

DRESS CODE POLICY/ UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

The TCA Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff feel strongly that a uniform dress code contributes to the disciplined environment of the school. Recognizing that each person is created in the image of God and their body is a temple, we also recognize that not all body structures are suited to every style of clothing. We endeavor to teach students to make clothing choices that reflect who God created them to be. Students are expected to dress neatly and in a manner that will reflect credit to themselves, their families, and the school.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Basic TCA dress code standards will apply at all times.
- Land's End is the school uniform vendor. All available school options can be accessed/ordered at Landsend.com.
- Polo colors are white, navy, yellow and light blue.
- Chapel shirts are white/light blue Oxford style
- Pants, skirt/skort, shorts, jumper colors are khaki or navy (chapel plaid for girls). Leggings should only be worn as undergarments and should be black or navy.
- Clothing must be -
 - Without holes and stains
 - Free from slogans and artwork, with the exception of the school brand logos
 - Fitted to student's body type, as to cover the waist while stretching, neither excessively baggy nor form-fitting
 - Casual shoes, dress shoes, and athletic shoes are permitted – no flip flops
- Ball caps, beanies, and other hats may be worn to school but must be removed inside buildings
- All clothing must be worn in a modest fashion as to not expose any under garments, bare shoulders, back or midriff areas, or cleavage.

SCHOOLDAY STANDARD (Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

- GIRLS
 - TCA monogramed Polo (short or long sleeve)
 - Khaki/navy pant/shorts/skirt/skort or plaid skirt
 - Skirts, skorts, and dresses conservative in length – touch the fingertips when standing with arms down.
 - Outerwear worn throughout the day must be TCA jackets, hoodies, sweaters, etc.
- BOYS
 - TCA monogramed Polo (short or long sleeve)
 - Khaki/navy pants or shorts
 - Sweaters/sweater vests
 - Outerwear worn throughout the day should be supporting TCA (jackets, hoodies sweaters, etc.)

CHAPEL DAY – SCHOOL DAY PROFESSIONAL (Tuesday)

- GIRLS
 - White or Blue button-down Oxford style shirt: no gape.
 - Plaid skirt from Land's End required.
 - **NO** hoodies, jackets, vests, or sweatshirts **during** chapel
- BOYS
 - Boys must wear khaki or navy pants/shorts
 - Short sleeve or long sleeve white or light blue oxford style shirt.
 - Boys are required to wear the navy/gold stripe tie from Land's End. (6th – 12th)
 - **NO** hoodies, jackets, vests, or sweatshirts **during** chapel

SPIRIT DAY, SCHOOL-DAY CASUAL (Friday)

- GIRLS
 - Pants or shorts (khaki or navy)
 - T-shirts, jerseys, and sweatshirts supporting TCA
- BOYS
 - Pants or shorts (khaki or navy)
 - T-shirts, jerseys, and sweatshirts supporting TCA

PE/GYM

- Students in grades 6th – 9th will dress out with shorts conservative in length – touch the fingertips when standing with arms down, TCA t-shirt, and **tennis shoes**. Tennis shoes are mandatory in order to be on the gym floor.
- Students should be in regular uniform dress on PE days.
- Students will have time to change prior to PE.
- Students not wearing the required attire will receive a reduction in grade.

DRESS DOWN WEDNESDAY

One dress down day is scheduled for the last attended Wednesday of each month. The following general guidelines should be followed:

- Jeans are allowed – No holes, rips or shreds allowed above the knee. The placement of the rip/shred should be at the knee or below. We realize many styles of jeans have the “worn” look. Please use conservative judgment in your choices.
- Athletic shorts are allowed – must be knee length and loose-fitting. This goes for boys and girls.
- Athletic pants are allowed – must be loose-fitting; **NO** yoga pants or leggings worn as pants. Leggings may be worn underneath tunic/dresses that are conservative in length – touch the fingertips when standing with arms down.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts **MUST** comply with the length requirement of conservative in length – touch the fingertips when standing with arms down.

- No tank tops are allowed and no midriff can show.
- T-shirt message/content should be school appropriate and consistent with our Christian mission and message.
- Hats are permissible.

GAME DAY ATTIRE FOR ATHLETES

All student-athletes should follow these guidelines:

On **games days**, student-athletes may wear their sport jersey with regular uniform bottoms. If the jersey is a tank-style, a shirt must be worn underneath and must coordinate in color with the uniform. If games are on Tuesdays, chapel attire must be worn during chapel, but jerseys may be worn afterward.

OUTERWEAR

Only items approved as part of the uniform may be worn in the halls and classrooms. Non-uniform outerwear may be worn to and from school and should be kept in locker during the school day. Hoods cannot be worn over the head in hallways or classrooms.

FOOTWEAR (Vendor of choice)

Students should wear safe and comfortable shoes. Open toe shoes are permitted. Flip-flops are not acceptable.

HEADWEAR

Caps, hats, toboggans, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not to be worn in the building. Hair accessories may be worn by female students and may be purchased from any vendor, but must be yellow, white, black, navy or compliment the school uniform. Non-prescription glasses, sunglasses, and novelty contacts are not permitted.

JEWELRY / BODY PIERCINGS / BODY ART

On campus or any off-campus school functions, female students must have no body piercings other than conventional pierced earrings, on the lower lobe of the ear. No earrings or body piercings are permissible for male students. Jewelry must not be distracting or present a safety issue. Tattoos, or body art of any kind, are unacceptable.

HAIR STYLES

GIRLS: Hairstyles shall reflect a neat, well-groomed appearance at all times. Extreme make-up, hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are prohibited.

BOYS: Hairstyles shall reflect a neat, well-groomed appearance at all times. Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are prohibited. Boys' hair length should not exceed the shirt collar and must

be above eyebrows. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Mohawks are not permitted. Male students are not permitted to have ponytails, man buns or pins or hairbands in their hair. Male students will be neatly shaven. Ungroomed, long facial hair is not permitted.

If students are not sure whether or not a style is appropriate for TCA, they should ask an administrator.