

Dress Code

The Board of Directors of The Classical Academy has established the following policy: Student uniforms are an essential distinctive of the TCA academic culture, and wearing uniforms impacts the school positively by:

1. fostering a distinct and positive “TCA Appearance.”
2. decreasing distractions.
3. increasing wardrobe equity.
4. supporting easy identification of visitors or strangers.

Uniforms are mandatory for all TCA students. Wearing uniforms is intended to promote safety, improve discipline, and enhance the overall learning environment. Proper wear of the uniform also shows pride in oneself and in TCA. Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day.

Uniforms must be worn during detention and on field trips unless the administration approves otherwise. Uniforms are not required for any evening or weekend activities unless specified by the administration or the activity supervisor.

Uniform items can still be purchased via the official TCA uniform store/vendor, and Dennis Uniform can be found in the same location as the previous Rosebuds Learning Apparel.

Parent and Staff Responsibilities - Uniform

Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their students arrive at school in the proper uniform. Within the school, the uniform dress code will be enforced by the classroom teachers, other staff members, and TCA administrators who will make final decisions regarding uniform/appearance issues. Cheerful, consistent compliance with the uniform policy by all students is expected.

Consequences for Uniform Violations

Uniform violations may be documented. After a warning has been given, a detention may be assigned for uniform violations. If a student violates the uniform policy in a manner that cannot be immediately corrected, the student may be asked to call her/his parent or guardian to bring appropriate clothing item(s) which will allow the student to comply with uniform policies. The student may be asked to remain in the school office until appropriate attire is brought.

Policy Directive Approved: TCA Board

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Uniform Wear Guidance

Students must present a neat appearance. Uniforms are to be of an appropriate size/fit, they must be modest, and should be worn as intended by the policy. A student can be out of compliance for wearing non-approved items, or by wearing approved items in a manner that is sloppy, immodest or otherwise inappropriate. Appearance that is so conspicuous, extreme, distracting, immodest, profane, disrespectful, or odd in color or style that it would draw undue attention from an outside visitor shall not be allowed.

College Pathways students who attend PPCC courses may wear modest clothing appropriate to the setting. While students who attend PPCC classes are not required to wear a uniform as such, College Pathways expects the spirit and intention of the uniform to prevail in clothing choices at all times. Modest khaki slacks and simple polo shirts are examples of appropriate clothing selections that support the atmosphere of learning for College Pathways. When on the TCA East campus for College Pathways classes, college students must be in TCA uniform.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

Pants/shorts/skirts should not have any visible logos, be too tight or overly loose, have cargo pockets, or have any holes. They should be of traditional solid conservative color (navy, khaki, brown, black, or grey). With the exception of jeans allowed on Denim Week, denim may not be worn. The length of shorts will not be shorter than six inches above the middle of the knee, and the length of skirts/dresses will not be shorter than four inches above the middle of the knee.

Shirts

Shirts must be polo or Oxford dress style, they should not have any visible logos, be too tight or overly loose, or have any holes. Shirts should be a solid color that is not excessively bright, distracting, or stand out so as to draw undue attention. During the school day, shirts must be tucked in to a standard of neatness and modesty. In lieu of tucking, girls may layer their shirts.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Jackets

Sweaters must be a solid color that is not excessively bright, distracting, or stand out, they should not have any visible logos, and must be free of holes. Sweatshirts (hooded or not) and jackets with TCA-approved logos may be worn (including athletic team and co-curricular groups). Shirts worn under sweaters and sweatshirts must be tucked. Student club and other student group sweatshirts or jackets are not permitted and no other outerwear is allowed during the school day. Under extreme and rare weather conditions, winter coats/jackets may be worn between the main building and the portables.

Neckties/Belts

Neckties worn with oxford dress shirts are optional. If worn, they must be of standard length and properly tied. Ties must be of coordinating colors and in good taste. Belts must be worn, and may not have spikes or metal protrusions, and must be of coordinating colors and in good taste. Buckles must be plain and not overly large.

Footwear

Footwear must be worn at all times, and should be neat, clean, and appropriate to an educational environment. Footwear colors must not be overly bright or distracting, and if socks or tights are worn, they must be a solid color without pattern. For safety reasons, footwear cannot have spiked heels or heels that are greater than 2 inches in height. Shower/beach/athletic sandals and/or flip flops are not allowed.

Hair and Accessories

All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns, and beards in a clean, well-groomed manner. Hairstyles must be a single natural color (natural colored highlights are acceptable), and cannot be so conspicuous, extreme, or odd in color or style (e.g. mohawks, faux-hawks, striped, etc.) that they distract from the classroom environment. If bangs are worn, they must be above the eyes in front. No hats, baseball caps, or scarves may be worn during the school day.

Length of boys' hair will be maintained as follows: Hair will be no longer than the bottom of the ears on the sides. Hair in back will be no longer than the bottom of the collar.

Jewelry/Piercing/Tattoos

All jewelry must be conservative, non-offensive, and not draw undue attention from an outside visitor. Girls are allowed two earrings and one cartilage ring/stud in each ear. No other visible piercing is allowed for girls, and no visible piercings are allowed for boys. Visible tattoos are prohibited for all students.

PE Classes

Approved T-shirts, shorts and footwear are required. The following are approved:

- An official Titan's PE shirt from Dennis Uniform, an approved TCA activity/sport t-shirt or any plain colored T-shirt.
- Any plain P.E. shorts or official Titan's P.E. shorts from Dennis Uniform. (P.E. shorts will be no shorter than four inches above the middle of the knee.
- Any plain color sweats, sweat shirts or hoodies.
- socks
- clean athletic shoes

Special Dress Days

On rare occasion, student dress will be allowed to deviate from the above standards during specially designated dress days – see below. On these days student dress should stay within the general guidelines of modesty, fit, neatness, non-distracting, and non-offensive.

Denim Week Guidelines (Second Week of Each Month)

College Pathways will designate one week of each month as Denim Week.

Exact dates when students can wear denim clothing will be posted on the CP Bulletin Board and communicated via the College Pathways Newsletter.

All denim must be blue or black. Students may always wear an approved uniform instead of denim items.

Pants: Blue or black denim jeans or blue denim shorts.

Pant Styles Not Allowed: Excessively tight or baggy jeans, jeans with holes or frayed hems, Cargos or Carpenters.

Skirts/Dresses: Blue or black denim skirts/dresses may be worn on Denim Days. As with uniform skirts, the hemline must not be shorter than three inches above the knee.

Shirts: Students will wear a uniform approved shirt with their jeans. Students may also wear denim shirts, denim vests (over another shirt), or denim jackets. Shirts must be tucked in according to the uniform policy. Belts must be worn in belt loops.

Sleeveless or frayed shirts/jackets are not allowed.

Casual Days

On designated casual days students may wear any appropriate garment that is modest, non-offensive, without holes, and is appropriate for our school environment. Hats may be worn at the discretion of individual classroom teachers.

Dress-Up Days

On designated dress up days (typically involving sports or activities contests/performances), students may dress up (not down) from typical uniform standards. Note: Denim is never considered dressing up.

Boys - Dressing up would include the following: dress slacks, dress shirts, ties, sweaters, sports coats, suits, belts, dark socks, dress shoes.

Girls - Dressing up would include the following: modest dress slacks, skirts, blouses, dresses,

suits, sweaters, belts, and dress shoes/sandals. Spaghetti straps are not allowed for girls.

Two Hour Delays

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed due to inclement weather. Since it's likely that some students may be required to shovel snow, scrape ice, push cars, etc., students may wear blue or black jeans.