

## APPEARANCE PHILOSOPHY

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As a Christian school, we have a unique responsibility in the area of dress. We are judged largely for our appearance but are not blind to the changing styles of the day, nor do we want to appear so “dated” that we are viewed as rigid and irrelevant to a world we seek to reach for Jesus Christ. TCA’s goal is to present our appearance as conservative and in good taste so as to “adorn the Gospel.”

Interestingly, appearances subtly demonstrate or are suggestive of “values;” therefore, it is the desire of TCA that students in attendance possess and project an image of personal and academic integrity. It is also the desire of the school to be perceived by the public as having instilled into the students the values and character befitting an education at a Christian school. As a result, TCA students are to be neatly, modestly, and uniformly dressed when arriving, attending, and leaving school.

In all matters of standardized dress-code or personal appearance interpretation, the school administration has the right of final decision. We trust these guidelines will be helpful and serve as deterrents to potential problems. It is our intention that these guidelines contribute to the training and development of godly character concerning obedience and a correct response to authority.

Students may not like or agree with the dress code; however, keeping a right attitude and teachable heart is important in the eyes of the Lord. Once again, our desire is for students to possess and project an image of personal and academic integrity.

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## DRESS CODE CHART

ITEM	STYLE & DESCRIPTION	COLOR	APPROVED SOURCES
<b>Polo Shirts</b>  T-shirts or tanks may be worn under polos. They must be white, black or match the color of polo worn.	Short or long sleeve– Any Color  No pockets.  No logos are allowed- the only logo permitted on the shirt will be a TCA logo on the left front, and no more than 2 inches.	Any Color	May be purchased from any source –  TCA monogram/logo is permitted but not required.
<b>Sweatshirts</b>	TCA approved design or monogram  <b>FRIDAYS ONLY!</b>		Ordered from school office.
<b>Cardigan Sweater</b>	Plain – button front	Any Color	May be purchased from any source.
<b>Pants, Capri Pants, and Shorts</b>	Pants, Capri Pants, & Walking Shorts (no more than 2" above knee)  Casual Dress style or Pull on elastic waist- Style can be flat front or pleated.  Regular or wide leg- Cotton/Twill Fabric  No form fitting legs to ankle or "skinny" fit, jeggings, spandex, knit, or yoga pants  No torn material. No jean fabric. No cargo or carpenter pants or shorts. No elastic fit at the ankles. No holes	Navy, Black, or Khaki	<b>Guy's uniform, Walmart, J.C. Penny, Old Navy, Khol's, Online or any other sources.</b>
<b>Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers</b>	Not more than 2" above knee.  No cargo or patch pockets. No front zipper  Leggings or shorts must be worn under jumpers or skirts if there are none sewed in.	Navy, Black, or Khaki	<b>Guy's Uniforms, Walmart, J.C. Penny, Old Navy, Khol's, Online, or any other sources.</b>
<b>Hair/Hair accessories</b>	No colored streaks, feathers, etc. No crowns, tiaras, hats, etc. Matching headbands and bows only.		

<p><b>Socks/Tights or Leggings</b></p>	<p>Colors of socks, tights, and leggings must be solid in color or match school colors.</p> <p>Leggings or tights may be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers in solid colors</p> <p>.Leggings cannot be worn alone (even on dress down days)</p> <p><u>Girls</u>- knee socks must be solid in color. Ankle socks may have lace that match the sock color or have white trim.</p> <p><u>Boys</u>- socks must be standard and solid in color.</p>	<p>Solid white, Navy, Black, khaki or match the color of shirt.</p> <p>Girls may wear sock colors to match their polo.</p> <p>Boys socks may be white, black, gray or match the color of shorts.</p>	<p>May be purchased from any source.</p>
<p><b>Shoes</b></p> <p><b>Monday and Friday Only- Athletic Shoes for PE.</b></p>	<p>Regular, athletic, or sandals with a back strap around the heel.</p> <p><b>Shoes must be worn indoors at all times.</b></p> <p>No flip flops- safety hazard on stairs and playground</p>	<p>Any Color</p>	<p>May be purchased from any source.</p>
<p><b>School T-shirt</b></p> <p><b>Worn on Fridays only!</b></p>	<p>Students are allowed to wear the TCA t-shirt (short or long sleeve), sweatshirt or hoodies and either uniform shorts/pants or jeans on Fridays.</p>		<p>Ordered through the school office.</p>
<p><b>Jeans</b></p> <p><b>Worn on Fridays only!</b></p>	<p>Regular waist or slightly below the waist no more than one inch below the navel.</p> <p>No skinny or form fitting jeans to the ankles.</p> <p>No holes.</p> <p>No elastic around ankles.</p>		<p>May be purchased from any source</p>

**Classroom temperatures vary.** Some students may be warm and other students feel cold. The only items allowed to be worn inside the classroom are the uniform sweat shirts (Fridays Only), cardigan sweaters, and zippered sweatshirts or jackets that have full front opening.

**Spirit Week and Dress Down days:** Students are not required to wear school uniforms on these days. Although, everyone must go by the school dress code for the fit of clothing that is chosen to wear.