

## LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*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. Recognizing that each person is created in the image of God and their body is a temple, we also recognize that not all body structures are suited to every style of clothing. We endeavor to teach students to make clothing choices that reflect who God created them to be. Students are expected to dress neatly and in a manner that will reflect credit to themselves, their families, and the school.

### GENERAL UNIFORM AND VENDOR INFORMATION

- Basic TCA dress code standards will always apply.
- Land's End is the school uniform vendor. All available school options can be accessed/ordered Landsend.com.
- Polo colors are white, classic navy, blue, and yellow. **Polos must have the TCA logo purchased from Landsend.com.**
- Pants, shorts, skorts, and jumper colors are khaki or navy (plaid for girls)
- Leggings may only be worn as undergarments and must be white, black, or navy.
- Clothing must be without holes and stains and free from slogans/artwork, except for the school brand logos.
- Fitted to the student's body type, as to cover the waist while stretching, neither excessively baggy nor form-fitting.
- Casual shoes, dress shoes, and athletic shoes are permitted (no flip-flops or open-toe shoes)
- Khaki and navy pants, shorts, and skorts may be purchased from your vendor of choice. (Ex. Gap Kids, The Children's Place, Land's End, Academy, Wal-Mart, etc.) All other uniform pieces must be purchased through Land's End or TCA. **Shorts/pants may not be made of yoga or stretchy type material.**
- Girls' jumper and skirt/skort length must be of conservative length and no more than 2"- 3" 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 and skorts length should be no longer than knee length, but no shorter than 2"- 3" above the knee. It is recommended that growth and shrinkage due to laundering be considered when making purchases.
- Ball caps, beanies, and other hats may be worn to school but must be removed inside building

## BOYS: KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

### *Standard Dress (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)*

- White, yellow, classic navy, or blue polo, available in long or short sleeves (Land's End Only & Must have TCA Logo)
- Khaki or navy pants (Vendor of choice)
- Khaki or navy walking shorts (Vendor of choice)

### *Chapel Dress (Tuesday)*

#### **\*Hoodies and pullover-style outerwear are not allowed to be worn during the Chapel service. \***

- Boys in grades K-5th must wear khaki or navy pants/shorts (vendor of your choice) and a short sleeve or long sleeve oxford style shirt (button down, it is light blue or white; must be purchased from Land's End).
- Kindergarten boys should begin learning to tuck in their shirts and be prepared to wear shorts with belt loops and a belt when they enter 2nd grade.
- 1st-grade boys should tuck their shirts in on chapel days and be prepared to wear shorts with belt loops and a belt when they enter 2nd grade.
- All 2nd -5th-grade boys should have tucked-in shirts, shorts with belt loops, and a belt for chapel days. The belts should be black or brown.
- Boys in grades 3-5 must wear the school's Lower School plaid tie from Land's End before and during Chapel (tie may be removed after chapel).

### *Spirit Wear (Friday)*

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts (Vendor of choice)
- School t-shirts, jerseys, and sweatshirts supporting TCA

### *Footwear*

- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are required
- Tennis shoes are required for PE Days
- Flips-flops/slides are not permitted

## GIRLS: KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

**\*\*Girls should wear shorts or leggings under jumpers or polo dresses. \*\***

### *Standard Dress (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)*

- Yellow, white, classic navy, or blue polo, available in long or short sleeves (Land's End Only & Must have TCA Logo)
- Navy ruffle hem, pleated or polo dress (Land's End Only & Must have TCA Logo)
- Navy or khaki ponte' knit dress (Land's End Only & Must have TCA Logo)
- Navy or khaki skort (Vendor of Choice)
- Khaki or navy pants (Vendor of choice)
- Khaki or Navy walking shorts (Vendor of choice)
- Leggings, must be solid black, navy, or white (Vendor of choice)

*Chapel Dress (Tuesday- ALL CHAPEL DAY DRESS ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM LAND'S END.)*

***\*Hoodies and pullover-style outerwear are not allowed to be worn during the Chapel service. \****

- All girls must wear a white, classic navy or blue Peter Pan collared polo or a white or blue Peter Pan or straight collared oxford style dress shirt with plaid skirt or jumper.
- Girl's peter pan collared polos must have the TCA logo embroidered by Land's End.
- Girl's oxford style dress shirts do not require the TCA logo to be embroidered but must be purchased from Land's End.

*Spirit Wear (Friday)*

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts (Vendor of choice)
- School t-shirts, jerseys, and sweatshirts supporting TCA

*Footwear*

- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are required
- Tennis shoes are required for PE Days
- Flips-flops/slides are not permitted

**DRESS DOWN DAY GUIDELINES:**

Dress Down Day is on the last attended Wednesday of each month.

All students should follow these guidelines:

- Jeans are allowed - NO holes, rips, or shreds allowed ABOVE the knee. We realize many styles of jeans right now have the "worn" look. Please use conservative judgment. The placement of the rip/shred should be at the knee or below.
- Athletic Shorts are allowed - must be knee-length & loose-fitting. This goes for boys and girls.
- Athletic pants are allowed - must be loose-fitting; NO yoga pants or leggings worn as pants. Leggings may be worn underneath knee-length tunics/dresses.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts MUST comply with length requirements of no more than 2-3 inches above the knee
- No tank-tops
- The T-shirt message/content should be school-appropriate and consistent with our Christian mission and message.
- Hats/caps may be worn on Dress Down Days ONLY. They must be worn properly, and the message/content should be school-appropriate and consistent with our Christian mission and message.

**HEADWEAR/ACCESSORIES**

- Caps, hats, toboggans, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not to be worn in the building.
- Hair accessories may be worn by female students and may be purchased from any vendor, but must be yellow, white, black, navy, or complement the school uniform.

- Non-prescription glasses, sunglasses, and novelty contacts are not permitted.

## 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.
- Approved fleece jackets, sweaters, cardigans, etc. sold by Land's End or TCA may be allowed in the hallways and classrooms.
- Hoods cannot be worn over the head in hallways or classrooms.
- TCA polos must be worn under all sweatshirts, hoodies, etc. unless it is Dress Down Day.