



## TCA Dress Code

Dress codes are proven to benefit a student's learning and experience at school. Attention to the following requirements will help avoid frustration. The administration interprets the dress code and determines the appropriateness of attire in its style and neatness.

The dress code is worn at all times at school during school hours with the exception of non-uniform days. Students should come to school wearing their uniform and ordinarily will leave also in uniform. Violations to the dress code will first be addressed with a written or verbal warning. Subsequent violations will require a parent to bring appropriate clothing to the school.

Dennis Uniform is our supplier for dress code items. Certain specified articles of clothing listed below may be purchased locally or through another supplier, but they must be identical in color and style to those sold by Dennis Uniform. Uniforms can be ordered through an order form available in the office or through our online store at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com). Our school code is **GTCGV**.

### Pants

Pants are Navy Blue or Tan. They can be polyester, cotton, or twill. Navy pants may be purchased through other suppliers, however the tan pants must be purchased through Dennis Uniform. Please note that pants not purchased at Dennis still must be in the uniform style. Specifically, pants may not be form fitting. No knit or stretch pants are allowed. No blue jeans or jeans-style pants allowed.

### Belts

Belts must be worn with pants or shorts that have belt loops. Belts must be plain and in the color of black, brown, or navy. Belts may be purchased from Dennis or a different supplier.

### Shorts

All shorts must be purchased through the TCA store at Dennis Uniform. They must be either navy or tan and be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shorts are optional, but may only be worn between April 1st and October 31st. The same guidelines listed above for pants apply to shorts.

### Socks

Socks must be white, black or navy in color. Girls may wear white, gray, or navy knee-highs or tights. Socks must be visible and worn at all times. "No-show" or wide-striped socks are not allowed. Discrete logos are allowed. Socks may be purchased from Dennis or a different supplier.

### Sweatshirts/Fleeces/Sweaters

Sweatshirts, fleeces, and sweaters may only be purchased through the TCA store at Dennis Uniform. There are two fleece options offered through Dennis Uniform. Oxfords, polos, turtlenecks, or blouses must be worn underneath. Hoodies or non-uniform sweatshirts (even if they are ordered for a TCA athletic team) are not to be worn in the classroom.

### Shirts

Polo shirts may be long or short sleeved in white, gray, or navy. Gray or navy shirts must be ordered from Dennis Uniform. White polos, oxfords, and turtlenecks in the standard style can be worn and purchased from Dennis or from another supplier. Girls can wear white blouses with the Peter Pan collar, without lace. **Note: powder blue and wine polos are no longer available, but may still be worn.**

### Girls' Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts

Jumpers (shifts) are worn for grades K through 5 in the Grant Plaid. Skirts are worn grades 4 through 8 in the Grant Plaid. Skorts are worn for all grades in navy or the Grant Plaid (junior high girls may also wear the Khaki skorts). All must be purchased through Dennis Uniform's TCA online store. Hemlines must fall not shorter than two inches above the knee. **Note: Dunbar Plaid items are no longer available, but may still be worn.**

## Shoes

Standard style shoes, or clean athletic shoes, must be worn. Shoes must be brown, black, navy, gray, or white, or a combination of brown, black, navy, gray, and white. Silver or gray accents on shoes are allowed, however, no other colors will be allowed on shoes or shoelaces. Shoes must not have any glow in the dark features, light-up/flashing, glitter, sequins, embellishments, metallic emblems, nor contain loud patterns. Shoes are meant to have a subtle look, of which the administration will have the final say. No backless shoes, sandals, flip flops, heels, platforms, slippers, clogs, boots, or crocs may be worn. Students who wear snow boots must also bring shoes to wear in the classroom. Shoes with laces must be tied at all times. Shoes worn for gym must be non-marking.

## Neck Ties

Boys in junior high may wear navy Dennis Uniform ties with a white oxford shirt. This is especially appropriate for Mass Days or special occasions.

## Jewelry/Watches

No distracting jewelry or dangling earrings. Earrings may be no larger than the size of a dime. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Watches must not be distracting in size or functionality. Smart watches must be powered down and stored in the locker. Students will be asked to remove any jewelry that interferes with P.E., safety at recess, or academics.

## Make-up

None. Nail polish must be clear.

## Hair

Hair should be neat and clean, out of eyes, and well groomed. Boys' hair must be no longer than the top of the collar and above the eyebrows and ears. No unusual or outrageous hairstyles/colors. (Example: hair engravings, tails, etc.)

## Non-Uniform Days

For a special reason, the Principal may announce a non-uniform day. On such a day, students will still dress modestly and in good taste. Attire will be neat, clean, opaque, and will cover the individual at least from shoulder to knee. Torn, faded or cut-off pants are not to be worn. Bare midriffs, mini skirts/shorts, tank tops, t-shirts with inappropriate sayings, spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts are not be permitted.

## General notes for all students:

Any labels appearing on the outside of pants or shirts are strongly discouraged. Clothing should be size appropriate: no oversized, baggy pants, sweaters, shirts. Any garment worn under the school uniform must not show with the exception of the collar of a white t-shirt. Warm-ups and athletic attire may not be worn in the classroom on uniform days.