

2008-2009 UNIFORM FAQ

- **When and how do we order uniforms for returning students?**

Our school uniform representative, Eric Hutzler of Read's Uniforms, will be on our campus on Monday, 04/28/08, in order to do uniform fittings for each current student (See below for new students). A file will be created for your student, and you may call Read's Uniforms ((828) 277-6380) at any time after that date to order your student's uniform items. In addition, Read's has a store in Asheville that you may visit – their address is: 123 Sweeten Creek Road, Suite A, Asheville, NC 28803.

We have scheduled a parent meeting with the Read's Uniform representative on Monday, 04/28/08, at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room of the Ad Building in order for parents to see the various uniform options, ask questions of Read's or Rob Gettys, and to place orders.

A ten percent (10%) discount will be given for any orders placed on or before Friday, 05/09/08.

PLEASE NOTE: *All students must be in school uniforms on the first day of school (08/11/08). Consequently, all orders must be received by Read's Uniforms prior to **June 30, 2008**, in order for the student to have their uniform on time (assuming nothing is back-ordered).*

- **What if my student is a new student?** *Once your student receives their letter of acceptance, you will want to contact Read's Uniforms at (828) 277-6380 to schedule a fitting appointment and/or to place your order. Information regarding uniforms and sizing charts is available on our website: fletcheracademy.com or you may contact our uniform representative, Eric Hutzler, at Read's Uniforms.*
- **How does the fitting process work?** *Read's Uniforms makes available a wide selection of uniform options in various sizes for students to try on. Students pick out the sizes and styles they like best. However, parents should be advised that neither Read's Uniforms nor the faculty at Fletcher Academy advise the students as to what specific size they should purchase. Guidance is given as to what styles comply with our dress code, but it is the student/parent's responsibility to make sure the items purchased fit properly and fully meet Fletcher Academy's dress standards, i.e., not too tight, not too baggy, etc.*
- **What happens if my student isn't able to get their uniform before the first day of school?** *This shouldn't be a problem if orders are placed prior to **June 30, 2008**. If you are not able to order your uniform prior to that time, please contact the Principal before the first day of school to explain the situation.*
- **What happens if my student has a growth spurt between the time we order their uniform in the spring and when school starts in the fall?** *All tags should remain on the product(s) and not be worn until the first part of August in order for the item(s) to be exchanged for a different size if necessary. Items that have been worn and/or have tags removed will not be exchanged or refunded. Please call Read's Uniforms for more information regarding their exchange/return policy.*

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- **What if my student does not like any of the pant/shirt options listed?** *We are committed to our uniform program because we feel that it simplifies clothing questions to a large degree for parents and students while helping to level the playing field for student dress. We understand and celebrate the individuality of each student, but do not feel that a student's individuality has to be demonstrated in what they wear to classes. We have strived to offer a number of tasteful, quality options in both young lady and young men styles to meet the needs of all our students. While we understand that perhaps these options may not be each student's first choice, we also are optimistic that our students are mature enough to see the benefits of a uniform policy and will not be overly critical of the selection. If there are specific concerns, parents and students are asked to please contact the Principal.*

- **Will the young ladies be permitted to wear skirts next school year?** *Young ladies may wear skirts instead of pants to school. Skirts are not required to be purchased through a specific company, but must be docker-style, cotton twill in khaki or navy. No denim skirts may be worn in the Administration Building. Skirts must touch the knee while sitting and standing. Read's Uniforms has skirt options available as well.*

- **What if my student would like to wear a sweatshirt/hoodie over their school polo?** *We asked the students to prepare hoodie designs, and a panel of judges (comprised of students and staff) picked the top two designs. Hoodies with these designs have been ordered and will be available for purchase through Fletcher Valley Natural Foods (828) 684-1155. These are the only acceptable sweatshirt/hoodie options for students to wear to classes.*

- **Do we pay the academy or Read's Uniforms directly for our uniforms?** *You will pay Read's Uniforms directly.*

- **Can we put the uniform costs on our bill with the academy?** *For recordkeeping purposes, you will need to pay Read's Uniforms directly. Therefore, no, the uniform costs may not be placed on your student's academy bill.*

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