



DRESS CODE POLICY

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

The TCA Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff feel strongly that a uniform code contributes to the disciplined environment of the school. To enforce this policy, parents or guardians will be called to bring replacement items of clothing if a child is out of uniform. Your support is necessary for the successful implementation of a policy of this nature. Disciplinary action will be taken if the dress code is continually disregarded. TCA administration will make the final determination on the appropriateness of any clothing, accessories, hairstyles, and colors worn to school or to any school-sponsored event. Any class time missed due to dress code violations will be unexcused.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

REGULAR DRESS UNIFORM

Boys: Kindergarten - High School

- White, yellow, or navy blue polo from Land's End (long or short sleeve)
- Black polo from Land's End (long or short sleeve) - High School only
- Khaki or navy pants (style of choice)
- Khaki or navy walking shorts (style of choice)
- Belt (if pants have belt loops)
- Casual shoes and socks
- White or light blue oxford dress shirt from Land's End (long or short sleeve)
- Outerwear options available for Land's End: sweater, sweater vest, insulated vest, rain jacket, fleece jacket, half zip fleece jacket, crewneck sweatshirt, zip front sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt
- Plaid tie from Land's End (Chapel requirement for 3rd-5th Grade, option for K-2nd Grade)
- Rugby stripe tie from Land's End (Chapel requirement for 6th Grade-High School)
- PE Uniform required for 6th-8th Grade: Land's End Active Tee and Land's End Mesh Shorts

Girls: Kindergarten - High School

- Yellow, white, or navy polo from Land's End (long or short sleeve)
- Black polo from Land's End (long or short sleeve) - High School only
- White or blue short sleeve Peter Pan blouse (available K-5)
- White or Blue button down shirt: no gape, oxford or 3/4 sleeve (available 3rd-High School)
- Plaid jumper (required K-2, available 3-5)
- Navy or khaki jumper (available K-5)
- Navy polo knit dress long or short sleeve (available K-5)
- Navy or khaki ponte' knit dress (K-High School)

- Navy or khaki ponte' pleated jumper (K-5)
- Khaki or navy knit skort Above the Knee (available K-5)
- Khaki or Navy skort options: Pleated Top of the Knee, Blend Chino Skort Above the Knee and Top of the Knee, 2-button stretch skort Above the Knee (K-High School)
- Active Chino skort (available for 6th - High School)
- Plaid Skort options (K-5): Pleated Skort, Side Pleat Skort
- Plaid Skirt options (6th through High School): A-line skirt, Pleated Skirt Below the Knee, Box Pleated Skirt top of the knee
- Khaki or navy pants (style of choice)
- Belt (if pants have belt loops and shirt is tucked in)
- Casual shoes and socks
- Khaki or Navy walking shorts (style of choice)
- Leggings (black, navy, or white)
- Outerwear options available for Land's End: sweater, sweater vest, insulated vest, rain jacket, fleece jacket, half zip fleece jacket, crewneck sweatshirt, zip front sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt
- PE Uniform required for 6th-8th Grade: Land's End Active Tee and Land's End Mesh Shorts

CHAPEL ATTIRE (On Chapel days, there will be mandatory dress attire.)

Boys: K - 5th Grade

Boys in grades K-5th must wear khaki or navy pants/shorts and a short sleeve or long sleeve oxford shirt. Boys in grades 3-5 are required to wear a school plaid tie from Land's End.

Boys: 6th - High School

Boys in grades 6th Grade - High School must wear khaki or navy pants/shorts and a short sleeve or long sleeve oxford shirt. Boys are required to wear the navy/gold stripe tie from Land's End.

Girls: K-2nd Grade

Girls in grades K-2 must wear a white or blue Peter Pan blouse with plaid jumper from Land's End.

Girls: 3rd-5th Grade

Girls in grades 3-5 must wear one of the following blouses on Chapel Day: a white or blue no gape, oxford, Peter Pan collar or 3/4 length button down shirt. Required plaid skort options are: the pleated plaid or side pleat skort. Girls in 3-5 may also choose to wear the Land's End plaid jumper.

Girls: 6th-High School

Girls in grades 6th Grade through High School must wear one of the following blouses on Chapel Day: White or Blue button down shirt: no gape, oxford or 3/4 sleeve. Required plaid skirt options are: A-line skirt, Pleated Skirt Below the Knee, or Box Pleated Skirt top of the knee.

UNIFORM AND VENDOR INFORMATION

- Most items of clothing shall be purchased from an approved uniform company, and shall be a part of the approved items selected for TCA. Select approved items are available for purchase from the TCA PTO or TCA school sponsored fundraiser.
- Black, white, or brown shoes are encouraged on chapel day but are not required. Footwear, belts, socks, hair accessories, undershirts, etc. may be purchased from any vendor, but must meet the required guidelines.
- Khaki and navy pants and shorts may be purchased from the following approved vendors: Gap Kids, The Children's Place, Land's End/Sears, Target, and Wal-Mart. All other uniform pieces must be purchased through Land's End or TCA.
- All clothing must be worn in a modest fashion as to not expose any under garments, bare shoulders, back or midriff areas, or cleavage.
- Foundation garments should be white and worn so as not to be visible under clothing.
- Modesty shorts, camisoles or undershirts are suggested but not required.
- All pants and shorts should be purchased at the proper waist size to eliminate sagging, and must be worn at the waistline. Cut, torn, ripped or frayed clothing shall not be worn.
- Boys' shirts are to be tucked in and must be long enough to remain tucked in throughout the school day. Girls' blouses and knit shirts may be worn on the outside.
- Black, navy or white knee socks, leggings and/or opaque tights should be worn in cool weather months.
- **Girls' jumper and skirt length must be no shorter than 2" above the knee.** It is recommended that growth be considered when making purchases or altering the hem. Make sure that enough fabric is present to let out the hem if necessary.
- **Walking shorts (boys and girls) and skorts (girls) length should be no longer than knee length, but no shorter than 2" above the knee.** It is recommended that growth and shrinkage due to laundering be considered when making purchases. Any abuse of short, skirt, or skort lengths will be addressed by the administration.

FOOTWEAR

Shoes may be purchased from any vendor.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are required to wear closed toe and closed heel shoes. Shoes should be safe for outdoor play; athletic shoes that fasten are good choices for daily wear. Socks must be worn with athletic shoes and boots. Flip-flops are not acceptable. All shoes must have a strap around the heel. Heels over 2" are not permitted. Shoelaces must match the shoe or the uniform; no extreme colors or styles are permitted.

6th Grade - High School

Students in 6th Grade through High School should wear safe and comfortable shoes. Open toe shoes are permitted. Flip flops are not acceptable.

OUTERWEAR

Only items approved as part of the uniform may be worn in the halls and classrooms. Non-uniform outerwear may be worn to and from school, on the playground, and must be stored in designated storage areas. Sweaters and cardigans must be purchased from Land's End. Approved fleece jackets and other approved outerwear items sold by our approved uniform supplier or TCA may be allowed in the hallways and classrooms. Hoods cannot be worn over the head in hallways or classrooms.

HEADWEAR

Caps, hats, toboggans, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not permitted. Hair accessories may be worn by female students and may be purchased from any vendor, but must be yellow, white, black, navy or compliment the school uniform. Non-prescription glasses and novelty contacts are not permitted.

STUDENT APPEARANCE GUIDELINES JEWELRY / BODY PIERCINGS

On campus or at school functions, girls only may wear conventional pierced earrings, but no other jewelry may be worn in a body piercing. Wearing earrings or ear clips by a male student is prohibited. Jewelry must not be distracting or present a safety issue.

HAIR STYLES

Hairstyles shall reflect a neat, well-groomed appearance at all times. Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are prohibited. Boys' hair length should not exceed the top of the shirt collar, must be above eyebrows, and no longer than the middle of the ear. Students will be clean-shaven and no facial hair is permitted. If students are not sure whether or not a style is appropriate for TCA, they should ask an administrator.

PARKER UNIFORMS GRACE PERIOD

Parker Uniforms items will be permitted indefinitely as long as items are in good condition. The Parker plaid items may be worn and passed down within a family. However, in an effort to

mainstream the school plaid as soon as possible, we ask that you not resell any Parker plaid items.