

3.Uniform Policy

3.1 Rationale

At Tallahassee Classical, scholars wear uniforms to foster a sense of community and school pride, eliminate distractions, to diminish economic and social indicators, and as a reminder that the community of TCS is doing important work.

The spirit of the uniform policy is that scholars will dress and groom themselves in a manner that is traditional, not obstructive, and not distracting.

Scholars will dress according to the mandatory and optional items listed on the board approved uniform policy for boys and girls, respectively, plus the following series of directives. All uniform criteria are listed on the Tallahassee Classical website.

3.2 Uniform Requirements by Grade

Grammar School (K-5):

- Green or blue polo shirt with TCS logo
- Khaki or navy-blue bottoms – pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts
- Polo dress (K-2 only) and jumper or skirts/skorts from the TCS Uniform website are approved for girls. A white button-down shirt may be worn with the jumper or a skirt.
- Forest green or navy-blue TCS logo sweaters and jackets if needed

Logic School (6-8):

- Green or blue polo shirt with TCS logo
- Khaki or navy-blue shorts or pants
- Skirts from the TCS Uniform website are approved for girls.
- Forest green or navy-blue TCS logo sweaters and jackets if needed
- *Formal Day Uniform*

Scholars must wear a white or blue Oxford shirt (collared and buttons all the way down)

Rhetoric School (9-12):

- *Daily Uniform*

White or Light Blue Oxford shirts with TCS logo

- Khaki or navy blue pants or shorts
- Skirts from the TCS Uniform website are approved for girls

· *Formal Day Uniform*

Includes the above daily uniform plus the following:

Navy blue cross tie for girls and plaid tie for boys

- Navy blue blazer with TCS logo

High School Physical Education:

- Forest green or navy-blue fingertip length shorts or pants and gray shirts with TCS logo must be worn. Proper athletic shoes and socks are also required.

Spirit Wear and Dress Down Days:

Tallahassee Classical will host occasional sporadic Spirit Days and House Group Days on Early Release Fridays (the last Friday of every month). Scholars will be allowed to wear a TCS spirit shirt, House shirt or a patriotic shirt and jean or athletic shorts that are at least fingertip length or pants. Jeans must not have rips or holes. Shoes will still need to follow the dress code policy. Dress Down Days may be held for special occasions and scholars must wear appropriate clothing that adheres to the Leon County dress code.

3.3 Requirements for All Grades

All scholars must always be in uniform (unless approved by administration). No other clothing other than uniform tops and bottoms is permitted. No outside tops, jeans, bottoms, or outerwear are permitted in the building.

All uniform items must be purchased from the French Toast Uniform Company. Land's End items will be grandfathered in for the life of the garment (must be in good condition, not tears, stains or discoloration). If the item is shown for your scholar's grade level, it is grade appropriate for the scholar.

- All shirts must always be tucked in. All girls' and boys' polo shirts may have the top button unbuttoned. All other buttons must be buttoned.
- Navy blue or white crew-length socks or stockings. Socks must be worn every day, no matter the type of shoe.
- Solid black, gray, navy, forest green or white leggings may be worn under dresses and skirts in cold weather.

- Solid black, navy, forest green, or white long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirts in cold weather.
- A solid-colored black or brown belt must be worn with pants or shorts (Kindergarten excluded).
- Skorts/skirts/dresses and shorts must be at least fingertip length and pants must not be too tight. Blue or black shorts should be worn under all skirts and dresses for Grammar School scholars.
- Shoes may be a combination of the following colors: black, brown, white, navy blue or forest green. Shoes may have one accent color that is not listed above. Refer to the uniform board on the website for examples.
- No boots of any length may be worn.

3.4 Rules and Expectations

- Scholars may use any backpack and lunchbox if it is clean and tasteful. Please write the scholar's name inside the backpack and lunch box as well as on their water bottle.
- Scholars may wear their own outerwear (coats, sweaters) outside of the school building and on the playground. If they are cold in the classroom, they must wear one of the long sleeve uniform items, or one of the uniform outerwear items.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and styled traditionally. Only natural colors are allowed. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and style (no feathers or threads, bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright colors, no artificial jet black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Boys' hair must be out of their face and not covering their eyes. Their hair must be a length that is appropriate for school. No facial hair is allowed. Girls' hair must be out of their face and not covering their eyes. Girls may wear neat bows, barrettes, headbands, and "scrunchies" are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform (white, navy blue, forest green, gold, black, or light blue). No kitty cat, unicorn or other character headbands will be permitted.
- Modest jewelry is allowed, including a watch (no smart watches) or one small necklace, limited in length to the neckline so that it will not get caught on anything and become a hazard. Choker necklaces are not permitted. Watches and bracelets should be limited to two per arm to prevent distractions. An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e., chains or collars). Girls may

wear two earrings per ear on the earlobe. No stretched piercings (gauge) or holes may be visible. Boys will not be permitted to wear earrings. If jewelry becomes a safety hazard or overly distracting the scholar will be asked to remove it.

- Tattoos must always be covered.
- Makeup must look natural and is not permitted in grades K-4.
- No hats or sunglasses permitted in class. Hats include visors and bandanas. Religious headdress is permitted.
- Good personal hygiene is always required. This includes wearing neat, clean clothing. Strong/offensive body odors or excessive use of perfumes or cologne are inappropriate. Scholars in middle and high school must wear deodorant.
- Should a scholar require reasonable uniform alterations based on religion, disability, or medical condition, please contact administration.
- All items should be labeled with the scholar's first and last name.
- Lost and Found- It is the scholar's/parent's responsibility to search for items in the Lost and Found. An appointment must be made with the receptionist to search the lost and found. Appointments are available Monday- Friday at 3:30. These items are donated monthly.

3.5 Dress Code Violation Policy

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to enforce the uniform policy with their own scholar(s). If scholars arrive and are not dressed properly then the faculty and administration will handle all violations. All interpretations of this policy are left to the discretion of the administration. Scholars not in uniform will sit in the front office until a parent brings them the proper uniform item(s). If a scholar violates the uniform and dress code requirements in an egregious or obscene way (indecent exposure, for instance), they will be subject to severe disciplinary repercussions, up to and including suspension or option to withdraw from TCS to enroll in the scholar's zoned school, and/or recommendation for expulsion to Leon County Schools.