



Uniform Policies and Guidelines

A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individual students and results in a higher standard of behavior. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress for normal school days. The school administration reserves the rights to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines at all times. A school uniform shall be worn by every student in attendance.

Our uniform vendor maintains records of transactions for each family. Therefore, Keys Gate Charter High School reserves the right to check with *All Uniform Wear* to ensure a student's uniform was purchased through the vendor. Uniforms may not be altered for any purpose other than pant length/height. Uniforms may not be rolled up, ripped or torn in any way. All uniforms must be free from writing and display the school's approved logo.

Book Bags: All book bags must be in good repair. Students may not draw or write messages on their book bags. Students with book bags that have student generated writings or drawings on them will be required to remove their book bags and carry items in a plastic bag for the remainder of the day. These book bags will be held in the office and will be returned to the parent/guardian. Students that are found with book bags that display inappropriate drawings, messages and/or symbols will be suspended.

Hair: Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors (florescent, green, pink, etc) or Mohawks. No hats, bandanas, do-rags or headbands may be worn. Bangs or long hair may not interfere with a student's ability to see clearly. If school personnel cannot clearly see a student's eyes, his/her hair must be pulled back immediately or trimmed by the parent. Hair must be neatly braided down and excessively spiked hair is not allowed. No headwear except hair bows, hair bands, etc for girls.

Makeup/Nail Polish: Students may not wear makeup that is dark colored or excessive. Students wearing makeup that is deemed to be excessive or distracting to the learning environment will be asked to wash their face clean. Nail polish should be lightly colored.

Tattoos: Any existing tattoos must be completely covered by uniform attire. If needed, a student may have to wear a long sleeve shirt all year long to cover a tattoo on the forearm.

Shoes/Socks: Students must wear closed heel and closed toe shoes with rubber soles at all times. No sandals, slippers, flip-flops, "Crocs," boots, sneakers that are higher than the ankle or shoes with metal tips may be worn. Shoes must be primarily white, brown, navy or neutral colors. Shoes that light-up, have wheels or have fluorescent colors are not allowed. Shoes must be fastened properly at all times.

Shirts: Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times- no exceptions. Polo shirts must be purchased through the uniform vendor, *All Uniform Wear*. P.E. shirts may only be worn during the P.E. class. All jackets and sweatshirts must be embroidered by our vendor. Undershirts may be worn underneath the uniform polo and may be a short or long sleeve. Only solid white undershirts or the school P.E. t-shirt are allowed. Tank tops of different colors may not be worn beneath the school polo. Students wearing any undershirt other than white or P.E. t-shirt will be asked to remove it and the item will be held in the office for the parent to pick up.

Slacks/Shorts: All uniform slack/shorts must be worn with a belt through the belt loops, fitted to the waist and be in good repair at all times. Belts should be free of any metal studs or large buckles. Any belt that is deemed distracting must be removed. All uniform bottoms must have the KGCHS logo embroidered in the selected colors. NO: cargo pants, capri's or jeans of any color or style. Any pants, other than those sold at the uniform store are not permitted regardless of whether they have a logo or not. Having designer pants embroidered through another vendor is strictly prohibited and is a direct violation of copyright law. Shorts that are deemed too short will not be permitted. Shorts may not be rolled up at any time. Skirts or skorts are not approved uniform attire.

Jackets: Only jackets and/or sweatshirts sold through our uniform vendor will be allowed. Jackets/sweatshirts may not have hoods, must be appropriately sized and in good repair. Students wearing any other form of jacket or sweater that does not meet these guidelines will be confiscated. Parents will be required to pick up their child's jacket/sweatshirt in the office at the end of the school year.

Jewelry: Boys and girls may not wear body piercing other than one pair of stud style earrings on their ear lobes. For the safety of our students, hoop earrings of any size are not permitted. Nose rings or studs are not allowed no matter how small. Students may wear one chain, one bracelet and/or one watch. Chains must be tucked inside of the shirt at all time. Students that have difficulty following these guidelines will have their jewelry items confiscated.

Labeling- Labeling or embroidering of your child’s name on uniform items is highly recommended. *All Uniform Wear* embroiders jackets for a nominal fee.

Special Events: During special events, students are expected to dress modestly. The length of skirts and/or dresses should be in accordance with our dress code. Low cut dresses exposing cleavage and/or low cut open back dresses will not be allowed at any event. Please plan accordingly when purchasing special event attire.

General/Jean Day: No sports bands (wrist, head or ankle) may be worn at school. “Grills” or false mouthpieces are not allowed. At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest or deemed inappropriate by the faculty. Writing or drawing on the body is not permitted at any time.

Periodically students may participate in “jean day.” On jean days, students may only wear jean pants with their uniform tops. Jeans that are torn or have holes are not allowed. Shirts must be tucked in on jean days. Jean skirts or jean shorts or not allowed.

I acknowledge that I have read the Uniform Policies and Guidelines that are included in the Keys Gate Charter High School Student & Parent Handbook. I understand that if my child is not dressed according to these guidelines they will not be admitted to class and I will be required to bring my child the appropriate uniform.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Date

Student Name Grade Level