



UNIFORM POLICY

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*That they may be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.*

Isaiah 61:3

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Tall Oaks is a community of believers bound together for the glory of God to carry out our stated mission. Our uniform policy is designed to reflect our unity of purpose and our equality before Christ and to remind us that we work as members of the body of Christ, rather than for our own glory. Just as military uniforms, sports uniforms and occupational uniforms indicate that the wearers represent something beyond themselves—a nation, a team, a trade, or a company—our uniforms are meant to communicate that our students are representatives of Tall Oaks Classical School and of their Lord, Jesus Christ. In this sense, wearing our uniforms well is a contribution to the community. We hope our students will learn to wear them with joy, while cherishing what they represent.

A uniform policy (as opposed to a dress code) has other advantages as well. It removes temptations to judge others based on externals, to become too focused on fashion trends, or to be covetous of the clothing of classmates. Our uniforms are of excellent quality and reasonably priced, so most parents find uniforms to be more cost-effective than maintaining wardrobes of “street clothes” for their children. Parents and teachers also appreciate the simplicity of a set uniform, because it eliminates the need for discussion or interpretation of complicated dress code rules.

There is a dress standard for every school event, whether on- or off-campus, or whether the student is participating in the event or just a spectator. If an event does not have a particular dress standard published for it, students should adhere to either the Professional Dress Guidelines or the Off-Campus Event Guidelines (below) as appropriate. For example, a student attending graduation or a sports banquet should adhere to the Professional Dress Guidelines; a student attending a basketball game or selling at a bake sale fundraiser should follow the Off-Campus Event Guidelines. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event, will not be allowed to participate in that event.

General guidelines concerning uniforms:

1. Students are required to wear only prescribed uniform items.
2. The uniform should be worn to and from school (student should be dressed before entering school). If there is need to change before leaving school, a student must request and receive permission.
3. Uniforms should be clean and kept in good condition.
4. No outerwear (coats, jackets, sweaters, hoodies, etc.) is to be worn in the building except for prescribed uniform pieces. Outerwear may be worn only when arriving or departing from the building.
5. All students will be held accountable to the following uniform policy.

Non-compliance with these standards will be recorded and dealt with by faculty and administration.

Grammar (K-5) School Uniform

| Boys | Girls |
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| <p>*Navy blue pants *Navy blue shorts (optional, Aug.-Oct. & April-May) *Navy V-neck vest *Navy V-neck, long-sleeve sweater (optional in cooler weather) *Uniform tie (for dress uniform) White polo/golf shirt White turtleneck (optional, Nov.-March) White oxford cloth, button-down collar, long-sleeve dress shirt (for dress uniform) Black smooth leather belt Black or blue crew-length socks Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black dress shoes (leather or leather-like uppers) in an oxford style that tie <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All black, low top, athletic shoes (optional)• Boys in grades K – 3 may wear shoes with Velcro fasteners. <p><u>Dress Uniform</u>: White oxford shirt with <u>long</u> sleeves, uniform tie, navy blue vest, navy blue long pants, and black dress shoes (no athletic shoes).</p> <p>*Items with an asterisk must be purchased through Flynn O’Hara.</p> | <p>*Royal & powder blue plaid jumper (drop waist style) Please note: All jumpers must touch the top of the knee cap. ** *White Peter Pan-style blouse, long sleeves (short sleeves optional) *Navy blue pants w/belt (optional in cooler weather) *Navy cardigan (optional in cooler weather) White turtleneck (optional in cooler weather) Navy blue knee socks or tights Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shoes (leather or leather-like uppers) in either lace-up oxfords or• Mary Jane style with closed toes, closed heels and flat heels (without embellishments) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All black, low top, athletic shoes (optional) <p><u>Dress Uniform</u>: Royal & powder blue plaid jumper, white Peter Pan-style blouse with <u>long</u> sleeves, black shoes, and navy blue knee socks (no tights & no athletic shoes).</p> <p>Navy blue shorts worn under the jumper are strongly recommended for young girls.</p> <p>**In order for growing girls’ jumpers to remain at the proper length throughout the year, it is recommended that girls begin the year with jumpers longer than required.</p> <p>*Items with an asterisk must be purchased through Flynn O’Hara.</p> |

Logic and Rhetoric (6-12) School Uniform

| Boys | Girls |
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| <p>*Gray trousers</p> <p>*Light blue oxford cloth, button-down collar, dress shirt (long sleeves for dress uniform, short sleeves optional for daily uniform)</p> <p>*Class tie: required to be worn daily by rhetoric students (grades 9 – 12) and only with the dress uniform by logic students (grades 6 – 8)</p> <p>*Navy V-neck vest</p> <p>*Navy V-neck, long-sleeve sweater (optional in cooler weather)</p> <p>Bowtie (Optional on Fridays) See the office to purchase the school-approved bowtie.</p> <p>Black smooth leather belt</p> <p>Black or blue crew-length socks</p> <p>Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black dress shoes (leather or leather-like uppers) in an oxford style that tie• Athletic shoes, sneakers, or sport shoes are not acceptable for grades 6 – 12. <p><u>Dress Uniform:</u> Everything as above including the vest; light blue, oxford cloth, long-sleeve shirt; and class tie</p> <p>*Items with an asterisk must be purchased through Flynn and O’Hara.</p> | <p>*Royal & powder blue plaid, knife pleated skirt Please note: All skirts must touch the top of the knee cap**.</p> <p>*Light blue oxford cloth, button-down collar, dress shirt (long sleeves for dress uniform, short sleeves optional for daily uniform)</p> <p>*Navy V-neck vest</p> <p>*Navy V-neck, long-sleeve sweater (optional in cooler weather)</p> <p>Navy blue knee socks, tights, & stockings</p> <p>Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black leather or leather-like Mary Jane style, ballet style, or oxford style shoes.• Shoes must have closed toes, closed heels, and flat heels.• Shoes must be without embellishments, such as bows, sparkles, decorative stitching, designs, or patent leather.• Athletic shoes, sneakers or sport shoes are not acceptable for grades 6 – 12. <p><u>Dress Uniform:</u> Everything as above worn with a long-sleeve shirt, vest and <i>navy blue nylon stockings</i> (not tights)</p> <p>**In order for growing girls’ skirts to remain the proper length throughout the year, it is recommended that young ladies begin the year with skirts longer than required.</p> <p>*Items with an asterisk must be purchased through Flynn and O’Hara.</p> |

P.E. Uniforms

New this year - Students in kindergarten through 8th grade* must purchase and wear the TOCS PE uniform which consists of sweatshirt and t-shirt, and sweatpants and shorts. No other shirts, shorts, jackets, or hoodies will be allowed (including spirit wear). Students must wear white, black, blue, or gray athletic socks and athletic shoes to P.E. class (no Heelys, light-up shoes, or hard-soled shoes). Properly fitting athletic shoes are essential to preventing injury. *Grammar students are to wear their P.E. uniform all day; logic and rhetoric students will change prior to P.E. class.* The P.E. uniform is to be ordered through Flynn O'Hara. A doctor's note or note from parents is required for students to be excused from P.E.

*9th - 12th grade students do not have PE class, but must purchase and wear PE t-shirts for various events and activities throughout the year, including field trips and service events.

Uniform Supply Company

Tall Oaks Classical School contracts with Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms to supply our daily, dress, and P.E. uniforms. A representative from Flynn O'Hara will be on the Tall Oaks/Red Lion campus during the summer (dates will be announced) or you may order new uniforms via their website (www.flynnohara.com), by telephone (1-800-441-4122), or at a local retail store. A full list of Flynn O'Hara stores may be found on their website or by contacting them at their toll-free telephone number. The Exton, PA store carries Tall Oaks' uniforms and will silk screen PE uniforms on site, while you wait.

General Guidelines for Student Attire and Grooming

While on school campus, all students are expected to:

- Dress neatly: All shirts tucked in, sleeves rolled down and buttoned, shoes on and tied, no holes/tears in clothes, clothing appropriately sized for the wearer, belts worn.
- Wear the uniform properly during the entire time they are on school campus, from when they arrive until they depart, even if they are on campus after school hours and have not changed into street clothes.
- Be clean, that is, recently washed, hair kempt. Unusual haircuts, color or styles that would draw undue attention to a student are not permitted.
- Have no visible tattoos (real or imitation).
- Avoid heavily scented body products in order to prevent irritation caused by allergies in others.
- Adhere to the dress standards appropriate for the event. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event, may not be allowed to participate in that event.

Boys are expected to:

- Wear their pants above the hips and hemmed to a proper length.
- Not wear jewelry (e.g., necklaces and bracelets) with the exception of a class ring and one watch.

- Keep hair off the ears, off the neck, off the collar and out of the eyes. Hair should be tapered all the way around or have a close-cut. Boys' hair may not be braided.
- Be clean shaven. (No mustaches or beards)
- Keep sideburns shorter than the bottom of the earlobe.

Girls are expected to:

- Have hair groomed neatly and may be adorned only with a plain, unembellished (no bows, flowers, designs, etc.) navy blue, black, or white scrunchie, barrette, hair beads, or headband. Girls may also wear school plaid headbands without a bow.
- Wear very little make-up, if any and no eye make-up or mascara.
- Wear only clear nail polish, if any.
- Wear their skirts to the top of the knee cap or longer, whether in uniform or not.
- Wear, at most, one set of pierced earrings in the lobes which are post style (no hoops) and do not dangle below the ear lobe. Cartilage or other piercings are not permitted to be worn during school events.
- Wear, at most, one simple necklace (not a choker).
- Wear, at most, a Tall Oaks class ring or a purity ring if special permission has been requested in advance by parents. No other rings are permitted.
- Wear, at most, one watch.
- Wear no jewelry other than that permitted above.

Casual Dress Guidelines

Occasionally, students may be given the opportunity to participate in Casual Dress day. Casual Dress day is a privilege. Each student is required to adhere to the guidelines completely. If there is any question about whether or not an article of clothing is appropriate, please contact the school office. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event, may not be allowed to participate in that event.

Girls:

- Properly fitting slacks or jeans without holes and that are not cut too low. Shorts are not permitted. Capri pants are not permitted.
- Modest skirts, dresses (not form fitting) or jumpers that are no shorter than the top of the knee cap are acceptable.
- May wear tops or blouses with a collar. Sweaters are acceptable. Shoulders and cleavage is to be covered. May not wear t-shirts.
- Shoes must have an enclosed back. Athletic shoes are acceptable. Flip-flops and clogs are not permitted.

Boys:

- Properly fitting slacks or jeans without holes and that are not cut too low. Shorts are not permitted.

- May wear shirts with collars. These may be a polo-style shirt or a button-up shirt. Sweaters are permitted. May not wear t-shirts.
- Shoes must have a closed back. Flip-flops are not permitted.

Professional Dress Guidelines

Logic / Rhetoric students will participate in activities in which they will need to dress in a professional manner (debates, Fine Arts Festival, thesis presentations, graduation, etc). Each student is required to adhere to the guidelines completely. Failure to do so may result in personal consequences. If there is any question about whether or not an article of clothing is appropriate, please contact the school office. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event, may not be allowed to participate in that event.

Girls:

- Modest skirts, dresses (not form fitting), or jumpers that touch the top of the knee cap are acceptable.
- Tops or blouses with a collar. Sweaters are acceptable. Shoulders and cleavage are to be covered. Tops and blouses are not to be form fitting.
- Dress shoes (up to two-inch heels optional). Athletic shoes, flip-flops, and clogs are not permitted.

Boys:

- Properly fitting slacks or suit pants
- Jacket (sport coat or matching suit jacket)
- Collared dress shirt
- Tie or bowtie
- Dress shoes or loafers (athletic shoes and flip-flops are not permitted.)

Social Event Dress Guidelines

Logic / Rhetoric students will participate in school sponsored social events through the school year. Each student is required to adhere to the guidelines completely. Failure to do so may result in personal consequences. If there is any question about whether or not an article of clothing is appropriate, please contact the school office. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event, may not be allowed to participate in that event.

Girls:

- Properly fitting slacks that are not cut too low are acceptable. Shorts, jeans and capri pants are not permitted.
- Modest skirts, dresses (not form fitting) or jumpers that are no shorter than the top of the knee cap are acceptable, measured by the under-skirt (if applicable).
- Tops or blouses with a collar. Sweaters are acceptable. Shoulders and cleavage are to be covered. Tops and blouses are not to be form fitting.
- Shoes must have an enclosed back (up to three-inch heels optional). Flip-flops and clogs are not permitted.

Boys:

- Properly fitting slacks that are not cut too low are acceptable. Jeans and shorts are not permitted.
- May wear shirts with collars. These may be a polo-style shirt or button-up shirt. Sweaters are permitted. Tee shirts are not permitted.
- Shoes must have a closed back. Flip flops are not permitted.

Off-Campus Event Dress Guidelines

Off-Campus Event Dress Guidelines are to be used for TOCS-sponsored events in which casual or professional dress does not apply (service projects, sports events, etc.) Please remember we are representing both our school and our Lord at such events. All clothing must represent truth, goodness, and beauty. Students who do not adhere to the dress standards for any event may not be allowed to participate in that event.

Girls:

- Properly fitting slacks, jeans, capris pants or shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh in length. Pants or shorts cannot be form-fitting.
- Modest skirts, dresses (not form fitting) or jumpers that are no shorter than the top of the knee cap are acceptable.
- T-shirts with appropriate (non-offensive) wording or pictures. Shoulders, cleavage and midriff are to be covered and shirts are not to be form fitting. Halter-tops are not acceptable.

Boys:

- Properly fitting slacks, jeans or walking shorts without holes and that are not cut too low.
- T-shirts with appropriate (non-offensive) wording or pictures. Sleeves must cover the shoulders and midriff must be covered. Undershirts are not acceptable.