

# TCA K-8 Dress Code and School Uniform

## K-8 STUDENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

“Whatever you do, do ALL to the glory of God” 1 Corinthians 10:31

At TCA we believe that in ALL things we represent Christ and His kingdom. Honoring the dress code is just one demonstration of this lifestyle. As we begin a new school year, help us in working together to bring unity in our manner of dress.

- **ALL DRESS:** ALL CLOTHING MUST BE WELL FITTING, CLEAN, NEAT, AND IN GOOD REPAIR.
- **PANTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, SKORTS, SHORTS:** ALL pants, skirts, skorts and shorts must be ‘uniform’ style. No cargo style pants are permitted; this includes pants with zippers or pockets on the legs. All pants must be worn at the waist, not sagging or oversized. Uniforms may have no more than 2 upper front and 2 upper back pockets. Uniform pants must be well fitting, straight leg pants. Pants cannot be tight fitting, legging style, skinny or pencil style, cropped or  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.
- **SHIRTS:** Uniform shirts are to be TUCKED IN at all times.
- **JACKETS/SWEATERS/OUTERWEAR:** Only approved jackets as described in the K-8 Uniform are permitted to be worn while in the school building. Outerwear must be able to be removed while at school. They cannot be worn alone without a uniform shirt underneath.
- **HAIR:** Students must wear their hair in a neat and clean style. No extreme hair styles are allowed. Hair color must be of a natural shade.
- **MAKEUP:** Girls are not encouraged to wear makeup. However, middle school girls may wear minimal, non-excessive makeup. It is not appropriate for girls to apply or reapply makeup while at school.
- **JEWELRY:** Jewelry may be worn by students in school but ought to be minimal in quantity and size and non-offensive. Likewise, girls may wear earrings minimal in quantity and size and non-offensive. All other body piercings are not appropriate to wear to school. Students ought to refrain from wearing valuable or sentimental jewelry while at school.

Interpretation of the Uniform and Dress Guidelines is at the discretion of the school principal. Dress code will be enforced under the discipline policy of the school. Students who arrive to school out of dress code may be required to have a parent return to school to bring proper attire for their child.

## K-8 SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

### Uniform Providers

The primary provider for TCA logo uniforms is **Lands’ End**. Visit [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) and enter the school code #900158601 to view all available TCA exclusive options for school day and PE day uniforms.

A secondary provider of TCA wear for students and adults is **Spirit Wear provided by Kampus Klothes through the Parent Teacher Fellowship**. PTF provides the TCA logo Spirit Wear during several selling periods beginning in August and throughout the school year. Items are available for purchase during a 2-week selling period and are shipped to the school a few weeks later. A sampling of Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear offerings is available to view under admissions on the TCA website.

### K-8 Boys and Girls School Uniform (worn on all school days except PE days)

**SHIRTS:** Evergreen or Cobalt Blue long or short sleeved Lands’ End polo shirts – mesh or interlock style with the embroidered school logo.

**DRESSES:** Girls in grades K-5 are permitted to wear a cobalt or evergreen Lands’ End Polo Dress – mesh style with the embroidered school logo. This selection is now available on the TCA uniform portion of the Lands’ End website.

**PANTS/SKIRTS/SKORTS/SHORTS:** Pants, skirts, skorts and shorts may be purchased by any uniform supplier, including Lands’ End; however, all pants, skirts, skorts and shorts MUST match the approved styles found on the TCA link of the Lands’ End website. Pant, skirt, skort and short requirements are as follows.

- **Boys:** Navy uniform pants or shorts (worn at fingertip length in weather above 70 °).  
Boys in grades 5-8 may wear navy or khaki colors.

**Girls:** Navy uniform pants, skirt (no more than ‘fist length’ above knee), skorts and shorts (worn at fingertip length in weather above 70 °). Girls in grades 5-8 may wear navy or khaki colors.  
Review the Dress Code Guidelines in the Parent Handbook for more specific guidelines for purchasing and wearing pants, skirts, skorts and shorts.  
Girls are allowed to wear shorts of any type or solid black, navy or white leggings underneath their skirts.

**JACKETS:** Students are permitted to wear approved jackets while in the classroom, in the halls and at lunch. Approved jackets include plain navy blue zip-up hooded sweatshirt, navy blue zip-up or button-up cardigan sweater with or without a hood. (Lands’ End and Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear also have options for jackets permitted to be worn while in the classroom.) Sweaters and jackets cannot contain printing or words (except school logo prior uniform jackets). No pullover sweatshirts of any kind are permitted to be worn in the classroom, except for the ones made available through Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear.

**SHOES:** Shoes or sneakers that tie, velcro or slip on are acceptable to wear with the school uniform. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel with no more than a one-inch heel. Shoes are not permitted to ‘light up’, have inset wheels, or contain excessive embellishments. Students are not permitted to wear work shoes, work boots, beach footwear, flip-flops, or slipper-looking footwear. No sandals of any kind are permitted. Well-fitting boots that do not extend past the calf are acceptable during appropriate weather/temperature conditions.

**SOCKS:** Socks (or tights for girls) must be worn and be of a solid complementary color (Navy, White, Tan, or Black). Socks/tights are not mandatory for girls for dress shoes which typically are worn without socks. Socks must be worn with all sneakers.

### **K-8 Boys and Girls PE Day Uniform** (Must be worn only on PE days)

**T-SHIRTS:** Long sleeved ‘Gray Heather’ or short sleeved ‘Racing Yellow’ Land’s End t-shirt with silkscreened TCA logo. Students may also wear Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear long/short sleeve TCA logo t-shirts for PE class.

**SWEATSHIRTS:** Solid navy pullover or zipper sweatshirt. As an option, sweatshirts that adhere to the TCA uniform may be purchased from Lands’ End with or without TCA logo. Sweatshirts not purchased from Lands’ End must adhere to the description listed and be deemed acceptable by the administration. You may want to refer to the Lands’ End items as a guide when purchasing items elsewhere to ensure the appropriate style and color. Students may also wear Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear logo sweatshirts for PE class.

**PANTS:** Solid Navy or Black athletic pants, sweatpants or shorts (weather permitting). NO stripes, words or other colors or patterns are permitted anywhere on the outside of the pants. Pants must be worn at the waist and may not be rolled. Shorts must be fingertip length. Leg wear cannot be tight fitting, leggings style, skinny or pencil style, cropped, ¾ length or yoga pant style. As an option, sweatpants and shorts that adhere to the TCA PE uniform may be purchased from Lands’ End. Sweatpants not purchased from Lands’ End must adhere to the description listed and be deemed acceptable by the administration. You may want to refer to the Lands’ End items as a guide when purchasing items elsewhere to ensure the appropriate style and color. Students may also wear Kampus Klothes Spirit Wear logo sweatpants or shorts for PE class.

**SHOES and SOCKS:** Any type of sneaker which adheres to the above guidelines is permitted on PE days. Socks must be worn and be of a solid complementary color (Navy, White, or Black).

### **TCA Uniform Exchange**

The TCA UNIFORM EXCHANGE contains gently used uniforms available to all parents free of charge. TCA accepts donations of used/gently worn Lands’ End uniform polo shirts, uniform compliant pants, skirts, skorts and shorts.