TACA Dress Code (2026 - 2027)

Student dress should ensure a neutral environment that is conducive to learning and protective of the educational process. We encourage students to dress appropriately and wear clothing that is not disruptive. Clothing should not violate the health, safety, or decency aspects of the school operation and should not interfere with classroom procedures.

It is at the discretion of the administration and/or faculty as to what is appropriate for the learning environment. This includes whether garments are inappropriately tight or revealing. Students wearing questionable attire may be asked to contact a parent (guardian) to bring appropriate clothing that meets dress code requirements. In matters of opinion, the judgment of teachers and administrators will prevail. These guidelines must be followed during any situation in which students are uniformly dressed or on dress-down days when provided an opportunity to be out of school uniforms. This includes dress-down Fridays, athletic and special events, activities, field trips, etc.

GENERAL GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

Uniform Dress

Approved school uniforms are required for all students in Kindergarten through 12th grades. Preschool students may wear uniforms if they choose but are not required. Tommy Hilfiger is our approved supplier for this upcoming school year.

- Visit globalschoolwear.com
- In the FIND YOUR SCHOOL section, please enter either your Partner School Code TENN01 or search by school name.
- Select your student's grade, gender, and program type.
- Please see the attached document with further Tommy Hilfiger information.

Schoolwear may be purchased through other suppliers as long as items are the **same style, color, and fabric as the approved wear. Uniforms do not have to be logoed, but that option is exclusively available through Tommy Hilfiger if you choose to do so.**

Uniform dress will be followed most school days (Monday – Thursday unless noted). School wear must be worn at all times during instructional days (Monday-Thursday), even under approved hoodies and zip-up jackets. The only exceptions will be every Friday for "school spirit" day, special school events, or certain field trips. These days will be determined by the school administration and will be announced in advance.

Approved school wear is not required during holiday childcare or other non-instructional days. On days where approved school wear is not required, as well as field trips and other school functions, students are to dress appropriately and wear clothing that is not disruptive or does not reflect negatively upon the school.

STUDENTS SHOULD ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR UNIFORM DRESS:

TACA Dress Code – Uniform Dress

All Uniforms:

- Should be size appropriate and of modest length and fit.
- Should have no sagging, large pockets, leg pockets, additional strings, rivets, etc. different from approved styles.
- Should cover appropriately and modestly and reveal no undergarments or undergarment lines.
- Should have no visible writing, logo, etc. other than the approved school logo.
- Should be in good repair and have no holes, rips, or tears, even if they are part of the prevailing fashion.

Shirts	Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Jackets & Hoodies
• Polos must be approved styles and fabrics that are the same as those on the approved list of styles issued at the beginning of the school year. • Polo shirts are approved only in gray, navy, or burgundy (including collar and trim). • Buttons must be either the color of the shirt, white, cream, clear, brown, rust, wood, or another color that blends into the shirt. Extra- large buttons and decorative buttons are not allowed. • Please adhere to the policy already in place that NO writing or logo is permitted except for the approved Crusader Logo. • Shirts must completely cover the belly and back areas; No part of the stomach or back is to be exposed even when the arms are raised. • All shirts worn under school polos must be solid white. • Students will be allowed to wear Crusader t-shirts, on Fridays ONLY, with approved regular bottoms.	• Any style jacket, hoodie, or sweater may be worn to school for warmth during cold weather. However, **all non-approved jackets must be removed upon arrival at school and are not allowed to be worn in the classroom during the school day.** • Students may only wear non-approved jackets during recess, class transitions, or other times when being outside. • Approved jackets are not required, but we strongly recommend purchasing an approved jacket or hoodie. Classroom temperatures may vary, and many students are more comfortable when they can wear a light jacket in class. • Approved logo wear hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts with the Crusader logo or others sold through the Academy sports teams, etc. are allowed to be worn in the classroom during the school day. • Plain sweatshirts, hoodies, and sweatshirt style zip-up jackets in a single, solid color including hood, trim, sleeves, etc. in **approved styles, colors, and fabrics that are the same as those on the approved list of styles issued at the beginning of the school year** are also allowed. • Sweatshirts and hoodies must completely cover the belly and back areas; No part of the stomach or back is to be exposed even when the arms are raised. • Polo shirts must be worn under all hoodies, jackets, etc. • Some sweaters are approved in limited styles and colors. Please see the approved list on the Tommy Hilfiger website. • Large, bulky outerwear items are not to be worn in the classroom. Students should remove these upon arrival and place them in the lockers, cubbies, or on clothing hooks provided in the classroom.

Pants & Capris	Shorts	Dresses, Jumpers, & Skirts
• Pants are approved for boys and girls and must be either khaki, navy, or gray in **approved styles and fabrics that are the same as those on the approved list of styles issued at the beginning of the school year.** Neither knit, jean material, skinny jeans/pants, or jeggings are allowed. There can be no additional pockets, rivets, strings, etc. on the pants or shorts. • Khaki, navy, or gray cargo pants are approved for boys. • Some khaki, navy, or gray capris styles are approved for girls. • All must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate. • ***Leggings, yoga pants, or other tight-fitting pants are ONLY permitted when worn under a skirt or dress of appropriate length.***	• Shorts are approved in khaki, navy, or gray for both boys and girls in **approved styles and fabrics that are the same as those on the approved list of styles issued at the beginning of the school year.** Neither knit, jean material, skinny jeans/pants, or jeggings are allowed. There can be no additional pockets, rivets, strings, etc. on the pants or shorts. • Must not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap, when seated. A good estimate of this is no shorter than 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill) above the knee when standing. • Must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate and be of modest length and fit. • Khaki, navy, or gray cargo shorts are approved for boys.	• Skirts, jumpers, and dresses are approved for girls in either khaki, navy, gray, or our exclusive Tommy Hilfiger plaid. • Styles and colors must be **the same as those on the approved list of styles issued at the beginning of the school year.** • Must not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee cap, when seated. A good estimate of this is no shorter than 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill) above the knee when standing. ***Leggings, yoga pants, or other tight-fitting pants are ONLY permitted when worn under a skirt or dress of appropriate length.***

Hair, Hats, & Accessories	Shoes	Gym Wear
• No unnatural hair colorings (pink, green, blue, purple, etc.) or styles except on special theme or spirit days. No hair tinsel or hair feathers are allowed. Certain hairstyles or lengths may not be allowed and the Administrative decision regarding those must be followed.	• Shoes must be worn at all times. • No house shoes or slippers are allowed. • No light up shoes are allowed.	• **Kindergarten-5th Grades –** Gym wear is available, but not required and may be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger only. • Approved gym wear may only be worn on scheduled gym days. This includes athletic suits, gym shorts, short sleeve, and long sleeve t-shirts, etc. Class t-shirts cannot be worn as gym wear. Please see the Tommy Hilfiger site for approved gym wear.

Hair, Hats, & Accessories	Shoes	Gym Wear
• No head coverings are permitted for boys or girls. This includes, but is not limited to, hats, toboggans, full head scarves, sweatbands, stockings, do-rags, bandanas, hoods, etc. • No sunglasses may be worn or be visible at any time during the school day. • Accessories should not bear the name or symbols of secular music groups, contain depictions of drug, alcohol, or tobacco products, profane, vulgar, violent, illegal, immoral topics or innuendoes, or other depictions of movies, TV shows, books, etc. that are not appropriate for students in a Christian learning environment. • Only items intended for warmth during cold weather are allowed but should be removed upon arrival to school.	• **Kindergarten – 4th Grades** For safety purposes, no open-toe and/or open-back shoes are allowed for students in Kindergarten through 4th grades. Shoe styles include, but are not limited to flip-flops, sandals, etc. Crocs and similar style shoes are acceptable, provided students wear the strap across the heel of the foot for security. Tennis shoes are required for scheduled PE days. • **Fifth – Twelfth Grades** Students in 5th-12th grades have the privilege to wear open-toe and/or open- back shoes. Shoes must be worn at all times, for safety purposes. Tennis shoes are required for scheduled PE days.	• Approved gym wear may only be worn on scheduled gym days. This includes athletic suits, gym shorts, short sleeve, and long sleeve t-shirts, etc. Class t-shirts cannot be worn as gym wear. Please see the Tommy Hilfiger site for approved gym wear. • Pants/shorts/skorts and tennis shoes may be worn by students in Kindergarten – 5th grades on scheduled PE days. No dresses or skirts are allowed. • **Middle & High School** Gym wear is required for middle school students all year and high school students who are enrolled in PE classes for that semester. Gym wear may only be worn during PE class times. Middle and high school students may wear only approved gym wear purchased through Tommy Hilfiger. Parents will be responsible for ordering and receiving gym wear before the first day of school. A couple of sets of gym wear are encouraged for middle and high school students who will be participating in PE.

DRESS DOWN DAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

Dress down days will provide opportunities for students to be out of uniform. Such days include Spirit Fridays, field trips, school spirit days, classroom parties, etc. TACA spirit wear can be purchased through the Academy office. Students should follow guidelines for appropriate dress on these days. Repeated violations of the dress code may result in loss of privileges for dress-down days.

These guidelines must be followed during any situation in which students are provided an opportunity to be out of school uniforms. This includes athletic and special events, activities, field trips, dress-down days, etc. Please note the following are guidelines and are not all-inclusive. In matters of opinion, the judgment of teachers and administrators will prevail.

TACA Dress Code – Dress Down Days

General Guidelines for All Clothing & Accessories

- Should be size appropriate and of modest length and fit.
- Should cover appropriately and modestly and reveal no undergarments or undergarment lines.
- Should be in good repair and have no holes, rips, or tears, even if they are part of the prevailing fashion.
- Should not bear the name or symbols of secular music groups, contain depictions of drug, alcohol, or tobacco products, profane, vulgar, violent, illegal, immoral topics or innuendoes, or other depictions of movies, TV shows, books, etc. that are not appropriate for students in a Christian learning environment.
- No unnatural hair colorings (pink, green, blue, purple, etc.) or styles except on special theme or spirit days.
- No hair tinsel or hair feathers are allowed. Certain hairstyles or lengths may not be allowed and the Administrative decision regarding those must be followed.
- Girls shall not be allowed to wear excessive make-up, such as dark eye make-up, black lipstick, or other types of make-up that is dark in color or excessive. Boys shall not be allowed to wear make-up of any nature.
- No exposed tattoos – permanent or temporary.
- No body piercings other than earlobes for girls. No earrings or any other body piercings are allowed for boys. No gauges for boys or girls.
- Accessories (bracelets, other jewelry, socks, etc.) must not be a distraction to a student or those around them.
- No sunglasses may be worn or be visible at any time during the school day.
- No head coverings are permitted for boys or girls. This includes, but is not limited to, hats, toboggans, full head scarves, sweatbands, stockings, do-rags, bandanas, hoods, etc.
- Only items intended for warmth during cold weather are allowed but should be removed upon arrival to school.

Shirts	Jeans, Pants & Capris	Shorts
• All shirts and tops must have sleeves. • Button-up shirts/blouses may be open only at the neck unless worn over a shirt that meets the dress code. • Muscle shirts, sleeveless tops, loose-fitting tank tops, midriff shirts, halter tops, tube tops, or spaghetti strap tops are not appropriate. • Low-cut, backless, or strapless shirts or blouses are not allowed. • Sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn, but the hood may not be worn in school buildings.	• Jeans and other casual pants are allowed on dress-down days. • Must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate and be of modest length and fit. • No pajamas, lounge pants, or other sleepwear are allowed. • Leggings may **NOT** be worn as pants. • Leggings are **ONLY** permitted when worn underneath a skirt of appropriate length. **Yoga pants, athletic wear (including but not limited to leggings, workout, running, compression pants, capris, or shorts), jeggings, or any other style of tight-fitting garments will NOT be allowed.**	• Jean shorts and other casual shorts are allowed on dress-down days. • Shorts must not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap when seated. A good estimate of this is no shorter than 2 ½ inches • (width of a dollar bill) above the knee when standing. • Must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate and be of modest length and fit.
Shoes	**Dresses, Skirts, & Jumpers**	**Jackets**
• Shoes must be worn at all times. • No house shoes or slippers are allowed. **Kindergarten – 4th Grades** • For safety purposes, no open-toe and/or open-back shoes are allowed for students in Kindergarten through 4th grades. Shoe styles include, but are not limited to flip-flops, sandals, etc. Crocs and similar style shoes are acceptable, provided students wear the strap across the heel of the foot for security. Tennis shoes or other shoes with a non-marking sole are required for scheduled PE days. **Fifth – Twelfth Grades** Students in 5th-12th grades have the privilege to wear open-toe and/or open-back shoes. Shoes must be worn at all times for safety purposes. Tennis shoes or other shoes with a non- marking sole are required for scheduled PE days.	• Low-cut, backless, or strapless dresses are not allowed. • Dresses, skirts, and jumpers must not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap when seated. A good estimate of this is no shorter than 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill) above the knee when standing. • Must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate and be of modest length and fit.	• Any style jacket may be worn to school or during the school day provided • it meets the above clothing guidelines. • Large, bulky outerwear items are not to be worn in the classroom. Students should remove these upon arrival and • place them in the lockers, or on clothing hooks provided in the classroom.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Elementary School
The teacher will discretely bring it to the student's attention and ask the student not to wear the garment again and make a note of the infraction. If the violation is extreme, the student will be sent to the office. Parents will also be notified of the infraction. Repeated offenses of dress code violation may result in a conference, disciplinary action, or loss of dress-down privileges depending on the infraction.

Middle School
When a student violates any part of the dress code policy, violations must be corrected before a student is permitted to return to the classroom and parents may be contacted to bring appropriate attire to the school. Repeated offenses will result in After-School Detention or other disciplinary measures.

- First offense: The teacher will discretely bring it to the student's attention and ask the student not to wear the garment again and make a note of the infraction. If the violation is extreme, the student will be sent to the office. Parents will also be notified of the infraction.
- Second/Subsequent offenses: First offense requirements, plus After School Detention, issuance of a Demerit, or other disciplinary action.
- Additionally, any student with four or more dress code violations must report to the designated person each day upon arrival at school for a "dress code check" for the remainder of the semester. Students will continue to be responsible for arriving to class before the tardy bell.

High School
- First offense: The student will receive a dress code violation slip that must be signed by the parent. Detention will also be issued. If the infraction is extreme, a parent or guardian may be contacted to bring appropriate attire.
- Second/Subsequent offenses: First offense requirements, plus one demerit will be issued for each offense.
- Additionally, any student with four or more dress code violations must report to the designated person each day upon arrival at school for a "dress code check" for the remainder of the semester. Students will continue to be responsible for arriving to class before the tardy bell.

Girl's Daily Uniform Tops







Boy's Daily Uniform Tops





Girl's Daily Uniform Bottoms







Boy's Daily Uniform Bottoms





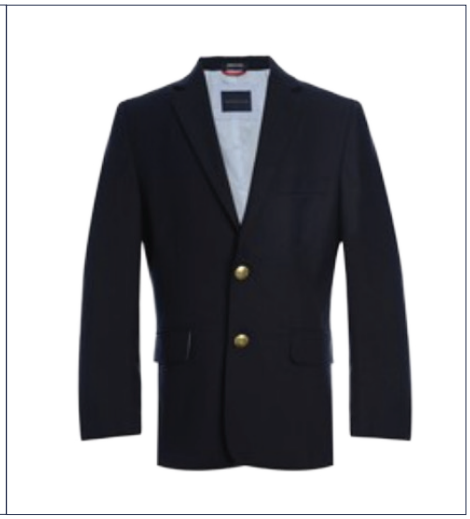
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