

SCHOOL UNIFORM 25-26

FORMAL (Tuesday Chapel)

	MEN	LADIES
Pants/Skirts	tan dress pant	lands' end houndstooth jumper/skirt
Shirts	navy SS logo polo	navy SS logo polo
Sweaters	navy sweater or cardigan	navy sweater or cardigan
Socks	tan crew socks	navy or white ankle or navy knee high
Shoes	brown dress shoes	brown or black dress shoes

Formal Clarifications:

1. Dress pants may not be cargo or jogger style.
2. Jumpers are worn by PreK-4th and skirts are for 5th-12th. Skirts and jumpers should always be worn with either a modesty short, tights, or leggings, and skirts should not be more than 1" above the knee.
3. Shirts are to be tucked in. A brown leather belt is recommended but not required.
4. Sweaters may be crewneck, V-neck or cardigan (with or without the TOCS logo), but will always be removed for presentations (Recitation, Grandparents' Day, etc.). They should be solid with no embellishments or embroidery (other than TOCS logo).
5. Socks are not required for ladies in 5th - 12th.
6. Shoes should be closed-toe, leather or leather-like and not made of cloth. Ankle booties with heel 1" or less are permitted for girls.

CASUAL (M, W, Th, or F)

	MEN	LADIES
Pants/Skirts	dark-wash jeans, navy or tan pant	dark-wash jeans, navy or tan pant, skirt, or jumper
Shirts	logo polo or t-shirt	logo polo or t-shirt
Sweaters	navy sweater or logo outerwear	navy sweater or logo outerwear
Shoes	non-distracting shoes	non-distracting shoes

General Clarifications:

1. Formal uniform pieces may be worn any day of the week.
2. Pants and shorts may be tan or navy. Shorts (boys only) are permitted Aug.-Oct. and April-May.
3. Jeans should have no holes, tears, frays, embellishments or factory fading.
4. Skirts or jumpers may be tan or navy and must be no more than 1" above the knee for 5th-12th or longer.
5. All shirts must have the TOCS logo and may be short sleeve or long sleeve. T-shirts are available in navy or gray and available at Parlor City Trophy & Apparel. Plain white undershirts may be worn under uniform shirts (visible only at neck).
6. Logo outerwear is available through Parlor City Trophy & Apparel.
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7. Shoes may not be light-up, high heel, flip flops, or otherwise distracting.

Physical Education

1. Students in 1st – 6th grade will need gym shoes only for PE. Students will otherwise remain in their uniform.
2. The uniform for secondary boys and girls PE is a standard uniform T-shirt, modest (mid-thigh) navy or gray shorts (plain with no writing, brand logos must be small), athletic socks, and non-marking running shoes. Girls need a sports bra. During cold or inclement weather, students may wear weather-appropriate non-uniform outerwear, hats, and gloves.

Personal Grooming

1. Hair should be neatly groomed, out of the eyes, and not dyed any unnatural color.
2. Conservative make-up may be worn by girls in 7th – 12th grades.
3. Jewelry should be minimal, simple, and non-distracting.
4. Hair accessories should be simple, match the uniform (gold, navy, black, white) and not excessive (e.g. large bows, headbands wider than 2").

5. No visible tattoos, ear gauges or body piercings (other than earrings on girls).
6. All other accessories are to be non-distracting.
7. We hold the conviction that genders, male and female as created by God, should remain distinct and separate in appearance; and one's appearance should not conform to worldly styles that would compromise one's Christian reputation. Therefore, students are expected to appear in accordance with their God-given biological sex. (Gen. 1:27, Gen. 5:2, Deut. 22:5, 1 Cor. 11, Rom. 12:2)


SCHOOL UNIFORM RATIONALE

Our development of a uniform policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process based on the following principles:

1. All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart at some level. It is our desire to address these heart issues in one uniform policy rather than seeking to anticipate and curb the numerous manifestations of it that surface throughout the year with a looser dress code.
2. Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the uniform policy is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students. The neat appearance created by a uniform enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
3. Uniforms help engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are in uniform, it communicates, aesthetically, that they are part of the same team, working toward the same goals. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence, and the code establishes a tradition toward that end.
4. The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues.
5. The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

Students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, and staff. If a student comes to school out of uniform five times in a year, it will result in an office visit.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I wear Tuesday formal uniform items on other days of the week? **Absolutely! All Tuesday uniform items are approved for other days of the week.**
2. Are boys required to tuck in their shirts? **Yes, on Tuesdays, boys' shirts must be tucked in.**
3. Can I wear a hat to school? **No, hats and bandanas are not approved school wear.**
4. Can I wear sandals or open-toed shoes? **On Tuesdays, sandals and open-toed footwear are not permitted; however, they are acceptable the other days of the week.**
5. Can I wear the previous year's chapel skirt, jumper, or logo polo? **The previous year's plaid chapel skirts and jumpers are permitted as long as they are max 1" above the knee (5th-12th), as well as polos and sweaters.**
6. What type of dress bootie is acceptable on Tuesday? **A dress bootie with 1" heel or less in a solid leather brown or black is acceptable. A bootie is ankle height with no laces.**

7. How do I know if my jeans are dark enough? **Please refer to the uniform policy picture guide for clarification. When purchasing jeans, it is helpful to search for a color referred to as "dark-wash" or "dark rinse".**
8. What is the allowed outerwear for chapel? **Solid navy sweaters are permitted on Formal uniform days, but all outerwear will be removed for Presentations (Recitation, Donor Chapel, etc.)**
9. Are the secondary and elementary uniform policies the same? **Yes, with the exception of 2 small differences. Girls in grades 5-12 wear a skirt (instead of the jumper for PreK-4th) and are not required to wear a sock with their dress shoes.**
10. Is my student permitted to wear a long sleeve shirt under their polo? **No. The only shirts permitted are TOCS logo tops (polo, tee, outerwear). Students are permitted to wear a white undershirt under their uniform shirt.**
11. Can my daughter wear navy panty hose? **No. Pantyhose are generally more sheer than tights. Approved tights and leggings are opaque (non-transparent).**
12. Is my student allowed to wear flip-flops? **No. Because of safety at recess, flip flops are not permitted.**
13. Can my daughter wear shorts? **No. Girls may wear a jumper, skirt, or skort. Shorts are not approved school wear for girls.**
14. Is the long-sleeve logo polo approved for Tuesdays? **No. The short-sleeve logo polo is required for Tuesdays. The long-sleeve logo polos are approved for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.**
15. If my student wears a logo sweater on Tuesday, does he/she need to wear the polo underneath? **Yes. The short sleeve logo polo is required whether a sweater is worn or not.**
16. Is it okay for my daughter to wear a skirt longer than knee length on casual days? **Yes, the maximum length is 1" above the knee for all skirts, but a solid navy or tan skirt longer than knee length (ex. Maxi or midi) is also permitted on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.**