

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Dress Code 2023-2024



Trinity Christian School believes that neatness in clothing and appearance of a student is important to promote an atmosphere of learning as well as personal dignity and respect. The dress code is intended to promote a sense of unity among the students and keep clothes, shoes and other aspects of appearance from being distractions. The uniqueness of each person is seen and valued by others in the Trinity community without it being displayed through clothing.

Trinity requires attire to conform to the written guidelines in this section. These guidelines are designed to be flexible enough to accommodate fit, affordability and access, while still maintaining an acceptable level of consistency and ease of enforcement.

Approved **uniform** pants, shorts, skorts, jumpers, polo shirts and sweaters may be purchased from the following companies: **Dennis Uniform, French Toast, Lands' End, JCPenney (Izod), Old Navy, Walmart (Faded Glory) and Target. Name brands of Dockers and Dickies are also acceptable.** \*Note: The listed companies carry many items that are **not** Trinity approved uniform pieces. **It is the parent's responsibility to purchase only approved items.**

The dress code will be adhered to during school hours, including field trips, athletic events and other school functions, except under special circumstances or as announced. Specifics of the dress code are as follows:

### **BOYS**

- **Navy blue uniform pants or shorts:** pleated, flat front or elastic waist in dress pants style. NO cargo pockets, rear patch pockets or flares. Boot cut is acceptable. NO denim or knit fabric. Corduroys are **NOT** acceptable. Shorts must be at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at their side.
- **Polo uniform shirts:** (long or short-sleeved) in red, white and light blue. Polyester or cotton blends are accepted. No emblems, pockets or contrasting stitching. Shirts must be long enough to stay tucked in at all times.
- **Navy blue sweater: (short or long-sleeved cardigan, V-neck, and vests allowed), plain navy sweatshirt or Trinity sweatshirt.** NO hoods or zippers. No contrast stitching or emblems other than approved Trinity sweatshirt. Sweatshirts and sweaters are to be worn over uniform shirts. Spirit Gear sweatshirts may not be worn during school on non-Spirit Gear days, unless you are in middle school (6th-8th grade) or it is a dress-down day.

### **GIRLS**

- **Navy blue uniform pants or shorts:** pleated, flat front or elastic waist in dress pants style. No cargo pockets, rear patch pockets or flares. Boot cut is acceptable. NO denim or knit fabric. Corduroys are **NOT** acceptable. Shorts must be at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at their side.
- **Navy blue skirts, skorts, or jumpers:** acceptable skirt and jumper styles are pleated and a-line. Acceptable skort style: mock-wrap and 2 and 3-tab pleated styles. Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at their side. No calf-length skirts.



Jumper Styles



Skirt Styles



Skort Styles

- **Plaid uniform jumper, skirt, skort or shorts:** Belair pattern **from Dennis Uniform**, or similar pattern from other companies. Length must be at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at their side. No calf-length jumpers.
- **Polo uniform shirts** (long or short-sleeved) in red, white and light blue. Polyester or cotton blends are accepted. **Sleeve length must be standard polo, no short, capped sleeves.** No emblems, pockets or contrasting stitching. Shirts must be long enough to stay tucked in at all times.
- **Peter Pan collar blouse:** in white only, long or short-sleeved. No contrasting detailing or stitching.
- **Navy blue sweater (short or long-sleeved cardigan, V-neck and vests allowed), plain navy sweatshirts or Trinity sweatshirt.** NO hoods, zippers, or belts. Sweaters must be at waist length, no shorter, no longer. No contrast stitching or emblems other than approved Trinity sweatshirt. Sweatshirts and sweaters are to be worn over a uniform shirt. Spirit Gear sweatshirts may not be worn during school or on non-Spirit Gear days, unless you are in middle school (6th-8th grade) or it is a dress-down day.
- When girls wear skirts or jumpers, dark-colored shorts also must be worn. Cheerleading briefs are not acceptable.
- Girls are allowed to wear sweatpants or leggings under a skirt during recess. No flannel pants or loud colors.

## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

- **Hair:** must be neatly groomed, combed, clean and a natural color. Unnatural hair dye colors (i.e. pink, blue, etc.) will not be permitted. Individuals choosing to dye their hair red must remember that it must be a NATURAL COLOR RED. Neither boys nor girls may wear their hair in any type of Mohawk style, or any style, shade or manner which is unacceptable and inappropriate in the judgment of administration. No hairstyle should seek to draw inappropriate attention to oneself.
- **Undergarments:** short-sleeved undershirts may be worn in white only. No dark or visible undergarments.
- **Piercing, jewelry and tattoos:** NO facial piercing or visible tattoos. Girls' earrings should be limited, modest, and no longer than 1 ½". Boys – no earrings. No excessive jewelry, bracelets or necklaces that draw attention.
- **Boots:** snow boots worn to school must be removed and replaced with acceptable shoes for class time. Boots may be worn for outdoor recess only.
- **Footwear:** students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. The following style shoes are considered inappropriate for wear at school; light-up shoes, footwear commonly considered as beachwear is prohibited (i.e. flip flops, sandals), no backless shoes, clogs, slippers, moccasins, Crocs, fashion boots or heelies. Non-black-soled athletic shoes (scuff proof) are required for gym time (indoor recess and P.E. class).
- **Belts:** if a belt is worn, it must be a black, brown (not beige) or navy blue dress belt. No spikes, beads, or designs.
- **Socks:** must be worn at all times - red, white, navy blue and black colors are preferred. Tights in these colors are also acceptable for girls. Socks or tights are to be visibly worn at all times. Low-cut white socks may have a sport emblem (Nike, Adidas) but should not have any other loud colors. Themed socks or obnoxious colored socks are not to be worn at school.
- **Hats, scarves, bandanas, sweatbands:** hats, scarves, bandanas and sweatbands are not to be worn during class time. Hats worn to school should be removed upon entrance to building. Exceptions may be considered for medical reasons. Headbands may not have attached scarf.
- **Layered clothing:** long-sleeve shirts are not allowed under short-sleeve shirts. Girls may wear socks over tights as long as they are the same color as the tights.

## **SPIRIT GEAR**

Spirit Gear may be worn on designated Spirit Gear days or on dress-down days. A Spirit Gear day is when students may wear their uniform bottoms with TCS shirts, jerseys or past TCS event apparel such as from Pi Day, the TCS Walk-a-Thon, Christmas play shirts, etc. Shirts must abide by school dress code standards. To view and purchase Trinity Christian Spirit Gear see <http://bigfrogshorewood.com/>. Students who choose not to participate in Spirit Gear days are required to wear their normal uniform.

ONLY middle school (6th-8th grade) students may wear Spirit Gear hoodies throughout the school year, and must wear appropriate uniform shirt underneath. No hoodies allowed during chapel time.

## **DRESS-DOWN DAY ATTIRE:**

Throughout the year there are various opportunities for students to wear regular, non-uniform apparel. These guidelines are for those designated or awarded days.

- All clothing should be in good repair, modest and suitable for a Christian school environment.
  - No excessively ripped jeans. No holes above the knee.
  - No tight fitting shirts. Tight fitting leggings or jeans should be covered by length of the shirt
  - No improper emblems, writing or advertisements
- TCS Spirit Gear is highly recommended on dress-down days
- All shirts must have sleeves or caps at the shoulder and be long enough so that the top of the pant is covered (if shirt is not tucked in)
- Shorts and skirts must be at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at their side.
- **The first five items from "Additional Guidelines"** must be followed on dress-down days (exceptions may be brought to the Administrator for consideration/approval); and socks must be worn at all times

**Adult Volunteers, please abide by the guidelines stated in "Dress-Down Day Attire" when volunteering at the school.**

## **ENFORCEMENT:**

Infractions will be given based on the three categories of clothing, physical appearance, and footwear.

1st Infraction in a category: Warning notice sent home (correction date given if needed).

2nd Infraction in a category: Parent called to school to make change.

3rd Infraction in a category: Parent called to school to make changes and a detention is issued.

Infraction notices that are sent home must be signed and returned by the parent/guardian the next day.

Infractions will clear at the semester. If a student continues to receive multiple infractions, further appropriate discipline will be taken to correct the problem.

**Trinity administration and staff reserve the right to deem a student's appearance as inappropriate for school.**