

APPEARANCE PHILOSOPHY 2026-2027

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 office 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.

Classroom temperatures vary. Some students may be warm and other students feel cold. Students will be allowed to wear sweaters or sweatshirts in class however, **NO HEAVY COATS MAY BE WORN IN THE CLASSROOM.**

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. If you do not follow the guidelines or instructions, you will be asked to change clothes. The office will have the right of final decision on clothes.

DRESS CODE CHART

ITEM	STYLE & DESCRIPTION	COLOR	DRESS DOWN PASS GUIDELINES
Polo Shirts T-shirts or tanks may be worn under polos. They must be solid in color.	Short or long sleeve	Any Color and/or Pattern No Words	Wording and/or designs must be appropriate for a Christian environment No sleeveless tops No crop style shirts/sweaters (shirt length must cover torso when arms are lifted)
Sweatshirts	<u>Plain or appropriate designs only.</u> Students must prove they are wearing uniform polo under sweatshirt or hoodie.		Wording and/or designs must be appropriate for a Christian environment
Cardigan Sweater	Plain, Solid in color – Button front	Any Color	No ripped and/or torn styles
Pants, Capri Pants, and Shorts	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.	Navy, Black, gray, khaki, brown or denim (can be worn any day).	All shorts for boys and girls must be no more than 2 inches above the knee No bike shorts

	Regular or wide leg- Cotton/Twill Fabric Pants must fit loosely! No form fitting legs to ankle or “skinny” fit, no jeggings, spandex, knit, or yoga pants, knit pants or shorts/pants with ruffles. No torn material/worn material. No elastic fit at the ankles. No holes		No skinny or form fitting jeans, leggings, and/or yoga pants
Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers	Not more than 2" above knee. Leggings can be worn under skorts and jumpers. (Solid in color)	Navy, Black, or Khaki, gray, brown or denim.	Must be no more than 2 inches above the knee in length
Hair/Hair accessories	No Hats. crowns, tiaras, etc.		No Hats. crowns, tiaras, etc.
Socks/Tights or Leggings	Leggings or tights may only be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers. (Solid in color) Leggings, tights or leggings like shorts and/or pants cannot be worn (even on dress down days)		Leggings like shorts and/or pants cannot be worn unless they are worn under skirts, skorts, jumpers or dresses.
Shoes	Regular, athletic, or crocs and sandals with a back strap around the heel. <u>Shoes must be worn indoors at all times.</u> No flip flops, slides, platforms or heels of any kind- safety hazard on stairs and playground.	Any Color	No flip flops, slides, platforms or heels of any kind- safety hazard on stairs and playground.
School T-shirt	Students are allowed to wear the TCA T-shirt (short or long sleeve), sweatshirt or hoodies and either uniform shorts/pants or jeans.		Can be worn on any day.
Jeans (Can be worn any day)	Regular waist or slightly below the waist no more than one inch below the navel. No skinny or form fitting jeans to the ankles. No holes, fringe, ruffle, lace, rips, or tears No elastic around ankles. No Glitter, sequins, etc.		No skinny or form fitting jeans to the ankles. No holes, fringe, rips, or tears No elastic around ankles. No Glitter, sequins, etc.
Piercings and/or Tattoos	Piercings are limited to the ears only. Facial piercings are not permitted, or a clear insert MUST be worn. Tattoos on students under the age of 18 are not permitted.		Piercings are limited to the ears only. Facial piercings are not permitted, or a clear insert MUST be worn. Tattoos on students under the age of 18 are not permitted.