



DRESS CODE OVERVIEW

Dress codes are in place to make the daily emphasis on learning and not on clothing attire. Take pride in how you look at all times. Uniforms can help keep you safe and prevent you from being judged by others for not looking a certain way. They also create a serious, distinguished look that tells the world YOU are about business. Always be mindful of your personal appearance – it speaks volumes about your character.

NOTE* All students are expected to be in full uniform unless otherwise noted each day whether they are scheduled for PE or not.

DRESS CODE 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 Uniforms are to be worn at the Academy by all students in grades K-8 except on announced “Dress Down” days. On Dress Down days, students may wear appropriate casual clothes to school that meet the guidelines of the dress down 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 Dress Down day, Tipton full uniform is required. Participation in Dress Down days are a privilege that can be revoked to any student by school administration for any length of time deemed necessary.

Tipton shirts are shirts that have our school name or logo embroidered or printed on it. This also includes Tipton/Wildcat sweatshirts, T-Shirts, uniform shirts, field trip shirts, or other designated shirts.

Dress code policy will be enforced for all students:

K -8th Grade: Any uniform violation will cause student to move to next step (i.e. no uniform 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 Dress Code 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 Dress Down 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 out of school suspension.

Tipton Logo Uniform shirts can be purchased by the school-selected vendor. They can be any color offered by our selected vendor for Tipton Academy, for all grade levels. (If you have old colors from previous years, your students will still be permitted to wear those shirts) Information for ordering is available on our website or from the main office during school hours. Pants, skirts, shorts and sweaters, or shoes can be purchased at any store; however, they must meet the requirements stated below.

UNIFORM VENDOR: <https://heritagelogoworks.com/product-category/tipton-academy/>

General attire for all students:

1. The uniform shirts are polo style shirts (long or short sleeve) in solid colors with the Tipton Academy logo on them.
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. Solid color plain hoodie, crew neck, or zip-up sweatshirts can be worn with the Tipton logo on them.
4. Skirts/jumpers/skorts/shorts/pants/capris: Plain solid color Navy, Black, 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.
5. 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.)
6. Belts: **NO SAG ZONE. If pants will not stay up a belt should be worn.**
7. 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 hee-lies 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.
8. Long sleeve shirts may be worn under short-sleeved uniform shirt but must be a solid color. A reasonable amount of makeup and jewelry is permitted but may not be a distraction or present a safety hazard.
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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.

- a. No Mohawks (shaved on sides and long pointed hair on top taller than 2 inches)
 - b. Hair beads, feathers, wraps, and color attachments are permitted. If deemed a distraction student will be asked to remove it.
 - c. 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 midriiffs.
 5. No purses or personal handbags will be permitted into class.
 6. No backpacks permitted into class in grades 7-12.
 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.)

NOTE: Students who are in violation of the dress code 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.