



## DRESS CODE POLICY (K – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)

### Purpose:

Tri-City Christian School desires to train-up spiritual champions and create an educational atmosphere that maximizes learning. Modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and respect are the over-riding principles of our dress code.

### Guidelines:

Students are required to abide by the uniform policy during school hours and designated school activities (examples include, but are not limited to, field trips, ACSI events, etc.) All students must be in dress code at all times, even in inclement weather. There will be no changes in the dress code/uniform requirements on rainy days, except for elementary students as noted under Outwear below. Students wearing TCCS approved outerwear must still wear an approved uniform shirt/top underneath.

### Dress Code Enforcement:

The students' dress should reflect pride in their school and respect for themselves. Enforcement of the uniform policy, like all other discipline matters, is based on cooperation among students, parents, and the school. The school, however, is the final authority on the uniform policy. If, in the opinion of the school, a student's dress is inappropriate, a parent will be called and required to bring a new, acceptable uniform prior to the student returning to class. Class time missed will be marked as unexcused. All tops and bottoms, with the exception of the approved Lands' End plaid skirts and jumpers, must have the TCCS logo on them from the uniform provider.

It is a violation of the uniform policy to show underwear, midriff, lower back or cleavage at any time (including when leaning over or raising the arms). Clothing that is tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy is not allowed. Items that are torn or cut in any way are prohibited. Uniforms, particularly shorts and skirts, may not be altered in length (shortened) or rolled in any fashion. Appropriateness of overall appearance will be left to the discretion of the administration.

### Uniform Provider

Families will be able to purchase their school uniform attire from our chosen and approved provider, Lands' End by going on to the website listed below. **Please note, when ordering items from Lands' End, additional clothing may appear in the column to the right under the title "You might also like." These items are not TCCS approved and should not be purchased for school wear.**

- Lands' End will provide the following: TCCS approved tops, bottoms, and outerwear.
  - To order Lands' End attire, you will need to get onto the Lands' End website at [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) and enter our school's code (900062472) to set up your account, or call 1-800-469-2222.

**\* Please be aware that all orders take two–three weeks and therefore, parents should order their child's uniforms in a timely manner.**

The TCCS spirit wear store on campus will also provide TCCS outerwear, t-shirts for Spirit Dress Days, and used uniform clothing, as available.

## Boys Dress Code

All shirts, pants, shorts, and outerwear must have the TCCS approved logo.

### Shirts

- Polo shirts – Navy, cardinal, and white long or short sleeve Lands’ End Polo shirts may be worn untucked but may not be excessively long.
- Oxford/Pinpoint shirts – White and blue long or short sleeve Lands’ End solid oxford/pinpoint shirts must be buttoned excluding the top button. Cloth shirts are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.
- Only one plain white, cardinal, or navy undershirt or turtleneck may be worn under one uniform shirt.
- No modification of the uniform is permitted.
- Sweaters may not be worn alone as a shirt.

### Pants

- Khaki or black (when available) pants from Lands’ End Uniform are acceptable. **Dickies, Quicksilver, Dockers, Target, JC Penney, etc. or other clothing “similar in style” are not acceptable uniform attire.**
- Pants/shorts that are excessively tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy are not allowed.

### Shorts

- Khaki or black (when available) Lands’ End Uniform shorts are acceptable. Shorts should come not less than 2/3 down the thigh and may not be rolled or altered in any way.

## Girls Dress Code

All shirts, pants, shorts, and outerwear must have the TCCS approved logo.

### Shirts

- Polo shirts – Navy, cardinal, and white long or short sleeve Lands’ End Polo shirts may be worn untucked but may not be excessively long.
- Oxford/Pinpoint shirts and blouses – White and blue long or short sleeve Lands’ End solid oxford/pinpoint shirts and blouses must be buttoned, excluding the top button. Cloth shirts and blouses are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.
- Only one plain white, cardinal, or navy undershirt or turtleneck may be worn under one uniform shirt.
- No modification of the uniform is permitted.
- Sweaters may not be worn alone as a shirt.

### Pants

- Khaki, black (when available) pants or capris from Lands’ End Uniform are acceptable. **Dickies, Quicksilver, Dockers, Target, JC Penney, etc. or other clothing similar in style are not acceptable uniform attire.**
- Pants/capris that are excessively tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy are not allowed.

### Shorts

- Khaki or black (when available) Lands’ End Uniform shorts are acceptable. Shorts should come not less than 2/3 down the thigh and may not be rolled or altered in any way.

## Skirts/Skorts

- Only approved Lands' End skirts or skorts with the TCCS logo (with the exception of the approved Lands' End plaid skirts and jumpers) are acceptable.
- Skirts must be khaki, black or TCCS plaid.
- Skirt/dress length must touch the knee when standing. If a student cannot or will not be able to comply with this requirement, pants or shorts may be worn. In addition, the administration reserves the right to inform the student that the privilege of wearing a skirt may be suspended.
- Jumper and polo dress options for lower elementary only are also available through Lands' End, and bike/Spandex shorts must be worn underneath.
- Ankle length leggings in navy or black are permitted. In addition, the skirt length requirement will continue to be in effect even when leggings are worn.
- **Skirt Policy:** Bike shorts/Spandex shorts or leggings must be worn under all skirts or dresses.

## Outerwear

- SECONDARY - Only TCCS outerwear may be worn.
- ELEMENTARY – TCCS outerwear may be worn unless inclement weather. ONLY on inclement weather days (raining or below 68°F), a non-logo, solid colored navy or gray jacket may be worn.
- Lands' End jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, sweater-vests, and fleece jackets that have the TCCS logo may be worn. All students must be in dress code at all times, even in inclement weather. There will be no changes, other than noted above for Elementary, in the dress code/uniform requirements on rainy days.
- Jackets are also sold in the TCCS spirit wear store.
- Previously purchased TCCS (sports and clubs) jackets, sweat-shirts, fleece, and sweaters that have a TCCS logo or mascot and are within the school colors (navy, cardinal, gray, white) may be worn.
- TCCS Letterman's Jackets are approved outerwear.
- Sweaters are considered to be outerwear and must be worn with a collared shirt.
- The TCCS spirit wear store has outerwear as well.
- Blankets are not to be worn as outerwear during cold weather.

## Friday Dress Guidelines

- To promote school spirit, Friday is the day to especially show support for or promote TCCS classes, clubs, teams and groups.
- Students may wear jeans or jean shorts and an approved TCCS school spirit or class t-shirt which must be of TCCS school colors: navy, cardinal, gray, white. Students wearing TCCS approved outerwear MUST still wear an approved TCCS shirt underneath. Only TCCS spirit wear and outerwear may be worn.
- Jeans must be in good repair, and with no holes, rips, or tears included as part of the fashion design.
- Jeans may only be worn with an approved TCCS top.
- Students may not wear t-shirts of their own personal creation.
- Students not in spirit dress must wear uniform attire.
- Only with spirit dress are boots acceptable to be worn. (Uggs, etc.)

## Shoes

- Students must wear securely fitting closed toe shoes.
- Flip-flops, slippers, boots or shoes that are higher than the ankle are not acceptable footwear for school.

- For secondary students, heels may be no higher than 3”.
- Elementary students may not wear heels.

## Hair Guidelines

### **Boys**

- Hair should be neat, clean, moderate and a natural hair color.
- Hair length should conform to the following length guidelines: above the eyebrows, above the earlobes, and above the bottom of the collar of a dress shirt.
- Boys should be neatly groomed. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and are not to extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
- Hairstyle should not be distracting to the individual or those around him. This includes drastic changes in hair color or style.
- No extreme hairstyles are allowed, and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

### **Girls**

- Hair should be neat, clean, moderate and a natural hair color.
- Hairstyle should not be distracting to the individual or those around her. This includes drastic changes in hair color or style.
- No extreme hair accessories will be allowed.
- No extreme hairstyles are allowed, and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

## Accessories

- To achieve a uniform look and minimize distractions, no accessorizing is permitted (including pins, brooches, scarves, etc.). Outdoor winter scarves are acceptable during cold weather as an outerwear accessory, but are not to be worn indoors.
- The only belts permitted are plain brown or black leather with a maximum width of 2” and must be worn within belt loops. No studded belts of any style are allowed. No oversized belt buckles or belts with logos are allowed.
- Socks must be solid white, navy, black, gray, cardinal, or khaki, with no patterns (do not have to be purchased from Lands’ End). Socks should reach no higher than the knee. TCCS socks may be purchased in the Spirit Wear Store.
- Secondary students who do not have appropriate socks will be written up, given discipline appropriate to the amount of infractions, and will be assigned black socks.
- Girls may wear full-length tights with skirts that are natural colored, white, navy, black, gray, cardinal, or khaki, with no patterns (do not have to be purchased from Lands’ End).
- Ankle length leggings in navy or black are permitted. In addition, the skirt length requirement will continue to be in effect even when leggings are worn.
- “Fishnet” or patterned style socks, stockings or tights are not permitted.
- Hats with acceptable and appropriate logos/branding may be worn but may only be worn outside, not inside the buildings.

## Jewelry Guidelines

- Earrings are appropriate for girls only. Elementary age girls shall wear stud-style earrings.
- Students may wear necklaces, but jewelry should be chosen with discretion and not be distracting to others.
- Any other “body jewelry” is not permitted.

- Chains protruding from pants pockets are not permitted.
- Make Up: Girls at the elementary level shall not wear make-up or artificial nails.

### **Tattoo and Body Piercing Guidelines**

- Body piercing for TCCS students may not be visible at school or any school-related activities, including athletics.
- Tattoos for TCCS students may not be visible at school or any school-related activities, including athletics.

### **Working Together**

- Parents are the first line of enforcement. To help our teachers focus on instruction rather than policing uniform compliance, we rely upon parents knowing and enforcing the dress code.
- Students not in compliance will be held out of class until proper school uniform attire is brought to them. We want our students in class so it is important that the policy is followed.
- Frustration surfaces when those who comply with the rules see others out of compliance and therefore, we strive to be diligent in the area of enforcing our dress code.

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