

TIPTON ACADEMY APPAREL LINE DRESS CODE
STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICY CHANGES
EFFECTIVE BEGINNING
2021-2022 School Year

TIPTON TIGER APPAREL LINE OVERVIEW

Dress codes are in place to establish a positive and safe environment for staff, students, and families. At Tipton, our goal is to help eliminate clothing from being a distraction to learning, while also creating a positive school culture. We are striving to accomplish this through our Tipton Tiger Apparel Line in conjunction with reasonable supportive dress code guidelines. We also want our students to be comfortable, self-expressive, and feel pride in themselves and the school through their attire. These are the elements that will set the tone for success everyday. With these goals, we have selected items that can help students feel like themselves, while also being a Tiger!

NOTE* *All students are expected to be in wearing **Tipton Apparel Line** unless otherwise noted each day whether they are scheduled for PE or not.*

TIPTON APPAREL LINE POLICY

Our policy on school dress code is founded on two principles, reduce the distraction from the learning environment and create a positive culture of belonging and pride. We believe that these two principles will help us to set up our students for success.

With that understanding, our policy expects Tipton Apparel Line are to be worn at the Academy by all students in grades K-8 Monday-Friday except on announced "THEME" days. On THEME days, students may wear appropriate clothes to school that meet the guidelines of the theme day. Regardless of guideline or description, students may not wear clothing that contains inappropriate graphics, words, or anything that would be deemed offensive, threatening, or scary to other students, staff, Tipton visitors, or be something that distracts the student or others from the learning environment. If students choose not to participate in the theme for that day, Tipton Apparel Line is required. Participation in theme days is a privilege that can be revoked to any student by school administration for any length of time deemed necessary.

The Tipton Apparel Line consists of approved Tipton Gear. They have our school logo and/or artwork embroidered or printed on them and are in school colors; orange, royal blue, navy blue, gray, and black. It includes items such as Tipton sweatshirts, crew necks, long sleeve shirts, T-Shirts, polo shirts, vests, jackets, and others approved and available through our apparel line vendor. The price begins at \$9.00 and increases depending on the item selected.

Apparel Line Vendor: <https://heritagelogoworks.com/product-category/tipton-academy/>

General attire for all students:

1. The apparel line shirts are any shirt approved through our selected vendor with our logo on it including sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, fleece jackets, etc. In our school colors of orange, royal blue, navy blue, black or gray.
2. Solid color plain Navy, White, Black, or Gray Cardigan sweaters can be worn over the Tipton shirt open for logo to show or embroidered as the logo shirt.
3. Skirts/jumpers/skorts/shorts/pants/capris: Plain solid color Navy, Black, Grey or Khaki worn at the waist and no shorter than two inches above the knee. Shorts are permitted in line with this policy. Recommended for weather days 70 degrees or above.
4. All clothing must fit properly and not be too tight, too small, or large for example, no sagging pants and no too tight pants of thin material.)
5. Belts: **NO SAG ZONE. If pants will not stay up a belt should be worn.**
6. Shoes: Any comfortable everyday closed toe shoe that fits appropriately and is safe for school wear. No open-toe shoes, open-back shoes, platform soles/heels, clogs, or heeled type shoes are not permitted. If they are made for laces they must have laces and be tied. Flat-soled fashion boots are acceptable. Winter boots may not be worn into class.

Additional guidelines for ALL STUDENTS: All clothing, jewelry, and hair choices should be non-distracting. Tipton Academy reserves the right to determine what is appropriate for the school environment.

1. Good grooming and hygiene are important to the well-being of every student and is expected of all students.
2. Hats, hoods, bandanas or unnecessary head covering are not to be worn in the building.
3. Hair should not become a distraction to the learning environment for the student or others meaning it does not block the view of students sitting behind you, it is not offensive in design with words or graphics, or is so out of the norm that it is causing a stir amongst students.
 1. No Mohawks (shaved on sides and long pointed hair on top taller than 2 inches)
 2. Hair beads, feathers, wraps, and color attachments are permitted. If deemed a distraction student will be asked to remove it.
 3. Hair coloring is permitted if it does not become a distraction to the learning environment for the student or others.
4. No Ripped, torn, or intentional holes in clothing or clothing that exposes body parts between the neck and 2 inches above the knees such as midriffs.
5. No purses or personal handbags will be permitted into class.
6. No backpacks permitted into class in grades 6-8.
7. Winter attire such as boots, coats, hats, gloves, etc, will not be permitted in class. If these items are worn to school (which we recommend in cold months) they must be removed and proper uniform attire worn to enter the classroom.
8. Physical Education Attire:

- All students in grades K-8th need safe tennis shoes to wear for P.E. Additionally, it is recommended that students in grades K-5 not wear skirts on days they have P.E.
- For students in grades 6-8th it is **optional** to change for P.E for gym class only. (P.E. attire for grades 6-8 should consist of appropriate gym shoes, athletic shorts (fingertip length) or pants with a waistband and a t-shirt with sleeves.)

Tipton Apparel Line guidelines will be enforced for all students:

K -8th Grade: Any apparel line guidelines violation will cause student to move to next step (i.e. no apparel line shirt causes step 1 and no school shoes next time will move student to step 2). At any point the clothing is deemed inappropriate, the student will not be able to return to class wearing that clothing.

Step 1: Letter written by student to parent for parent signature.

Step 2: Warning letter or Apparel Line Guidelines Violation sent home by the teacher to be signed by parent.

Step 3: Student calls home to parent for a change of clothes. If change of clothes cannot be provided student will remain in the office until the end of the day, Student misses recess or serves lunch detention.

Step 4: Student loses ability to participate in Theme Days for designated period of time or the remainder of the school year.

Step 5: Student may be removed from class for remainder of day to serve an in-school suspension up to designated out of school suspension.

Tipton Apparel Line shirts can be purchased by the school-selected vendor. They can be orange, royal blue, navy blue, gray, or black offered by our selected vendor for Tipton Academy, for all grade levels. Information for ordering is available on our website or from the main office during school hours. Pants, skirts, shorts, or shoes can be purchased at any store; however, they must meet the guidelines stated above.

Summary:

Dress codes are in place to make the daily emphasis on learning and not on clothing attire. At Tipton, we host a Tipton Apparel Line. Through this, we have chosen to provide an environment where students can be free from clothing distractions, comfortable in their attire, and show pride and belonging through their apparel. We believe that this contributes to a positive school culture and successful learning environment. Additionally, it provides opportunities for students to find clothing they feel good in and are affordable to parents.

NOTE: Students who are in violation of the apparel line guidelines will be corrected and consequences per above. If students are determined to be “stretching” the rules or creating a disruption regarding dress code they will be referred to the school code of conduct and disciplinary infractions will result. If your child has an extenuating circumstance such as an injury or other that requires special consideration, please contact the main office for consideration of temporary alternate exemption.

SAMPLE IMAGES OF SOME APPAREL STYLES OFFERED
BASIC POLO SHIRTS



BLACK ROYAL NAVY S. GREY



YOUTH & ADULT S-XL - \$15.00
 ADULT 2X - 3X - \$17.00



LADIES S-XL - \$15.00
 LADIES 2X - \$17.00

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BASIC HOODIE & CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS



BLACK ORANGE ROYAL NAVY S. GREY

YOUTH & ADULT S-XL - \$26.00
 ADULT 2X - 3X - \$28.00



YOUTH & ADULT S-XL - \$21.00
 ADULT 2X - 3X - \$23.00

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BASIC SHORT & LONG SLEEVE T SHIRT



BLACK ORANGE ROYAL NAVY S. GREY

YOUTH & ADULT S-XL - \$9.00
 ADULT 2X - 3X - \$11.00



YOUTH & ADULT S-XL - \$13.00
 ADULT 2X - 3X - \$15.00

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