



Trinity Upper School Dress Code

(See the Quick Guide at the end of this document.)

TOP

- All shirts must have sleeves (short or long).
- All shirts must be collared, and the collar must be visible. (Turtleneck shirts are NOT considered a "collared shirt.")
- Logos must be singular and smaller than a credit card.
- All shirts/tops must be completely free of any messaging/wording.
- Appropriate shirts are the following:
 - Polo-style shirt (long or short sleeve)
 - Button-down shirt (long or short sleeve)
 - Pullover (no hood) (collared shirt must be worn and visible as well)
 - Sweater/Cardigan (collared shirt must be worn and visible as well)
 - Sweatshirt (crewneck only; hooded shirts are not allowed) (collared shirt must be worn and visible as well)

All clothing must be clean, free of stains, and must fit appropriately.

(NOTE: Starting in August 2026, shirts do NOT have to be tucked in, but must rest at or very near the waist line. Shirts that are too long will appear sloppy and are not allowed. Shirts that are too short will expose the waist/midriff and are not allowed).

BOTTOM

- Solid chino-style pants with no holes, rips, frays, stains, etc., in any solid color.
- Jeans with no holes, rips, frays, stains, etc., in any solid color.
NOTE: The pant/jean leg may not touch the floor. Pants/jeans must rest/fit at the waist.
- Solid chino-style shorts with no holes, rips, frays, stains, etc., in any solid color are allowed.
*NOTE: The bottom of the shorts leg must rest at least within **three inches** above the knee or lower (this will typically mean an inseam of 8"-10" depending on student height).
Shorts must rest/fit at the waist.*
- Skirts with no holes, rips, frays, stains, etc.
*NOTE: All skirts must rest/fit at the waist.
NOTE: All skirts must rest **AT STANDING KNEE LENGTH** (or longer).
NOTE: Skirts are available only to girls as a clothing option.
NOTE: The links below show examples of appropriate length skirts:*
 - Pleated Skirt - <https://bit.ly/3RakQlr>
 - High Rise Short - <https://bit.ly/4dqF14e>
 - Girls Knee Length Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4eGI0I2>
 - Canvas Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4uNAYWG>
 - Girls Maxi Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4wBjrmr>
 - Denim Midi Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4dfbEl6>
 - Womens Box Pleat Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4fgiUEc>
 - Girls Box Pleat Skirt - <https://bit.ly/4nuHQWC>

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The following types of bottom options are not allowed:

- Jean shorts
- Athletic shorts/pants (during non-PE instruction)
- Joggers/exercise pants
- Leggings/"jeggings"
- Sweatpants
- Pajamas
- Any other styles beyond the allowed list.

NOTE: Belts are encouraged to promote a neat image, but will be OPTIONAL as long as all pants/shorts fit properly at the waist.

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SHOES/FOOTWEAR

- General expectation: All shoes must be closed-toe and be fully enclosed on the back.
- Athletic shoes
- Casual/street shoe (canvas, leather, etc.)
- Dress shoe (hard or soft sole)
- Boots

NOTE: The following are not allowed:

- Crocs
- Flip-flops
- Sandals
- House shoes/slippers
- Shoes with wheels

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JEWELRY/HAIR/ACCESSORIES/OUTERWEAR

- No hats/headwear may be worn in the building (unless on school-allowed theme days).
- No scarves, sweatbands, bandanas, etc. may be worn in the building.
- The only visible piercings allowed are for girls/ladies in earlobes.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.
- Hair colors must be limited to natural human hair colors. Non-natural colors (EX: pink, purple, etc.) are not allowed.
- All hairstyles must be considered neat, trimmed, clean, and well-groomed. Hair is not allowed to cover faces at any point. Gentlemen may not wear their hair longer than the middle of the ear, the top of the collar, and the top of the eyebrow.
- Facial hair is not allowed.
- Outerwear/coats may not be worn inside during the instructional day.
- Belts are encouraged but optional.

SPIRIT DAYS

On spirit days, students may elect to maintain the traditional TCA dress code or they may choose to demonstrate school spirit through their choice of attire. The following items ARE allowed on spirit days:

- Approved TCA/Trident/HOBCAB spirit wear (including T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts).

(NOTE: Handmade/homemade articles of clothing are NOT allowed. Spirit wear must be purchased or issued through sanctioned outlets and include official TCA logos/designs.)

DRESS DOWN DAYS

As directed by school administrators, students may choose to wear the following items (in addition to standard/allowed items):

- Sweatpants
- T-shirt (must fit properly and may not contain messages that contradict TCA core values/convictions)
- Sweatshirt (must fit properly and may not contain messages that contradict TCA core values/convictions)
- Appropriate hats
- Yoga/pajama pants are NOT allowed

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) DRESS CODE

For the 2026-27 school year, students enrolled in PE classes will be required to be outfitted in the following:

- Official Trinity shirt (purchased/issued through TCA online providers or teams). This may include a short-sleeved T-shirt, long-sleeved T-shirt, crewneck sweatshirt, pullover, or windbreaker.
- Solid black athletic shorts, athletic pants, or sweatpants. (NOTE: Polyester/nylon/cotton shorts work best. Shorts should extend to the knee/very close to the knee (basketball “trunk” style; not soccer, volleyball, or cheer shorts). Spandex shorts are not allowed.
- Properly-fitting athletic shoes with shoestrings that are properly and securely tied.
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT DRESSED ACCORDING TO PE DRESS CODE WILL BE REQUIRED TO VISIT THE OFFICE TO BE GIVEN NEW SUBSTITUTE GARMENTS. FAMILY TADS ACCOUNTS WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH GARMENT THAT IS GIVEN TO STUDENTS.**

PE uniforms should be taken home, washed frequently, and be clean and free of stains each day.

****CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS****

For the 2026-27 school year, students will not be permitted to remain in class or at school while violating the Trinity Dress Code. Given this standard, the following are the actions taken when/if a student is out of compliance concerning the dress code:

1st/2nd Offense of the Semester

- The student will be required to correct the violation with approved clothing.
- If the student is unable to correct the violation with approved clothing, the student will be required to contact a parent to resolve this issue. (NOTE: Students who can legally drive will NOT be allowed to drive themselves home to resolve this issue. A parent/designee will be required to bring approved clothing to school.) (NOTE ALSO: Time out of class resolving a dress code violation will be UNEXCUSED.)
- Written **Dress Code Violation Notice** will be issued and communicated to families.

3rd/4th Offense of the Semester

This will be addressed similarly to the first offense, but **AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION** will be assigned.

5th+ Offense of the Semester

This will be addressed similarly to the first offense, but **SCHOOL SUSPENSION** will be issued. Additionally, a parent conference will be required with school leadership.

TRINITY DRESS CODE QUICK GUIDE

	"YES"	"NO"
TOP	-Sleeves -Visible Collar -"Polo" style -Button-down -Solid/TCA pullover -Solid sweater -Solid crewneck sweatshirt -Untucked shirts (resting at waist)	-Sleeveless shirts -Uncollared shirts -Logos (larger than credit card) -Message shirts -Hooded sweatshirts -Dresses -Turtlenecks
BOTTOM	-Jeans -Chinos/khakis -Shorts (3" to knee or longer) -Skirts/skorts (knee-length or longer)	-Jean shorts -Skirts/skorts shorter than knee-length -Athletic shorts -Joggers -Sweatpants -Leggings/"jeggings" -Pajamas -Dresses
FOOTWEAR	-Athletic/"tennis" shoes -Casual/street shoes -"Dress" shoes -Boots	-Crocs -Flip-flops -House shoes -Slippers -"Wheelies" -Sandals
JEWELRY/HAIR/ OUTERWEAR	-Neatly-groomed hair (out of the face)	-Hats -Scarves/bandanas -Piercings (beyond girls' earlobes) -Non-natural hair color (or wigs) -Facial hair -Outerwear (during instructional day) -Tattoos

CHANGES for 2026-2027	CONSEQUENCES for 2026-2027
1) JEANS are allowed. 2) SKIRTS must be KNEE-LENGTH. 3) BELTS are no longer mandated for well-fitting pants. 4) Shirt TUCKING is no longer mandatory. 5) Sandals, open-toe shoes, Birkenstocks are no longer allowed. 6) No turtlenecks allowed.	● Students will be required to fix dress code violations immediately (by changing clothing or by contacting "home" to secure clothing) on EVERY violation. <i>In addition to immediate correction:</i> ● 1st/2nd offenses: Students will receive a written warning. ● 3rd/4th offenses: Students will be assigned after-school detention. ● 5th+ offenses: School suspension will be issued.