

LIBERTY TREE

A Traditional American Education

2022-2023 UNIFORM POLICY LOWER SCHOOL Grades K-6th

The uniform policy is one piece of LTA's overall mission to set a higher standard of excellence. Not only in dress but also conduct, safety, and achievement. This policy is designed to facilitate the education of the LTA students, ensure their safety, and allow our teachers to focus on the education of our students. This policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary by the LTA Administration and the LTA Board of Directors. If an item is not mentioned as part of the dress code, it is NOT dress code approved.

Acceptable uniform items may be purchased from various stores such as French Toast, Old Navy, Burlington, Lands' End, JCPenney, Kohl's, Target, and Walmart. However, the colors gray and blue-red plaid must be purchased from French Toast only. Please contact the LTA administration if you need clarification before purchasing uniform items.

Uniforms for all Liberty Tree Academy Lower School students are mandatory. Cleanliness and good hygiene are necessary every day for students and their uniforms.

MASKS

If students chose to wear a mask to school, the only acceptable colors for lower school (K-6) are red, navy, white, or black. Disposable masks, N-95 masks, face shields, and neck gaiters are acceptable if they are new or washed daily. Masks cannot be distracting, no patterns, symbols, or words.

SHIRTS

-Polos for Boys and Girls (long/short sleeve): Collars must be the same color as the shirt. Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white, or red.

-Girls Peter Pan collared blouse or Oxford shirts (long/short sleeve) can be worn instead of polo shirts.

Approved colors only: light blue or white.

1. All shirts must be in the above solid colors (Not Approved: stripes, accent stitching, or visible logos).
2. Shirts must be an appropriate length (when hands are raised above the head, no part of the abdomen or the back may show at any time).
3. Cotton undershirts (short or long sleeves) can be worn in solid white only under a uniform shirt. Athletic wear and long underwear are not considered undershirts and should not be worn.
4. Turtleneck shirts (under a polo shirt) can be worn only in solid white. A turtleneck may NOT be worn by itself as a uniform shirt.
5. Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times in the building. Only during P.E. and recess can they be un-tucked.

TIES (Optional)

Girls: Solid navy blue, solid red, or blue-red plaid cross ties (purchased through French Toast only).

Boys: Solid navy blue, solid red, or blue-red plaid long ties (purchased through French Toast only). Bow ties may be worn in solid navy blue or red.

PANTS/SHORTS

Girls and Boys

Flat or pleated front, “Dockers” style, with no embellishments of any kind.

Approved colors only: khaki, navy, and gray. (Gray purchased through French Toast only).

1. Pants and shorts must be in good condition.
2. Pants must be hemmed, and the hem cannot drag on the ground.
3. Shorts must be hemmed, and the length must be NO shorter than one (1) inch above the knee (measured while kneeling on the floor).
4. NOT ALLOWED: Holes or frayed seams/hems, capris, “skinny” and jean style pants, sagging waistlines.
5. NOT ALLOWED: Pants with embroidery, beads, side pockets, outside pockets, or zip-off pant legs.

BELTS

Black belts must be worn with a plain belt buckle.

Belts are only required for lower school grades 3-6.

SKIRTS/JUMPERS

*See the picture guide for approved skirts and jumpers.

1. The hemline for skirts and jumpers must be at the top of the kneecap or lower.
2. Khaki, navy, gray, or blue-red plaid colors only. (Gray and blue-red plaid purchased through French Toast only)
3. Girls are required to wear inconspicuous shorts under skirts and jumpers if they don't have built in shorts.
4. An approved uniform shirt must be worn under the jumper.
5. Dresses of any kind are NOT permitted.

SWEATERS

1. Solid color crew, V-neck, cardigan sweaters, or sweater vests – navy or gray only.
2. NO hoods, sweatshirts, or logos.
3. Blazers are not permitted for Lower School students.

SOCKS/TIGHTS (tights for girls only)

1. Approved colors only: navy blue, white, red, khaki, gray, or black.
2. Socks/tights must be worn with shoes. Socks must be visible above the shoe line.
3. Girls: Tights may be worn with jumpers and skirts. Tights must have feet (leggings are NOT allowed).
4. Socks and tights must be one (1) solid color as stated above.
5. Tights and socks may not be worn together.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn at all times. All shoes must have an enclosed toe and enclosed heel (must have a back). Shoes must match.

Girls may wear dress shoes with a heel that is less than one (1) inch.

Tennis shoes can be worn as long as they do not light up (even with an on/off switch), have characters or wheels. They should not be distracting in color and style. Tennis shoes are required for P.E.

High tops may be worn under pants that cover the top of the shoe.

Shoes must be properly laced and tied at all times. Both laces must be the same solid color.

SHOES NOT ALLOWED:

1. Steel-Toe shoes, barefoot-style shoes, and flip flops.
2. Boots, ankle boots, or booties of ANY kind. This includes cowboy, combat, and hiking boots.
3. The ONLY exception is snow boots on snowy days; students must change into approved shoes for the day.
4. Clogs, crocs, mules, slippers, etc.

Coats, Jackets, and Hats

1. Coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and hoodies may only be worn outdoors.
2. Hats must be removed once students enter the building.
3. Hats may be worn outside during recess.

Makeup and Nail Polish

1. Only upper school female students may wear makeup and nail polish.
2. Only clear nail polish can be worn. Fake nails are NOT permitted.
3. Body glitter, stickers, temporary tattoos, or face paint is NOT allowed.

Jewelry

1. Modest jewelry is allowed.
2. Only one (1) necklace can be worn at a time and only one (1) bracelet per wrist.
3. Earrings are permitted for females only.
4. Earrings must be smaller than the size of a dime, with only one (1) earring per ear.
5. Ankle bracelets are NOT allowed.
6. Watches with photo/camera or internet/text capability are not allowed (ex: Smartwatch, Android watch). Digital watches or Fitbits are allowed, provided they do not have the above-mentioned capabilities. If watches become a distraction, students will be asked to remove them

Hairstyles

1. Hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Any styles that are distracting and/or impair vision are not allowed.
2. Extreme hairstyles, patterned cuts, or shaves are NOT allowed (zig-zag cuts, letters, etc.).
3. Only natural hair colors are allowed.
4. Spiked haircuts may not be higher than one (1) inch.

Picture Day

Students are required to wear school uniforms.

Miscellaneous

1. Costume headbands with ears, springs or lights, etc., are not allowed.
2. Bows must be reasonably sized and not distracting.
3. Students cannot wear the same color shirt as pants (i.e. navy polo with navy pants).
4. Any items not covered above are subject to review by the administration.
5. Administration will make final decisions regarding uniform issues.

6. Cheerful and respectful compliance is expected.

Uniforms must be worn when on campus and for field trips unless otherwise stated. Uniforms must also be worn for all before and after-school programs and after-school tutoring and enrichment sessions, except on occasions specified by the instructor. Classroom teachers and administrators will make final decisions regarding uniform issues.

UNIFORM POLICY INFRACTIONS

Cooperation and compliance with the LTA uniform policy are expected. Students who come to school out of uniform for the first time will receive a reminder “Oops!” slip from the homeroom teacher. The next time this happens, students will receive an “Oops!” slip that will count as a uniform infraction. Slips must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the homeroom teacher within two (2) days.

A student’s failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in the following consequences:

1 Infraction per Quarter:

- The student will miss one-half of a recess, and the homeroom teacher will notify the parent/guardian.

2-3 Infractions per Quarter:

- The student will miss one-half recess each day of the infraction, and the homeroom teacher will notify the parent/guardian.

4+ Infractions per Quarter:

- The student will receive In-School Suspension (ISS), and the parent/guardian will meet with the administration.