

Important updates and clarifications to our school dress code for the 24-25 school year:

Background

As times change and styles continually evolve, updates to school dress codes become necessary. In particular, as current styles promote smaller and more revealing clothing, it presents a distinct challenge for private schools to maintain and enforce high standards of dress and appearance.

Please review the following changes, modify uniforms as necessary, and reinforce these expectations starting at home.

Updates and Clarifications:

1. The girls' skirt and boys' short length requirement is moving from 5" above the knee to 4" inches above the knee. Measurement will be taken from an upright standing position using a vertical 3x5 notecard from the center of the kneecap on the front of the leg and center of the knee at the crease in the back of the knee, and the skirt or shorts must overlap the card in both the front and the back.
 - a. We recommend measuring your child (ren) this summer at home to verify that they meet this requirement and make adjustments as needed.
2. Skirt or short rolling is not allowed, and shirts must be tucked in at all times to maintain the standard uniform.
3. In addition to short length, please ensure that girls' and boys' shorts are loose-fitting and not excessively tight.
4. Uniform pants must be docker or chino style. No joggers or elastic bottom tapers are allowed.
5. TCA-issued athletic shorts or 4" biker shorts must be worn under TCA skirts at all times.
6. TCA-approved PE/Athletic shorts for girls may be purchased through the athletic department, or solid navy shorts with a minimal logo and a minimum of a 4" inseam may be purchased on your own.
7. A new requirement as part of our dress code is a pair of plain, appropriately fitting, non-ripped, torn, or holey blue jeans. Cargo jeans, designs, embellishments, or colors other than blue are not allowed.
8. The following approved outerwear may be worn at school: plain, zippered, hooded navy sweatshirt; navy sweatshirt; navy sweaters; navy fleece pullover; TCA letter jackets; and other outerwear specifically approved by TCA administration (TCA sweatshirts or hoodies, approved spirit wear items, TAPPS competition apparel, etc.).
 - a. Non-uniform jackets, coats, or sweaters may not be worn indoors.
 - b. Outwear is optional, not required, and therefore is not to be worn in lieu of the required polo shirt uniform piece. Outwear may be worn in addition to the required polo shirt.
9. Tattoos are not allowed for TCA students, and visible tattoos will result in a Class D for a dress code infraction every time they are visible.
10. Sandals, slippers, and backless shoes are not allowed. (Crocs, Uggs, etc.)

Thank you so much for your support and partnership in this area!

- TCA Administration

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