

# DRESS CODE

Trinity Christian Academy has a standardized dress code, including items purchased from a school uniform company. Guidelines for appropriate clothing to wear on campus are listed below. Clothing must be purchased from approved vendors or locations. Students are expected to be well-groomed and smartly dressed according to code during school hours. Students must follow the non-uniform guidelines when attending any school sponsored event. Any student not following these guidelines will not be permitted to enter or will be asked to leave the event.

## Girls – School Day Dress Code

- **Shirts:** Must be a TCA shirt, of correct size and be properly buttoned. Shirts worn under the uniform shirt may not hang below the uniform shirt. No extra logos/graphics are permitted on shirt or visible through the uniform shirt.
- **Shorts/Pants:** Must be a uniform style, with beltloops, non-athletic or casual short, solid gray or black, not tight or form fitting (no leggings), no logo, design, or picture on them, with a flat front and plain hem. Shorts must be a uniform short and fit with an inseam of 7-10”.
- **Skorts and Dresses (elementary only):** Must not be tight or more than four inches above the top of the knee.
- **Hair:** May not be worn covering the eyes. No extreme, distracting, or unnatural color or hairstyle. Hair may not obstruct the eyes.
- **Shoes:** Shoes must be low heeled. Sandals, slippers, flip-flops, crocs, open toe, or open back shoes are not allowed.
- **P.E. Uniform:** Official TCA PE shorts and PE t-shirt must be worn. Elementary students may wear this uniform to school on the days when they have PE.
- **No visible tattoos** temporary or permanent.
- **General:** No extreme makeup. Only earrings, worn in the ears, will be allowed. Jewelry worn in other piercings is not allowed.

## Boys – School Day Dress Code

- **Shirts:** Must be a TCA shirt, of correct size and be properly buttoned. Shirts worn under the uniform shirt may not hang below the uniform shirt. No extra logos/graphics are permitted on shirt or visible through the uniform shirt.
- **Pants/shorts:** Must be a uniform style, with beltloops, non-athletic or casual short, solid gray or black, not tight or form fitting (no leggings), no logo, design, or picture on them with a flat front and plain hem. Shorts must be a uniform short and fit with an inseam of 7-10”.
- **Hair:** May not be worn covering the eyes and must not extend below the bottom of the collar. No extreme, distracting, or unnatural color or hairstyles.
- **Facial Hair:** Must be neatly trimmed or clean shaven.
- **Shoes:** No sandals, flip-flops, crocs, open toe, slippers, or open back shoes are allowed.
- **P.E. Uniform:** Official TCA PE shorts and PE t-shirt must be worn and only to PE class. Elementary students may wear their uniform to school on PE days.
- **Jewelry:** No earrings or piercings.
- **No visible tattoos** temporary or permanent.

\*\* A school approved shirt must be worn underneath any zippered outerwear.

\*\* ONLY TCA outerwear may be worn during the school day.

### **“Dress Down Days” / Non-Uniform Days**

“Non-Uniform” Days, students may wear clothing which adheres to the following guidelines. Those not in proper attire will be required to put on a regular school uniform:

1. Denim jeans are permissible if they are not unacceptably tight, unclean, ripped, frayed, baggy, or with holes in them.
2. Shirts must not advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, secular music groups, or any questionable or offensive material.
3. Girls must dress modestly and not expose the midriff or cleavage.
4. The hem of dresses and skirts must not be higher than four inches above top of the knee.
5. Shoes: No sandals, flip-flops, crocs, open toe, or open back shoes are allowed.

### **Cold Weather Dress Code Guidelines**

Students should not be in jeans or sweatpants unless the temperature is, or expected to be, below 50 degrees during the school day. Non-TCA Jackets may only be worn outside, during PE and recess, not inside the building.

If it is "cold", but not below 50 degrees, students may wear long sleeve shirts, leggings, or tights under their normal TCA school uniform. Long sleeve shirts, tights and leggings must be school colors of maroon, white, gray, or black, and free from slogans or writing.

### **Field Trip / Special Activity Dress Code**

TCA students on field trips and school sponsored off-campus activities, at the Head of School’s discretion, may not be required to wear uniforms. However, the school’s non-uniform dress code will apply. When swimming is involved, all swimsuits must be modest, and girls must wear one-piece suits.

### **Athletic/Sports Uniforms**

Each team will have a special number of days to wear their team shirt/jersey to highlight games during the season. These days will be determined by the Athletic Director and the Principal. School uniform pants/bottoms must be worn on these occasions.

### **Special / Formal Events Dress Guidelines**

Formal events include formal dances, awards assemblies, performances, graduation ceremonies and homecoming court participants.

#### **Ladies:**

- Dress length may not be shorter than three inches above the knee including slits in the dress.
- No cleavage, no midriffs, and no undergarments should be showing. Sheer fabric is not considered coverage.

- Backless dresses may not be lower than the natural waistline. Dress fabric should reach the back on both sides and should not be revealing on the sides.
- Dresses should not be overly tight, overly clingy, or overly form-fitting.
- If jackets, sweaters, wraps, or other garments are worn to cover a dress that does not meet guidelines, it may not be removed.

All dresses for dances should be approved by Ms. Fyke. Homecoming court participants should bring the dress to school and put it on for approval pictures to be taken. All other ladies planning to attend homecoming and prom should submit 3 pictures (front, side, and back) via email to Ms. Fyke, [fyke.sheri@tcamail.org](mailto:fyke.sheri@tcamail.org) and please include your parent or guardian in the email as well. Any changes to the fit of the dress after the picture has been submitted are not permitted.

**Gentlemen:**

- Young men should wear attire appropriate for formal occasions.
- For dances and graduation - jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not appropriate attire. Specific requirements for graduation will be provided later.
- For awards ceremonies - nice jeans are permitted.
- For homecoming court - minimum of dress pants, dress shirt and tie. A suit is preferred.