

**TIPTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: LOWER SCHOOL (K-5 GRADE)
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

All items must come from Land's End unless indicated by "(Vendor of choice)"

SCHOOL DAY STANDARD (Monday through Wednesday)

Boys: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- White, yellow, or navy blue polo, available in long or short sleeve
- Khaki or navy pants (Vendor of choice)
- Khaki or navy walking shorts (Vendor of choice)
- Belt (Vendor of choice, required if pants have belt loops)
- White or light blue oxford dress shirt, available in long or short sleeve
- Plaid tie (Chapel requirement for 3rd-5th Grade, option for K-2nd Grade)

Girls: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Yellow, white, or navy polo, available in long or short sleeve
- White or Blue button down shirt: peter pan collar, no gape, oxford or 3/4 sleeve
- Jumper, color choices: plaid, navy or khaki
- Navy ruffle hem dress
- Navy polo dress, short or long sleeve
- Navy or khaki ponte' knit dress
- Navy or khaki ponte' pleated jumper
- Navy or khaki skort options: knit, Pleated Top of the Knee, Blend Chino Skort Above the Knee and Top of the Knee, 2-button stretch skort Above the Knee
- Plaid Skort, style options are Pleated & Side Pleat
- Khaki or navy pants (Vendor of choice)
- Belt (Vendor of Choice, required if pants have belt loops and shirt is tucked in)
- Khaki or Navy walking shorts (Vendor of choice)
- Leggings, must be solid black, navy, or white (Vendor of choice)

CHAPEL ATTIRE (Thursday)

All items must come from Land's End unless indicated by "(Vendor of choice)"

Hoodies and pullover-style outerwear is not allowed on Chapel day. Jackets and sweaters should zip/button.

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 the school plaid 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 skirt options are: the pleated plaid or side pleat skirt. Girls in 3-5 may also choose to wear the Land's End plaid jumper.

SPIRIT FRIDAY ATTIRE (Friday)

Boys:

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

Girls:

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

DRESS DOWN WEDNESDAY (last attended Wednesday of every 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 found in Student Handbook (no more than 2-3 inches above the knee)
 - No tanktops
 - T-shirt message/content should be school appropriate and consistent with our Christian mission
 - No hats/caps worn inside the building

FOOTWEAR (Vendor of choice)

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.

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 and other approved outerwear items 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.

- Outerwear options: sweater, sweater vest, insulated vest, packable & fleece-lined rain jacket, fleece jacket, half zip fleece jacket, active track jacket, thermo plume jacket, crewneck sweatshirt, zip front sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt

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.

GENERAL 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 your vendor of choice. (Ex. Gap Kids, The Children's Place, Land's End/Sears, Target, Wal-Mart, etc..) 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" - 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. Any abuse of short, skirt, or skort lengths will be addressed by the administration.