

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage high standards of modesty, decorum and excellence, and to cultivate a positive and encouraging learning culture. In the Lower School, the dress code is viewed as an opportunity to slowly expose students to choices. As they progress through Trinity (from TK-12), student freedoms increase in the uniform/dress code. Learning to make wise choices is one of the goals of Trinity's uniform/dress code. The Lower School dress code primarily centers around a uniform policy.

The base daily uniform and dress code applies each day unless otherwise noted and announced in advance. Alternative dress days may include:

- Black and Gold Days or Special Event Days (E.g. Field Day)
- Physical Education Attire on non-Chapel days
- Concerts or other ceremonies befitting more formal attire (such as LS Choir Concert)

Dress Code Infractions for Lower School

- If a student is out of dress code, the parents may be called and asked to bring the proper attire. Students may be asked to wait in the office until parents arrive.
- Discernment is used to identify an infraction related to a misunderstanding versus an intentional violation of the dress code. While a student who unintentionally is in violation may be required to change clothes and wait in the office until proper clothing arrives, that is not intended as a disciplinary measure.
- Intentional or consistent violation of the dress code will lead to disciplinary actions including loss of privileges for special dress days.

Updates regarding 2019-2020 dress code changes:

- Points of emphasis this year will be:
 - No shoes with lights or wheels.
 - Haircuts being off the collar for boys and out of the eyes for boys and girls. All hair color should also be a natural/conventional color (no blue, green, pink, etc.).
 - Socks meeting dress code of only being solid black, navy, or white and above the shoe.
- While part of the Lower School, 6th grade will follow the Middle School dress code given their frequent interactions with 7th and 8th graders (E.g. lunch and chapels). See page 17 for the Middle School Dress Code.

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Clothing should be neat, clean, modest and appropriately sized. Clothing should be free from holes, tears, and excessive fading.
- Belts should be worn in pants with belt loops (**for both boys and girls**). Exceptions allowed for TK-1st grade boys but all boys should be wearing belts by the end of first quarter their 2nd grade year.
- Khaki-colored items must be a “khaki” color and not “olive”.
- Details about footwear/shoes:
 - Athletic or casual shoes are appropriate. Unsafe shoes such as Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, thongs, or excessively high heels are not permitted. Please note that **boots are not allowed**.
 - Shoestrings should match the shoes and not stand out in contrast to the shoes in either design or color.
 - Shoes with wheels or lights are not permitted.
 - **Shoes should not be a distraction or distinguishing feature of a Trinity Academy student.**
- Socks or tights must be worn with all shoes; bare feet are not permitted. **Socks must be white, black, or navy in color ONLY and visible above the shoe.**
- Body piercing is not permitted (except for girls’ ears).
- Tattoos are not acceptable, either permanent or temporary, except for special spirit days when temporary face stickers may be appropriate as long as they are not distracting from the educational environment.
- No hats, caps, bandanas, or other headwear permitted inside (including the Atrium).
- Details about hair:
 - All hair should be out of student’s eyes.
 - All hair should be natural/conventional in color (no blue, green, purple, etc).
 - Young men’s hair should be off the collar.
- All clothing items are recommended to be labeled with family name, particularly outerwear items.
- Navy logo fleece jackets, navy logo half-zip fleece pullovers, navy cardigans and maize sweater vests may be worn in the classroom.
 - Please note that hoodies or other Trinity Athletic sweatshirts may only be worn outside.

Boys:

- Students are not permitted to wear *cargo* shorts or *cargo* pants as part of the regular uniform.

Girls:

- **All skirts and the tops of slits in skirts should be at or below the knee.**
- **NAVY modesty shorts are required under all jumpers and skirts, year-round. Navy is the only acceptable color for modesty shorts.**
- **Undergarments (camisoles or sports bras) are required to be worn by girls by 4th grade.** Girls are especially sensitive as they develop or observe other girls physically maturing and the camisole or sports bra allows girls to feel more secure in this area, even if physical development is not yet visible. Undergarments should especially be worn with light colored polo shirts.
- **Hair accessories which include clip-on feathers may not be worn.** All hair accessories should not be distracting to the student or their classmates. This is ultimately at the discretion of the teacher and administration, based upon what they observe happening in the classroom.

LOWER SCHOOL DRESSCODE GUIDELINES - BOYS

TK-2nd Grade

Required:

Lands' End white, maize, logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve)
Navy pants or shorts (no cargo).
Belt, solid colored (begins 2nd grade at end of first quarter)
White, black, or navy solid socks visible above the shoe

Optional:

Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Fleece Jacket full-zip with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Drifter Sweater Vest, maize
Solid white mock or turtleneck
Solid white undershirt

3rd-5th Grade

Required:

Lands' End white, maize, evergreen, logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve)
Navy pants or shorts (no cargo).
Belt (solid colored or with pattern that is appropriate for navy shorts)
White, black, or navy solid socks visible above the shoe

Optional:

Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Fleece Jacket full-zip with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Drifter Sweater Vest, maize
Solid white mock or turtleneck (worn underneath uniform shirt)
Solid white shirt (worn underneath uniform shirt)

5th Grade Privilege (Boys)

- Boys may wear colored or patterned socks (no neon).

LOWER SCHOOL DRESSCODE GUIDELINES - GIRLS

TK-2nd Grade

Required:

Lands' End White Peter Pan Plain Blouse (short or long-sleeve)
Lands' End Uniform Girl's Plaid Jumper
White, black, or navy solid socks worn above the shoe
Modesty Shorts, navy (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)

Optional:

Lands' End Fine Gauge Cardigan with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Fleece Jacket full-zip with logo, Classic Navy
Navy leggings (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)
Navy or white tights (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)
Solid white mock or turtleneck (worn underneath the uniform)
Solid white undershirt (worn underneath the uniform)
Short-sleeve Polo Dress with logo, Classic Navy (worn in place of the blouse and jumper)

3rd-5th Grade

Required:

Lands' End white, maize, evergreen logo polo (short/long sleeve, regular/feminine cut)
Lands' End Pleated or A-Line Skirt, White Plaid
White, black, or navy solid socks worn above the shoe
Modesty Shorts, navy (worn underneath the skirt)
Undergarments (camisole or sports bra must be worn by all girls beginning in 4th grade)

Optional:

Lands' End Uniform Girl's Plaid Jumper worn with White Polo underneath (worn in place of regular uniform)
Lands' End Khaki pants (winter months only; November-February)
Lands' End Fine Gauge Cardigan with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
Lands' End Fleece Jacket full-zip with logo, Classic Navy
Navy leggings
Navy or white tights
Solid white mock or turtleneck
Solid white undershirt

5th Grade Privilege (Girls)

- Girls may wear colored or patterned socks (no neon).

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – NON-STANDARD DAYS

Black & Gold Day Guidelines –Lower School

Black & Gold Days are school-wide celebratory days that are announced in advance. Students may choose to wear their normal uniform on these days, or they may wear the following:

- Trinity “spirit wear” tops (Trinity Athletics officially sanctioned clothing including T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies)
- Solid black or gold shirts with minimal logos or writing
- Blue jeans or blue jean shorts; black, navy or khaki pants or shorts (no cargo); or Trinity Academy PE shorts (no other athletic shorts allowed).
- **No sweatpants, athletic pants, or athletic shorts may be worn.**
- **No cheerleader outfits, or cheerleader style skirts**

Physical Education Uniform - Grades TK-5th grade

PE Uniforms are optional for TK through 5th grade. Students may participate in PE dressed in their daily uniforms or in the Lands’ End specific PE items that include the standard Trinity logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve) and navy athletic pants or shorts, purchased only from Lands’ End. Athletic shoes and socks are highly recommended for PE days. When a student’s PE day falls on Wednesday with chapel, they should wear their daily standard uniform, not the PE uniform. PE uniforms are not worn for Structured Recess.

Please note that the Boy’s Athletic Shorts are the approved shorts for both boys and girls.

Other Special Dress Days

There will be opportunities during the year for students to dress for the day and out of the typical uniform. During these days, students are required to follow any established guidelines; however, there is often opportunity for discernment and specific choice with these days that cannot be outlined in advance. Parents are expected to make sure that all attire is appropriate for school (modest and aligned to that day’s intended purpose). In the event that a student is not appropriately attired, they may be asked to change clothes. If you are unsure, you may always send your child’s uniform with them as a back-up.

Some basic guidelines for these days:

- No tank tops although at times sleeveless may be appropriate for girls.
- No jerseys (or items with over-large arm holes) unless a shirt is worn underneath.
- No bare/exposed midriff (either via hole or short shirt) or exposed back.
- Athletic shorts, other than PE shorts, are almost always not part of the approved attire unless specifically stated.
- Shorts/skirts should be of an appropriate length and take into account activities of the day.
 - Note – if students will be on stage, a skirt should be longer than you may initially think given the height of the Founders Hall stage.

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – ORDERING GUIDELINES

Our uniform provider is Lands' End (**Preferred School No. 9001-2383-7**). Toll free 1-800-469-2222 or www.landsend.com/school

Parents are encouraged to order uniforms prior to August to ensure availability and delivery prior to the start of school. Certain uniform items are required to be ordered through the uniform provider. Note that Sears at Crabtree Valley Mall has a Lands' End section where returns can be made for FREE. Lands' End always offers FREE shipping on orders of \$50 or more. Periodic sales and FREE logo promotions are shared with Trinity families via Tiger Tales. We encourage you to sign up for notifications directly from Lands' End so you don't miss promotions. PATT offers SCRIP cards for Lands' End that can be used to purchase uniforms.

There are many items that may be purchased from Lands' End. However, only **the ones listed here MUST be purchased from Lands' End** as part of the Lower School dress code.

Please note: this page is to help with ordering correct items but does not list which items are optional/required or which items are only allowed worn during certain months. That information is found under the guidelines for each grade level.

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TK-2nd Grade Boys:

Description from Lands' End	Color	Logo Required
Mesh or Interlock_Polo (short or long sleeve)	White, Maize	Yes
Drifter Sweater Vest	Maize	Yes

TK-2nd Grade Girls:

Uniform Girl's Plaid Jumper	White Plaid	No
Peter Pan Plain Collar Blouse (short or long sleeve, knit or woven)	White	No
Peter Pan Ruffle Collar Blouse (short or long sleeve, knit or woven)	White	No
Fine Gauge Cardigan	Classic Navy	Yes
Short-sleeve Polo Dress	Classic Navy	Yes

3rd-5th Grade Boys: All items from TK-2nd Grade Boys plus

Mesh or Interlock_Polo (short or long sleeve)	White, Maize, Evergreen	Yes
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3rd-5th Grade Girls:

Mesh or Interlock_Polo (short or long sleeve) (regular or feminine cut)	White, Maize, Evergreen	Yes
A-line Skirt	White Plaid	No
Pleated Skirt	White Plaid	No
Fine Gauge Cardigan	Classic Navy	Yes
Khaki Pants	Khaki	No

Available to all grade levels, Boys & Girls:

Athletic Jacket, Athletic Pant, Athletic Shorts (Boy athletic shorts only for both girls and boys)	Dark Navy	Yes, to all
Fleece jacket (full zip)	Classic Navy	Yes
Microfleece Half-zip	Classic Navy	Yes