TRINITY ACADEMY

SOUTH BEND

Uniforms & Personal Appearance Guidelines

All students are expected to be neat in appearance and to wear the school uniform in the way it is intended to be worn. The following are our guidelines for boys' and girls' uniforms and personal appearance during the regular school day, with separate sections further down for special events and choir concerts.

Students may wear uniform pieces from the 2025-2026 school year. You can also purchase new items at our online uniform store here:
https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/TRIN25

BOYS

Please reference the following guidelines for boys' uniforms and personal appearance. If you have questions, our policy at Trinity Academy is to defer to the final judgment of the dean of boys.

Approved Uniform Pieces

Embroidered shirts, sweaters, polar fleeces, and sweatshirts should be purchased at www.globalschoolwear.com. Be sure to use the sizing guide offered through the website before ordering. Sizes run small. To find our school store use the code TRIN25. When you click through to the website, you must fill in all of the search fields (i.e., school, grade, gender, and program) and click "update" to bring up the right selection of Trinity Academy's uniform pieces.

We understand the challenge of finding a good fit for all body types and sizes. While we encourage parents to try the uniform pants and shorts from the uniform store, similar styles can be purchased through other vendors. Denim and cargo pants are not permitted.

Hair

Hair must be cut short and neat. It should not extend over the shirt collar in the back, over the ears, or over the eyes. Shaved heads are not permitted, nor is shaggy hair. Sideburns can come to the bottom of the ear (or shorter). Boys must be clean-shaven every day.

Accessories and personal appearance

Bracelets, earrings, and other jewelry are not allowed, with the exception of a wristwatch and a religious medal if approved by the dean. Visible tattoos or body piercings are not allowed. Uniform shirts must be tucked in. A plain black or brown belt must be worn.

Shorts

Approved uniform shorts may be worn until Fall Break and after Spring Break.

Undershirts

T-shirts worn under the uniform polo must be a plain white crew neck or v-neck.

Socks

Socks must be plain navy, black, or white (with no logos). Crew or ankle length is acceptable.

Sweatshirts

Trinity Academy crew sweatshirts are available for purchase at our online uniform store.
Please note: hooded sweatshirts are no longer allowed.

Shoes

Shoes must be plain, dark brown, or black dress-casual shoes (tie or slip-on) with a black or dark brown sole. All-black athletic shoes with a black sole may also be worn. Shoes with

visible logos, sandals, and slippers are not acceptable. If you are uncertain about a particular shoe style, talk to the dean of boys before purchasing.

GIRLS

Please reference the following guidelines for girls' uniforms and personal appearance. If you have questions, our policy at Trinity Academy is to defer to the final judgment of the dean of girls.

Approved Uniform Pieces

Approved pants*, skirts*, shorts, shirts, sweaters, polar fleeces, and sweatshirts should be purchased at www.globalschoolwear.com. Be sure to use the sizing guide offered through the website before ordering as Global Schoolwear has a strict 30-day, tags-on return policy. Sizes run small. To find our school store use the code TRIN25. When you click through to the website, you must fill in all of the search fields (i.e., school, grade, gender, and program) and click "update" to bring up the right selection of Trinity Academy's uniform pieces for your child.

*We do understand the challenge of finding a good fit for all body types and sizes. While we encourage parents to try the uniform pants and skirts from the uniform store, here are pre-approved alternatives from Amazon.com.

Girls' Pants Option 1 (navy)
Girls' Pants Option 2 (navy)
Girls' Skirt Option (navy)

If you would like to use an alternative supplier, please reach out to the dean of girls for approval.

Hair

Hair color must be natural. Hairstyles should be worn in a manner that is appropriate for school.

Accessories and personal appearance

Jewelry and makeup should be worn in a manner that is appropriate for school. Visible tattoos or body piercings are not allowed. Students may wear one earring in each ear, one bracelet, and one necklace. A plain white camisole is permissible under the uniform.

Hemlines

The hemline of skirts may be no more than two inches above the top of the knee.

Shorts and Leggings

Approved uniform shorts may be worn until Fall Break and after Spring Break. Shorts and leggings worn under skirts must be fitted navy blue or black and without logos.

Socks

Socks must be plain navy, black, grey, or white (without logos). Ankle, crew, or no-show lengths are acceptable. No knee-high socks may be worn. Plain, unpatterned navy or black tights or nude nylons may be worn as well.

Belts

Belts are optional. If a belt is worn, it must be dark brown or black.

Sweatshirts

Trinity Academy crew sweatshirts are available for purchase at our online uniform store. *Please note: hooded sweatshirts are no longer allowed.*

Shoes

Shoes must be black or dark brown leather shoes with a black or dark brown sole in oxford, flats, Mary Jane, or lace-up style. Slip-on leather loafers and all-black athletic shoes with black soles are also acceptable. High-top (including high-top Converse), combat-style boot, bootie, Birkenstock, moccasin, sandal, clog, and slipper-style shoes are not acceptable, nor

are light brown shoes. The laces must be the same color as the shoes. If you are uncertain about a particular shoe style, talk to the dean of girls before purchasing.

ATTIRE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Students may not change out of their uniforms at school unless they are members of an athletic team practicing or playing immediately after school. Once students have changed into their sports uniforms for practice, they must leave the school building. In other cases, students should obtain the permission of the appropriate dean to change clothes at school by submitting a written request from the parents.

Field Trips

In general, all uniform guidelines apply to students on field trips. Any special provisions suited to a particular trip (e.g., good walking shoes) will be communicated by faculty to students in advance of the trip.

Field Day

Students should wear apparel appropriate for participation in athletics: t-shirt, relaxed athletic shorts or joggers, and athletic shoes.

Evaluations, Recitals, Fine Arts Nights, & Commencement

Boys should wear a dress shirt, dress pants, dress socks, and dress shoes with a belt and tie. A jacket is optional for most events.

Girls should wear either a blouse and dress pants, a blouse and skirt (with a hemline of 2" above the knee or longer) or a dress (same hemline as the skirt). Dress shoes or dress sandals are required. No Converse or high tops are permitted.

ATTIRE FOR CHOIR PERFORMANCES

It is required that all students performing in Choir (ninth and tenth-grade students and juniors and seniors in Chamber Choir) wear a choir uniform. This uniform is available through Cousins Concert Attire (www.ConcertAttire.com) and is identical to what the

students have worn in previous years. You may obtain a used uniform from a former Trinity Academy student or order a new one.

Girls' Choir Uniform

Girls wear the Angelina gown in black. The style number in the catalog is #115 (or #115Y if ordering a youth size). Please use the size chart on the website to help you choose a size. This dress runs large and will most likely need to be hemmed. Please make sure the dress falls between ankle and floor- length.. Girls should plan to wear neutral or black dress shoes and are permitted to wear simple jewelry. No converse or high tops may be worn.

Boys' Choir Uniform

Boys wear the Vincent shirt with pants in black. The style number in the catalog is #6701. This set includes a shirt, tie, and trousers. The tie color required is hunter green. You have the option to order boys' items a la carte if necessary. The tie is style #900, the pants are #3024P, and the Laydown Collar Non-Pleated shirt is #M03, color black. The pants will arrive unhemmed. Boys should wear black dress shoes.