one bracelet with a religious significance and single ear studs. Hair should be neatly groomed and no hair coloring is allowed (pink, blue, green, purple).

Girls are allowed to wear navy blue, dark green, brown, or black headbands, barrettes, or ponytail holders (Please keep these color choices in mind when purchasing hair accessories).

### **Girls Pre-K - 4th Grade:**

Navy/green plaid drop waist shift jumper worn to the middle of the knee

Wear shorts under jumper for modesty (required)

Navy school uniform blue pants can be worn during cold weather

1<sup>st</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> white oxford long or short sleeve shirt (no polo shirts) w/ Kingswood monogram

PreK and Kindergarten can wear the white polo shirt w/Kingswood monogram

Dark green w/school monogram round neck cardigan sweater or ¼ zip fleece w/Kingswood monogram

Navy blue knee-high socks, tights, turn-cuff, or crew socks

Solid color only: black, navy blue, or dark brown leather dress shoes or black, navy blue, tan, or dark brown boat/dock shoes (No clogs, backless shoes, slippers, moccasins, open heel, crocs)

Two tone plaid or two-tone solid Sperry shoes are allowed in the approved colors of black, navy blue, tan or dark brown (no pink, red, green, orange etc). Non-marking soles preferred. ***Boots may be worn outside but must be changed before entering the classroom.***

#### Girls 5th - 8th Grade:

Girls: For Mass days, girls in grades 5-8th must wear white button down Oxford shirt w/Kingswood monogram (*Fourth graders may wear the Peter Pan button down collar w/Kingswood monogram*)

Navy/green plaid skirt worn to the middle of the knee

Navy blue pants can be worn during cold weather

5th - 8th must wear white Oxford (Short/Long Sleeve Shirt w/Kingswood monogram) with white camisole underneath the shirt, (keeping modesty in mind) and optional vest, sweater, or fleece (*Fourth grade may wear the Peter Pan button down collar w/Kingswood monogram, no polos to be worn*)

Navy blue vest, green sweater vest, or ¼ zip fleece w/Kingswood monogram

Dark Green or navy w/school monogram round neck cardigan sweater

Navy blue or black knee-high socks, tights, or crew socks

Solid color only: black, navy blue, or dark brown leather dress shoes or black, navy blue, tan, or dark brown boat/dock shoes (No clogs, backless shoes, slippers, moccasins, open heel, crocs)

Two tone plaid or two-tone solid Sperry shoes are allowed in the approved colors of black, navy blue, tan or dark brown (no pink, red, green, orange etc). Non-marking soles preferred.

#### For Gym (PreK- 8th Grade Girls):

Any Kingswood Spirit shirt

Traditional black w/Kingswood monogram sweatpants (No rolling up please)

Traditional dark green w/Kingswood monogram sweatshirt or fleece

Traditional black w/Kingswood monogram jersey shorts or black monogram shorts (No rolling)

All white socks

Gym shoes with ties or velcro (No slip-ons)

#### The Uniform Code for Boys

Boys' hair should be clean and well groomed. Hair must be above the shirt collar and reach no longer than the middle of the ear (exceptions for religion or ethnicity). Hair must not hang in the eyes. No hair designs or mod haircuts are allowed (short on the side and long on the top). Violations of this policy will be considered Dress Code Infractions.

On Mass days, boys in grades 1st- 8th wear oxford shirts and navy-blue ties.

#### Pre-K- K Boys Grade:

Navy full elastic waist pants

White polo shirt, short/long sleeve w/Kingswood monogram

Dark green w/school monogram embroidered sweater or ¼ zip fleece w/Kingswood monogram

Navy blue or black turn cuff or crew socks

Solid Color Only: Black, Navy Blue, or Dark Brown Leather Dress Shoes with Ties or Velcro (No clogs, backless shoes, slippers, moccasins, open heel, crocs, etc). Two-tone plaid or two-tone solid Sperry shoes are allowed in the approved colors of black, navy blue, tan or dark brown (no pink, red, green, orange etc). Non-marking soles preferred.

### 1st - 8th Grade Boys:

Navy blue pants (1<sup>st</sup> grade boys can wear elastic waist pants)

Navy or black belt (No belt needed with elastic waist pants in 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

White oxford short/long sleeve shirt w/Kingswood monogram (No polos please)

Zip fleece w/Kingswood monogram

Dark green w/school monogram embroidered sweater or sweater vest

Navy or black turn cuff or crew socks

Navy blue ties (Mon, Wed, Fri) for 6th - 8th Grades

Black, navy blue, or dark brown leather dress shoes (No clogs, backless shoes, slippers, moccasins, open heel, crocs). Two-tone plaid or two-tone solid Sperry shoes are allowed in the approved colors of black, navy blue, tan or dark brown (no pink, red, green, orange etc.) Non-marking soles preferred.

Boys must wear dark-colored (black or blue) socks with their uniforms. White socks are considered out of uniform, as is not wearing a belt (*First grade boys do not need a belt **IF** wearing pants with an elastic waist*).

On Mass day, we ask that all of our students look their best. For Mass, boys from 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> are asked to wear a tie. The uniform tie is solid navy blue. Jr. High boys are asked to wear the uniform tie every day.

Any student who is missing a tie will: 1. Receive an out of uniform slip. 2. Go to the office to rent a tie. 3. Miss morning recess as a consequence.

Navy blue uniform shorts may be worn from August until November 1st and April 1st until the end of the school year.

### For Gym (PreK-8th Grade Boys):

Any Kingswood Spirit shirt

Traditional black w/Kingswood monogram sweatpants (No rolling up please)

Traditional dark green w/Kingswood monogram sweatshirt or fleece

Traditional black w/Kingswood monogram jersey shorts or black monogram shorts (No rolling up)

All white socks

Gym shoes with ties or velcro (no slip-ons)

Gym uniforms consist of a green Kingswood t-shirt and black shorts or black sweats. In cold weather, students can wear any Kingswood sweatshirt. Gym shoes are required. As we do not have adequate space for changing clothes, students are allowed to wear their gym uniforms on gym days.

On gym days, students are allowed to wear any Kingswood Academy Spiritwear. Students' gym grades will be based partially on their correct uniform dress. Kingswood sweatshirts with an applique are part of the school dress uniform and should not be used for gym class.

**Please mark uniforms with your child's name.**

### **Dress Code Violations**

Students not in uniform will receive an ***Out of Uniform*** notice. This includes students who come to school in worn-out or dirty uniforms. Colored hair is not allowed for boys or girls (pink, blue, green, etc.). Hair should also be well maintained and clean. Girls are considered out-of-uniform for non-clear nail polish or inappropriate skirt-length.

***After three violations, the student will receive a detention.*** Serious dress code infractions, such as non-navy-blue pants or gym shoes/boots on a regular uniform day, will require that a parent bring approved clothing to the school's office before a student may rejoin his class.

For Junior High Boys, *all buttons on the shirt should be fastened (including the top button), and the tie should be worn up to the collar.* Failure to follow this policy will result in an Out of Uniform notice.

**Any student who rolls up any part of the dress or gym uniform will receive an Out of Uniform notice. Girls should not roll up their skirts or shorts, and boys should not roll their shirt sleeves or shorts.** Violating this rule will result in a conversation with the vice-principal. Any further violations will result in a detention. (Reminder: Three detentions are a suspension).

**The administration reserves the right to rule on all questions relating to the areas of dress and grooming not covered by code until such time as this code may be amended or revised.**

**Out of Uniform Days:** On out of uniform days, students are encouraged to dress for success. No jeans, sweatpants, or gym shoes will be allowed unless specifically stated. Clothes should be modest and in good taste - No flip flops, sleeveless tops or sleeveless dresses, no midline shirts or skirts/shorts above the knee, no leggings, or skintight pants/jeans. If a student arrives on an out of uniform day in inappropriate attire, the student will be required to wait in the front office for his/her parent to come back to the school with the appropriate clothing. Students who fail to follow these guidelines will not be allowed to participate in the next out-of-uniform day. **Please remember that painting or spray-painting of hair is unacceptable.**

#### **Midterms and Final Exams**

All 7th/8th grade students are required to wear dress uniforms on all exam days.

#### **Field Trips**

When students are on field trips, they are representing Kingswood Academy; therefore, students are required to be in their dress uniforms (unless permission is given in advance by the administration).

