



## **TCS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY**

2023-2024 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.

#### **Shirts**

- Trinity branded approved spirit-wear, including t-shirts
- Any collared, buttoned-down dress shirt or polo shirt (solid, striped, plaid, checkered, or patterned but not camouflage or sheer). Shirts must be appropriately sized and neat in appearance. Oversized shirts are not permitted. NO graphics.
- White, neutral or matching undershirts, or turtleneck shirts may be worn under a polo shirt or button-down shirt.
- Button-down shirts must be buttoned up when worn.

#### **Pants, Shorts, Capris, Skirts**

- Khaki, black, gray, pants, shorts, and capris (girls only). They must be tailored (not too large or too small) with proper hem. No sagging pants (a belt should be used to prevent sagging). No fraying or torn look. Shorts must be no more than 5 inches above the knee (about the length of an index card). No athletic shorts are allowed.

- Khaki, black, gray pleated, straight, or A-line skirts – non-stretch cotton or cotton-twill only. Skirts must be knee length. Purple plaid skirts, previously purchased from the Trinity School Store and approved by TCS, are also allowed.
- Jeans (no rips, holes or tears) may be worn each day if worn with Trinity branded spirit wear.

### **Approved Outerwear**

- All outerwear (sweatshirts, hoodies, fleece jackets, and pullovers) must be TCS branded spirit wear through the school store or approved by TCS.
- Trinity branded spirit wear or collared shirts should be worn under all outerwear to ensure a student remains in dress code if the outerwear is removed during the day.
- Outerwear not approved may be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

### **Footwear**

- Shoes must be closed toe and closed back. No flip-flops or Crocs.
- Socks should coordinate with the overall outfit and not be a distraction.

### **Personal Appearance**

- BOYS – no piercings are allowed on campus or at school-related functions.
- GIRLS – pierced jewelry is limited to earrings (no facial piercings).
- Tattoos of any nature cannot be exposed on campus or at school-related functions.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn on campus.
- Hair should always be clean, neat, and well groomed. No extreme haircuts or colors.
- Boys must be cleanly shaven at all times.

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 by a Review Board consisting of the principals, student development and director of diversity.