

Lower School
Trinity Christian Academy
Dress Code

*Note: When you purchase anything from Lands' End, be sure to give our school's preferred code number before paying. Trinity receives 3% from any and all of the purchases made with our school number. Our number is **900056243**. We also have many donated dress code clothing items at the Lower School campus. Mrs. Michelle Jones, mother of Emma Clare, first grade, has been authorized by our Board to monogram shirts and jumpers. You may contact her at 582-2250. She charges \$5 per monogram.*

The intent of the dress code is to train our children to realize that, although many types of clothing are acceptable for us to wear, some are more appropriate for specific activities than others. Because the type of clothing we wear can influence our attitude and behavior as well as that of others, the following dress code represents the acceptable mode of dress for the school and its activities. SCHOOL CLOTHES SHOULD BE NEAT, CLEAN, AND MODEST.

Please talk with your child about his/her attitude toward the dress code. Over concern with clothing or dressing to impress others is not scriptural (I John 2:15-17). An attitude of "Let me see what I can get by with wearing" is not where we want our students' hearts to be focused.

With the Trinity Christian Academy dress code we recognize that:

1. Materialism and sloppiness are rampant in the United States and we as Christians must inquire of the Lord and search the Scriptures as to our responsibility to teach our children by example. (Deut. 8:1-20)
2. Pressures felt by children to compete in areas of dress are destructive to the unity of the body of Christ and present a great challenge to families to train their children to love one another and to seek meaning for their own identity in our Lord Jesus, not in the external appearances to this life. (I Tim. 2:9, 10)

We have a wonderful opportunity to teach our children. We can pass on these truths:

1. Not everyone is blessed in the same way. Encourage children to see that those who are poor in things of the world may be very rich, having laid up treasures in heaven.
2. Urge our children to a deeper love of God by loving others without regard to dress or financial status.
3. Encourage those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. (I Tim. 6:17-19)
4. Show the love of Jesus by willingly giving up our own desires to serve the needs of others.
5. See the world's expectations as inferior to God's standards and see that "whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." James 4:1-4
6. Understand that God looks on the heart, to the extent that if we assign undue value to external appearances, we are in danger of raising a standard, which creates idolatry.
7. Realize that there is a great temptation and spiritual warfare directed against Christians to treasure the things of this world more than the things of the Lord.

General Guidelines

Please note that the administration reserves the right to use wisdom in judgment to determine the appropriateness of students' daily attire.

Girls

1. Khaki or navy pants or capris, walking shorts, skorts, jumpers, or skirts
 - Chino fabric only
 - Any vendor
 - Skirts, shorts, skorts no more than three (3) inches above knee caps
 - Belts must be worn with pants or shorts if the item has belt loops.
2. White, maize (light yellow), purple, or navy polo shirts or turtlenecks. Peter Pan white collared shirts may also be worn.
 - White or purple polo shirts with the Trinity logo (Lands' End) are required on chapel days and field trips.
 - At least one button must be buttoned at all times.
 - Long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirts may be worn.
 - Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Boys

1. Khaki or navy pants or knee-length shorts*
 - Chino fabric only
 - Any vendor
 - Belts must be worn with pants or shorts if the item has belt loops.
2. White, maize (light yellow), purple or navy polo shirts or turtlenecks.
 - White or purple polo shirts with the Trinity logo (Lands' End) are required on chapel days and field trips.
 - At least one button must be buttoned at all times.
 - Long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirts may be worn.
 - Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

*Appropriate length is no more than three (3) inches above the knees

Shoes and Accessories for Girls and Boys

- Closed-toe and closed-heeled flats or tennis shoes.

Physical Education

- Children so desiring may change their outer lower garment prior to PE class.
- Hooks in the gym bathrooms will be used to hang clothing.
- Athletic shorts or sweatpants may be worn in PE class only.

Additional Gear

Indoors

Solid-colored (no writing) sweatshirts (no hoods), "fleeces" (no hoods), sweaters (no hoods), or sweater vests (no hoods), Trinity logos are optional.

- Colors: white, maize (light yellow), purple, or navy.
- These additional items must be worn over the approved shirts or turtlenecks, with the collar showing.

Outdoors

Jackets, mittens, scarves, hats as needed.

Unacceptable Attire (May NOT be worn)

- Cargo-style pants, shorts, skorts, skirts
- Hipsters
- Exposed undergarments
- Un-tucked shirts
- Beltless slacks/shorts (if the item has belt loops)
- Hoods on sweatshirts, fleeces, sweaters, or sweater vests
- Sandals, flip-flops or “croc’s”
- Make-up or excessive jewelry
- Earrings or necklaces (boys)
- Body piercings or tattoos
- Hairstyles that are designed to attract attention (i.e., unusual coloring, bleaching, shaved heads)
- Hair below the top of the collar, below the eyebrows and below the earlobes (boys)

Chapel/Field Trips

All students must wear either a white or a purple polo shirt with the Trinity logo or turtleneck (white or purple) and khaki bottoms for chapel day and field trips unless otherwise designated by the child’s teacher.

Boys

1. Shirts: Land’s End white or purple polo or turtleneck, with Trinity small logo
 - Long or short sleeves
2. Pants/shorts: Long pants (any label) or walking-length shorts
 - Khaki only,
 - Chino fabric only (no denim)
 - No cargo pockets

Girls

1. Shirts: Land’s End white or purple polo or turtleneck, with Trinity small logo
 - Long or short sleeves
2. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers:
 - Khaki only
 - Chino fabric skort
 - Polyester/rayon jumper
3. Pants/shorts: Long pants or walking-length shorts
 - Khaki only
 - Chino fabric only (no denim)
 - No cargo-type, capris, or hipsters

Dress Code Enforcement

First offense: a written warning will be sent home to be signed by a parent and returned.

Subsequent offenses: proper attire must be brought to the child.