

## UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The intent of the dress code is to train our students 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. Overconcern 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 and for dress code violations, parents may be called to bring the proper attire to school and have their students change clothes.*

### Girls

1. Modest blouse, shirts with collars, crew neck, modest v-neck or scoop neck.
  - Excessively tight or loose fitting is unacceptable
  - Material must be non-transparent (no see-through tops **over** strapless, or spaghetti strap top)

- Blouses and shirts may be worn untucked, but must be long enough so that during any activity neither the midriff area nor the lower back area is exposed and modesty is preserved
  - No sleeveless tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, tank tops, camisoles or bare-shouldered, or low cut tops, alone or over another top.
  - Belt must be worn with pants with visible loops.
1. Slacks, jeans, capris, corduroys and khakis (no low-rise, jeggings or other excessively tight or form-fitting pants).
  2. Walking-length shorts and skorts\*
  3. Modest-length dresses, jumpers, and skirts\*
  4. TitanWear or other Trinity related clothing.

### **Boys**

1. Collared shirt (polo or Oxford), crew or v-neck shirt
  - All shirts must have sleeves
  - Undershirts are not considered appropriate for outer wear.
2. Pants, jeans, and walking-length shorts\* (with belts worn above hips); belt required on pants with loops.
3. TitanWear or other Trinity related clothing.

\*Appropriate length is no more than 3 inches above the knees

### **Indoor Cool Weather clothing**

- Sweaters, (Polartec-type) fleeces, and sweatshirts

### **Unacceptable attire**

- Clothing with any kind of offensive or suggestive lettering, design or advertising
- Cut-off shorts, bike shorts, athletic shorts (tennis, soccer, etc.), and kilts
- Shirts and leggings/Spandex pants that conform tightly to the body
- "Over-sized" or sagging clothing
- Sweat pants, wind pants, and athletic pants
- Hats or head-coverings
- Camouflage
- Ripped, torn, or frayed clothes
- Low-rise jeans, jeggings, or other excessively tight or form-fitting pants
- Jackets or winter coats inside the buildings

### **Shoes, Hair, and Accessories**

1. Shoes must be worn at all times
  - Shoes designed with laces must be tied
  - Girls may wear sandals with back straps, but no soccer sandals, flip-flop-style sandals, or plastic shoes.
  - Boys may wear sandals with back straps, but no soccer sandals, flip-flop-style sandals, or plastic shoes.
  - No five-toe style shoes
  - Athletic shoes are required for Physical Education classes.
2. No heavy make-up or excessive jewelry (maximum of two earrings per ear)

3. Hairstyles are to be conservative:
  - Boys' hair must be collar-length or shorter and must not fall into the eyes or face, and must be above the bottom of the ears. Boys are not allowed to wear ponytails.
  - Students should avoid hairstyles that are designed to attract attention (e.g., unusual coloring, bleaching, shaved heads, spiked hair)
4. Boys must be clean-shaven with the exception of a neatly trimmed mustache, and sideburns should not go below the bottom of the ear.
5. Boys may not wear earrings
6. No visible body piercing, including nose studs, or tattoos

### **Chapel/Field Trip/Special Assembly/Academic Awards/Sports Banquet Attire**

#### ***Girls***

- Modest skirts or dresses, full-length dress slacks (no shorts, skorts)
- Dress shirts or blouses (no t-shirts)
- Cool weather indoor wear: sweater or (Polartec-type) fleece (pullover or zip) –no sweatshirts or athletic jackets, or hoodies.
- No denim, corduroy or yoga pants and no pants with sewn-on back pockets.

#### ***Boys***

- Dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), no cargo pants, denim, corduroy and no pants with sewn-on back pockets.
- Collared Oxford-type dress shirt (long or short sleeved) or collared knit shirt (polo shirt).
- Cool weather indoor wear: sweater or (Polartec-type) fleece (pullover or zip) –no sweatshirts or athletic jackets or hoodies.

#### ***Physical Education***

- There is a PE uniform requirement. You may order uniforms at:  
[http://www.h2promos.com/trinity\\_pe](http://www.h2promos.com/trinity_pe).
- Athletic shoes must be worn.

#### ***Science***

- Students must wear closed-toe shoes on lab days.