

DRESS CODE POLICIES

2019-2020

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School recognizes the importance of establishing a policy of dress for its students in order to foster a sense of discipline, self-respect, neatness, and to promote school spirit. The dress code is a direct reflection of the school's overall mission as a Catholic Christian educational institution dedicated to the development of the whole person. Uniforms also help ensure clothing does not become a distraction in the classroom. A student's dress and grooming must display modesty, respect, professionalism and concern for oneself and for others, and be conducive to student learning. Upon admission to Tolton Catholic, students and their parents accept this ideal and agree to abide by the dress code in its entirety. Failure to conform to the dress code, as set forth below and interpreted by the school's administration will result in disciplinary consequences. **In all cases, the administration reserves the right to determine standards of dress and appearance.**

Students who are not in appropriate dress code will be asked to correct their situation immediately. If a student presents and cannot immediately resolve their dress code issue, their parents will be called, and the student will be sent home to obtain appropriate clothing.

When purchasing clothing items, refer to the dress code provided by Lands' End, Tommy Hilfiger or Snow Creek Apparel. Purchasing items from our designated dress code with these vendors will ensure compliance.

Shoes

Shoes are to be casual or dress shoes. Shoes are to be closed-toe, closed-heel, clean and in good condition. Boots may only be worn inside the pant legs. Heels are never to exceed 1 inch. (not to be worn: slipper style shoes, sandals, croc style shoes)

Socks

Matching socks must be visible at all times. For Girls, tights in the school uniform colors (solid colors: navy blue, white, gray, and/or tan) may be worn with the skort. Leggings are not to be worn under the skort.

Pants

Only khaki or navy blue pants may be worn. Pants must have the look of "Dockers" or trouser style dress pants. The material must appear pressed. (Permanently wrinkled material is not permissible.) Pants must be worn at the waist. External pockets are prohibited, as are jean-type pants, pants with rips, tears, or frayed material, and pants with elastic or drawstring waistband or elastic at the ankles. If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. Excessively tight clothing of any kind is not appropriate.

Skorts

For ladies, only khaki or navy skorts may be worn. **Skorts must come within 3 inches of the top of the knee.**

Polos

Polo/golf shirts with the Tolton Catholic embroidery or academic logo may be worn. Both short and long sleeves are acceptable. Approved colors include gray, light blue, navy, and white.

Oxfords

Button-down oxford-style shirts with the Tolton Catholic embroidery or academic logo may be worn. Both short and long sleeves are acceptable. Approved colors include light blue and white.

No printed t-shirts may be visible through uniform shirts.

Undershirts should be solid white.

Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Sweaters

Uniform sweater vests, cardigans, and pullovers with the Tolton Catholic embroidery or academic logo may be worn over an approved uniform shirt. Approved colors include navy blue and white.

Accessories/Cosmetics/Hair

- The use of make-up should be tasteful, moderate, and appropriate for the educational setting.
- Hair must be neatly trimmed and clean. No hair colors or hairstyles that draw undue attention are allowed, such as a Mohawk or unnatural color.
- Upon arrival at school, boys are to be well groomed and clean-shaven. Mustaches, beards, and sideburns below the earlobes are not permitted.
- Jewelry is not to be excessive or distracting. Modest jewelry with no inappropriate symbols is allowed. Only ears may be pierced. No other body piercings are allowed (tongue, eyebrow, nose, etc.)
(Nail polish and earrings are not allowed for our young men.)
- Hats, scarves, coats or jackets (other than approved jackets above) are not to be worn in the building.
- Tattoos or other body art cannot be visible.
- At any school function, including special dress-up days with very specific guidelines, students should dress neatly and modestly. Advertising which is vulgar or associated with drugs or alcohol is not allowed.

The appropriateness of clothing, hairstyles, and accessory items is always subject to the approval of the Administration.

Dress code for Casual Dress Days

Throughout the school year, some days will be designated for dress down. Some will be offered to the school community as a way to raise funds for various “student life” projects. Jeans are permitted, but ripped or torn jeans are not permitted.

- Shirts that do not cover the shoulders or midriff are not permitted.
- Appropriate t-shirts may be worn. T-shirts advertising or promoting alcohol, cigarettes, or any morbid or vulgar material or content inconsistent with Catholic moral values are not permitted.
- Skirts are to be no more than three inches above the knee.
- Athletic style pants and sweatshirts are permitted provided they are not tight and form fitting. Yoga pants, leggings and similar style pants are not permitted.
- Clothes that are too form fitting are never appropriate for school.

The administration reserves the right to modify this policy as needed.

Sports and Club Outerwear

Team/club apparel purchased for athletics or clubs will not be considered daily uniform attire and may only be worn on Spirit Days and outside of school. The uniform polo is to be worn beneath the outerwear jacket. No shirts can hang out under the jacket.

Physical Education Dress Code

Students enrolled in Physical Education classes are required to wear the following:

- Shirts: Any Tolton High School t-shirt or plain, solid color shirt with sleeves. No cut off shirts or shirts with cut off sleeves
- Shorts: Gym shorts must be worn, should rest on the hips, be modest in length and should be a solid color. Cut off shorts or excessively tight shorts should not be worn. Undergarments should not be visible above or below the short
- Shoes: Street or dress shoes are not allowed. Athletic shoes are required and should be designated for PE and not regularly worn on the street
- Socks: Must be worn

Regulations for Dress Code Enforcement

- In the event of a situation where the variance from the dress code is necessary, the student is expected to present a written request from the parents for approval by the Principal.
- The administrators have the right and responsibility of final judgment of what is appropriate or inappropriate dress.
- Students should ask the Principal before wearing something that is questionable.
- Normal procedure for students out of uniform:
 - Students will be asked to remedy immediately a dress code violation when it is possible to do so, (tuck shirttail in, unroll skirt etc.). The teacher may choose to sign the student demerit card for these remediable infractions.
 - Students in the unapproved jacket or sweatshirt will be asked to remove the item, the item will be given to the Principal, and a detention will be issued.

- If the dress code violation cannot be immediately remedied, (no school polo, jeans style pants) one of the following action(s) should be taken:
 - Student will be sent to the Principal
 - Student will be issued a detention. (Students will receive only one detention for the same violation), and a pass will be used for admission into later classes.
 - Student can be sent home to change into appropriate attire.