



DRESS CODE POLICY

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. A dress code also helps ensure clothing does not become a distraction in the classroom. A student's dress and grooming must display appropriateness, respect, concern for oneself and for others, and be conducive to student learning. Upon admission to Tolton Catholic, students and their parents are expected to agree to abide by the dress code in its entirety. Failure to conform to the dress code, as set forth below and as interpreted by the school's administration, may result in disciplinary consequences. **In all cases, the administration reserves the right to determine standards of dress and appearance.**

When purchasing clothing items, refer to the dress code provided by Lands' End, Tommy Hilfiger, or Snow Creek Apparel. Purchasing clothing from the school's designated vendors will ensure compliance. More information about the school's vendors can be found on the school website at <https://toltoncatholic.org/uniform-provider-links/>

Shoes

Students may wear athletic shoes, dress shoes, or boots. Shoes are to be closed-toe, closed-heel, clean, and in good condition. Boots may only be worn inside pant legs. Heels for any shoe should never exceed one inch. The following shoes should not be worn: slipper-style shoes, sandals, croc-style shoes, slides, Wheelies, etc.

Socks

Any socks may be worn. For girls, tights or leggings may be worn under their skirt/skort in the school uniform colors (solid colors: navy blue, white, and/or gray). The tights/leggings must be plain with no logos or designs.

Pants

Both boys and girls may wear pants. Pants may be purchased from the Tolton uniform providers or from a store of your choice. Pants should be khaki or navy blue. Pants must have the look of dress pants, Dockers, or a trouser-style. The material should be twill and should appear pressed;

permanently wrinkled material is not permissible. Pants may have either a pleated or plain front. Leg should be plain with no piping, excess pockets, loops, tears, etc. Pants must be worn at the waist. Pants should not have an elastic or drawstring waistband and should not have elastic at the ankles. No excessively tight clothing is allowed. No jeans or corduroy should be worn. Leggings may not be worn as pants, but leggings may be worn under a skirt/skort.

Skirts/Skorts

Girls may wear a khaki or navy blue skirt or skort. Skirts/skorts may be purchased from the Tolton uniform providers or from a store of your choice.

Additionally, girls may wear the Land's End "clear blue plaid" skort or skirt. No other plaid skorts/skirts will be allowed.

Skirts/skorts should be worn at an acceptable length and should not be rolled at the waist.

Shorts

Both boys and girls may wear dress shorts. Shorts may be purchased from the Tolton uniform providers or from a store of your choice. Dress shorts should be khaki or navy blue with no other color showing. The material should be twill and should appear pressed; no jean, nylon, Spandex, knit, or sweatpants material will be allowed. Shorts may have either a pleated or plain front. Shorts should not have an elastic or drawstring waistband. Leg should be plain with no piping, excess pockets, loops, tears, etc. No cargo shorts will be allowed. Shorts should not be tight-fitting and should be of an acceptable length.

Uniform Shirts

All uniform polos and oxfords must be purchased from one of the approved uniform providers: Land's End, Tommy Hilfiger, and Snow Creek Apparel. All uniform polos and oxfords should have the Tolton Catholic embroidery or academic logo.

- Polos
 - Both short and long sleeves are acceptable.
 - Approved colors include gray, light blue, navy blue, and white.
 - Athletic team polos or shirts may not be worn during the school day.
 - Appropriate length polos may be untucked.
- Oxfords
 - Both short and long sleeves are acceptable.
 - Approved colors include light blue and white.

- Athletic team button-down, oxford-style shirts may not be worn during the school day.
- Undershirts should be solid white. No printed t-shirts may be visible through uniform shirts.
- Appropriate length shirts may be untucked.

Sweaters

Uniform sweaters, sweater vests, and cardigans may be worn over an approved uniform shirt. All sweaters/sweater vests/cardigans must be purchased from one of the approved uniform providers: Land's End, Tommy Hilfiger, and Snow Creek Apparel. All sweaters/sweater vests/cardigans should have the Tolton Catholic embroidery or academic logo. Approved colors include navy blue and white.

Sweatshirts/Hoodies/Quarter Zips

Students may wear a Tolton-branded sweatshirt, hoodie, or quarter zip over their uniform shirt. These items must be from a Tolton approved source. Approved sources are the Tolton Team Store, Snow Creek Apparel, or something that has been team or school issued. Since these items will be worn over the student's uniform, students will still need to wear a Tolton polo or oxford underneath. Non-Tolton outerwear may not be worn during the school day.

Jackets/Seasonal Outerwear

Students may wear Tolton-branded jackets over their uniform. These items must be from a Tolton approved source. Approved sources are the Tolton Team Store, Snow Creek Apparel, Jostens, or something that has been team or school issued. Since these items will be worn over the student's uniform, students will still need to wear a Tolton polo or oxford underneath.

Non-Tolton jackets or seasonal outerwear may not be worn during the school day. Coats, hats, gloves, etc. may be worn to school but must be kept in the student's locker during the day. Students may not bring blankets to school.

Physical Education Dress Code

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

- Shirts: Any Fr. Tolton Catholic High School t-shirt or school appropriate shirt with sleeves. No tank tops, 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 appropriate for safe PE use.
- Socks: Must be worn

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 an unnatural color. Boys' hair length should be above the shoulders.
- Boys are to be well groomed. Mustaches, beards, and sideburns below the earlobes are not permitted.
- Modest jewelry may be worn. Jewelry is not to be excessive or distracting. Jewelry should not contain any inappropriate symbols or language. No septum piercings may be worn.
- Hats and scarves are not to be worn in the building.
- Inappropriate or offensive tattoos or other body art need to be covered.

Dress Down Days, Extracurricular Activities, and School Trips

Students are expected to dress appropriately during all school dress down days, extracurricular activities, and school trips. At such events, students should dress in an appropriate manner conducive to Tolton's expectations and values. Clothing at these events should follow any event specific guidelines or dress codes and should not contain any images that are vulgar, associated with drugs or alcohol, or inappropriate in any other way. The appropriateness of clothing, hairstyles, and accessory items during these events will be subject to the discretion and approval of the Administration.

Special Exception Request for Dress Code

In some cases, a variance from the dress code may be granted for individual students. In these cases, administrative approval is required. Administrators have the final judgment as to what is appropriate or inappropriate.

Dress Code Enforcement Process

The normal procedure when students are out of uniform is as follows:

- Students will be sent immediately to the office.
- If a dress code violation can be immediately remedied, students will be asked to correct the dress code violation.
 - For example, a student may be asked to remove a jacket or a non-Tolton sweatshirt, etc.
 - If a student is wearing a non-uniform sweatshirt, hoodie, quarter zip, jacket, or other accessory, it will be kept in the office until the end of the school day.
- If the dress code violation cannot be immediately remedied, for example, a student is wearing jeans, the student will either be sent home to change or remain in the office until the appropriate attire is brought to school.
- Boys that have a mustache, beard, or sideburn below the earlobes may be given a warning, given the option to shave at school, or sent home to shave.
- Multiple uniform violations may be subject to disciplinary consequences.