

Best Practice Submission Form

School Name:	Lionheart Classical Academy
Best Practice Title:	Student Dress Code
Applicable Categories:	<ul> <li>Accountability and Performance Monitoring</li> <li>Business Operations</li> <li>Community/Student Engagement</li> <li>Curriculum Design</li> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Leadership &amp; Governance</li> <li>Professional Development</li> <li>Recruitment and Retention (Staff or Student)</li> <li>School Culture</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
School Mission:	To train the minds and inspire the hearts of our students through a classical liberal arts and sciences education that supports academic achievement, virtuous living, and responsible citizenship.
Purpose:	To support the culture of learning; diminish economic and social barriers between students; increase sense of belonging and school pride; and encourage responsibility.
Summary:	Like many classical chartered public schools, we use a student dress code and uniform. All Lionheart students are expected to be in school uniform during school hours and during all school activities and events unless otherwise specified. During our morning meeting, we do a "uniform check" and this helps build responsibility among students. The uniform policies common to boys and girls K-6 are navy polo (short or long, with/without logo) on top and chino/khaki-colored shorts/pants on bottom. Girls have additional options that include chino skirts and jumpers, and navy polo dresses. Our dress code also includes guidelines for shoes, socks, and hair. K-4 wear regular uniforms daily and grades 5-6 wear an active uniform for PE class. We also have "spirit days" when students have the option to wear Lionheart attire or other specified clothes (like jeans)
Partner(s) in Development:	We sought input from classical chartered public schools around the country.
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Resources or Documentation:	Lionheart Student Dress Code Lionheart Family Handbook