

**Why Uniforms?** As a Christian school, a uniform image reflects the goal of becoming one in Christian community. Jesus prayed, “that they may be one.” (John 17:21a) While God has created each of our students with individual gifts, Trinity Lutheran Christian School students are encouraged to discover and respect their own uniqueness and that of others in ways that go beyond outward dress.

To create a school conducive to the best teaching and learning, Trinity works to prevent learning distractions including those of appearances. This “Standard of Dress” guide is meant to place our students’ focus on their spiritual and educational growth instead of what they and others are wearing. Clean, neat, modest, and appropriate attire is expected of students at all times. We deeply appreciate your partnership. **As partners in education, parents are responsible for monitoring and supporting the dress code for their child.**

**Clothing options are listed below:** Students are to wear the listed clothing items in an **appropriate manner, solid colors, in good repair, and proper size.** Trinity’s logo may appear on the clothing but other logos are not allowed.

<p><b>Pants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color: Navy blue, black or khaki</li> <li>• Fabric: chino, cords, gabardine, twill</li> <li>• Hems: neatly and securely stitched</li> <li>• Waistbands: fitted and worn at the waist (above the hip bone)</li> <li>• Leg style: plain, straight-leg, classic or pleated fit</li> <li>• Length: between ankle and top of shoe</li> </ul>	<p><b>Collared Shirts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color: Navy Blue, Black, or White</li> <li>• Polo shirt: long or short sleeve with Peter Pan/Plain collar</li> <li>• Button up shirt/blouse, long or short sleeve</li> <li>• Turtleneck or long sleeves may be worn under polo during cold months</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shoes/Hosiery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tights, Leggings, yoga pants allowed under a skirt only and must be solid color: white, navy blue, black, or gray</li> <li>• Shoes: sturdy, closed toe, and suitable for outdoor activity.(no flashing/rolling shoes)</li> <li>• Sandals: closed toe, secured with a back strap</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sweaters/Sweatshirts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colors: navy blue, gray, black, white</li> <li>• Styles: Crew neck, v-neck, sweater vest, cardigan</li> <li>• Uniform shirt must be worn underneath</li> <li>• Only <u>official</u> TLCS logo sweatshirts OK (hood off indoors)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shorts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color: Navy blue, black or khaki</li> <li>• Type: walking short style, no more than 2 inches above knee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skorts/Skirts/Jumpers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color: Navy blue, black, or khaki</li> <li>• Length: modest - maximum 4 inches above the knee</li> <li>• Shorts/leggings must be worn under skirt/jumper</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hats/Hoods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off inside the building unless given special permission or on a themed “hat day.”</li> <li>• Students must wear proper headgear (hat, hood) on the playground in wet weather</li> </ul>	<p><b>Coats or jackets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be worn when teachers judge the weather warrants it</li> <li>• Coats and jackets may not be worn inside</li> </ul>

**School Performance Wear:**

- Shirt: White, Oxford/Peter Pan/Plain collar, button up dress shirt, long or short sleeve, NO NAVY.
- Bottoms: navy or black, long pants or skirt and tights, NO KHAKI.

### **Procedure for Missing or Incomplete Uniform Wear:**

- **First time:** Student will receive written reminder from the teacher which the parents sign and return.
- **Second time:** Student (grade K-8 grade) will call a parent, who in turn will have to bring a uniform to school so that the student can change. If parent cannot bring the uniform, student will be given after school detention (grade K-8 grade).
- **Third time:** Student will be sent home by the principal.

### **Additional Dress Code Guidelines**

- School uniforms are required for students in all grades, Preschool through Grade 8.
- Uniforms are to be worn every day from the first day of school until the last, including field trips.
- It will be at the discretion of the principal to schedule occasional Tiger Pride, Theme days, and free dress days.
- Some field trips may warrant other appropriate attire and that decision will be made by the teacher and principal.
- The principal will make final decisions regarding the appropriate choice of clothing for any student.
- Clothing may be purchased from any vendor as long as all pieces meet the above stated criteria.
- The principal must give prior approval for uniforms from other youth organizations (like Scouts, Campfire, etc) to be worn on the days of their meetings. If student wears only a partial organization uniform, a Trinity uniform must complete it.

### **Free Dress, Theme, or Spirit days:**

- The principal may schedule “free dress” days. Student council may be allowed to choose theme days. **On any special dress day, students are expected to follow all dress code expectations including proper fit and appropriate slogans or logos. If not participating, students must wear uniform gear on these days.**
- All clothes must be modest and follow guidelines below. Bare waists, bare midriffs, bare backs, necklines below the collarbone, and clothing with holes are not permitted. All shirts must have 2” width straps or sleeves and for girls, no undergarments should be visible. Form fitting (tight) clothes must have a cover-up shirt/sweater or skirt that covers the tight layer.

### **Spirit Gear:**

- Trinity t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other gear will periodically be made available for sale to students and families. All *TLCS Spirit Wear* clothing and athletic team garments must meet dress code standards and be approved by the principal before being ordered and sold.

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