

## **Trinity Lutheran High School Dress Code**

Student appearance, as well as behavior, reflects the Christian values taught at Trinity Lutheran High School and is a special part of the Cougars' tradition. Trinity encourages a traditional and conservative style of clothing for its students. Student appearance should always reflect modesty, neatness, and cleanliness. It also should be appropriate for the learning environment desired in an academic setting. Trinity reserves the right to make decisions regarding appropriate dress and hairstyles. *If an item of clothing is questionable – kindly refrain from wearing it.* Final decisions about acceptability will be made by the principal or his designee.

The dress guidelines are in effect whenever a student is on campus. Students may not change out of approved attire after school unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity that allows other dress, which should still reflect our Christian values and teachings.

### **Standard Dress**

- Students may not wear clothing or accessories promoting, advertising, or suggestive of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or anything deemed in opposition to Christian values.
- All tops must have sleeves, must have an appropriate neckline, and may not expose the mid-section.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses should provide appropriate coverage and not be distracting or indecent. Skirts and dresses should be modest in length (e.g. approach the top of the knee). Clothing that reveals underwear, is cutoff, or is worn inappropriately is not permitted.
- Yoga pants, leggings, and the like are permitted if accompanied by an appropriate top.
- Outerwear designed to be worn outdoors (i.e. hats, gloves, jackets, etc.) is not to be worn in the school building, and sweatshirts are to be worn as intended.
- According to Indiana state law, footwear must be worn at all times.
- Hairstyles should reflect moderation and careful grooming. Hair should be in a style and color that does not bring undue attention to oneself.
- Apparel and accessories should be inoffensive to our Christian standards. Tattoos are to be covered, and jewelry should include only earrings, watches, bracelets, and necklaces.
- For all physical education classes, including weightlifting, modest clothing is necessary. Students may not wear shirts with torn sleeves or open sides, and athletic shorts must not be revealing.

### **Chapel Dress**

- Young men shall wear a dress shirt (tucked in) and tie and dress trousers with appropriate footwear to complement this more formal dress day.
- Young women shall wear dresses, dress slacks, or skirt and blouse with appropriate accessories to complement this more formal dress day.

### **Dress Code Violations**

It is the responsibility of every parent and student to be familiar with the dress guidelines. Students who are not properly attired may be asked to correct the violation and could miss valuable instructional time. Students who habitually break the dress code will be referred to the principal for further disciplinary action if previous measures do not correct the behavior.