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TCS UPPER ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE POLICY

2025-2026 School Year

Trinity Christian School holds to a biblical worldview that shapes our conservative understanding of both gender and sexuality. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct genders work together to reflect the image of God. (Gen. 1:26-27) All TCS policies are intended to provide guardrails for students as they learn and grow in their faith and understanding of who they are as image bearers of God. Student clothing, hairstyles, and personal appearance should be a reflection of their commitment to pursue lives built on and shaped by a biblical worldview as well as their commitment to abide by TCS policies. Believing that gender is not a choice but instead biological by nature, students are expected to both dress and present themselves in a manner consistent with their God-created gender.

While the Scriptures do not give explicit instructions for one's apparel or hairstyle, we are instructed in the Scriptures that we should seek to honor Christ in our lives. Our appearance is a very integral part of our daily lives. The dress code is not created just for the purpose of having more rules for the student but is designed to exercise their ability to follow guidelines for acceptable dress in their future workplace. It should also be remembered that a part of our growth is submission to authority.

Dress Code Specifications

While on campus, students are expected to be in compliance with the dress code at all times during the school day regardless of whether or not they are in class.

Uniform Requirements (Chapel Wednesdays)

- Tops:
 - Purple knit polo (short or long-sleeved) with the embroidered Trinity "T"
- Bottoms:
 - Black plain style shorts or long pants: shorts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee) for both male and female students.
 - Black skorts: skorts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee)
 - Black skirts – black bicycle shorts must be worn underneath - skirts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee)

Uniform Options (Non-Chapel Days)

- Tops:
 - Trinity-branded approved spirit-wear, including t-shirts
 - Knit polo shirt in white, black, purple, or gray, long or short sleeves
 - Button-down Oxford shirt, white, long or short sleeves
 - Blouse with Peter Pan collar for under jumpers only
- Bottoms:
 - Plain style shorts or long pants (black, khaki, or gray) (no leggings, jeggings, or joggers): shorts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee) for both male and female students.
 - Skorts – black, gray, khaki, or plaid (previously purchased from the Trinity School Store and approved by TCS): Skorts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee)
 - Skirts – black or khaki, bicycle shorts must be worn underneath: skirts must be mid-thigh length (midway between the top of the inseam and the top of the knee)
 - Jeans (no rips, holes, tears, or jean shorts)
 - Pocket chains are not permitted (chain from belt loops, etc.)
 - At no time may undergarments be visible.
 - Belts are recommended for all students.
- Other Optional Clothing on Non-Chapel Days
 - Polo dress, black or purple
 - Jumpers – black, khaki, or plaid (previously purchased from the Trinity School Store and approved by TCS)
 - Cardigan sweater, button down, black, gray, or white
 - Trinity-branded spirit wear outerwear (jacket, sweatshirt, etc.) may be worn over a uniform shirt.

Outerwear

Only approved TCS uniform jackets, sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn in the classroom. No outside jackets, coats, or other outerwear may be worn except when going outside.

Footwear

- Shoes should be flat and appropriate for PE or recess. Athletic shoes are acceptable but should not have wheels. No open-toed or backless shoes. No flip-flops or Crocs. Boots are permitted as well.
- Socks, when visible, should coordinate with the overall outfit and not be distracting in nature.
- Solid white or black tights are also permitted.
- Solid black leggings are permitted but only if worn under skirts or dresses.

Hair Requirements

- Hair should always be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Only natural hair colors are permitted. Acceptable hair colors include shades of black, brown, blonde, natural red, and natural gray. Highlights are allowed only if they are subtle and in natural tones consistent with the student's overall hair color. Hair dyed in unnatural or extreme colors such as but not limited to blue, green, pink, purple, silver, teal, or any neon or non-traditional shades is not allowed. Students with hair colors or highlights outside these guidelines will be required to return to a compliant appearance before returning to school to remain in alignment with the school's dress and appearance standards.

Hair Accessories and Jewelry

- Hair accessories should not be distracting in nature.
- Elementary girls who have pierced ears should not wear large, dangling earrings. Post earrings are preferred for safety reasons.
- **No smart watches or similar "jewelry" will be permitted in elementary.** (Smart watches, including GPS tracking devices, are treated the same as cell phones.)

Any form of dress, jewelry, make-up, hair style, hair coloring, or elements of personal appearance which are considered extreme, distracting, or disruptive are not allowed. All dress code policies are reviewed and enforced by administration.