

WELCOME TO *Campus Wear*

Teays Valley Christian School is pleased to announce *Campus Wear*. What is *Campus Wear*? Simply, it is coordinated clothing for students. *Campus Wear* is to be worn during the school day by all students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

This booklet outlines in detail the dress code guidelines for all students. So keep this booklet handy as you may refer to it often.

WHY Campus Wear?

Teays Valley Christian School is part of the enthusiastic growth and use of *Campus Wear* by private and public schools across the country. *Campus Wear* projects an atmosphere of solidarity, loyalty, and equality among the student population. The use of *Campus Wear*, as opposed to the latest fashions, eliminates unnecessary competition in dress and focuses the attention on learning and growing.

Campus Wear provides a professional approach to learning and removes some of the distractions normally confronted when young people face the dilemma of possessing the latest designer fashions. Considering that fashions change from year to year and season to season, parents often feel pressure from their children to provide them with the most current styles. *Campus Wear* reduces the cost of “keeping up” since it remains the same day after day, year after year. The cost, in relation to fashion merchandise, is very appealing over the long term.

Experience has shown that students required to maintain a neat appearance and to coordinate their wardrobe within the established parameters are likely to carry over these habits to the performance of their school work. Using *Campus Wear* is a positive method of establishing good habits and promoting a climate for discipline and responsibility.

The following are five major points that were considered in this change:

1. Improve relations and promote peace by decreasing the conflicts over clothing between parents and children, staff and students, and parents and staff.
2. Promote a more serious atmosphere for learning as we increase our focus on spiritual and academic objectives.
3. Promote campus safety and security through quick identification of students and visitors.
4. Promote a sense of school spirit, acceptance, and belonging at TVCS for a student body that is separated geographically.
5. Promote the real individuality of the students as seen in their God-given gifts and abilities, not in their appearance.

WHERE CAN WE PURCHASE Campus Wear?

TVCS *Campus Wear* is to be purchased from School Closet. School Closet, located in Columbus, Ohio, was selected as our **exclusive provider** of *Campus Wear* after extensively researching the companies providing similar products. School Closet's high quality attire, knowledgeable and experienced staff, and competitive prices made the choice clear. **All *Campus Wear* must be purchased at School Closet unless otherwise noted.** School Closet provides:

- Full-service; knowledgeable and experienced staff
- Measuring and ordering services available at TVCS
- Campus wear constructed with the finest fabrics available
- Longer lasting clothing
- American-made garments
- Sizes to fit all students
- No additional charge for special orders
- Machine washable
- Stain resistant Scotchgard®
- Two-inch hem to allow for growth
- Sizes kept on file for future orders
- Free delivery of orders to TVCS every Tuesday during the school year.

Additionally, *Campus Wear* sizing is not always consistent with retail sizing. Thus, it is advisable to try on samples the first time you order. School Closet keeps sizes on file for future orders. The time required to do this will afford a more accurate fit. Any item which has not been laundered or altered and has the original tags attached can be exchanged or returned.

School Closet accepts the following forms of payments: cash, check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover. A 50% deposit is required when placing an order. Orders must be paid in full before they can be shipped and delivered. Throughout the summer and the school year, in-stock items are available for immediate purchase.

WHERE IS SCHOOL CLOSET?

School Closet is located at:	2497 East Main Street Columbus, OH 43209 (877) 725-6467 (614) 237-6969 (Fax)
On-line ordering at:	www.schoolcloset.com
School Closet hours of Operation are:	Mon, Tues, Wed, Th, Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WHEN CAN WE ORDER AND PURCHASE *Campus Wear*?

Campus Wear sizing and ordering days will be established each year. Additional sizing days throughout the year will be scheduled periodically. Students should have a parent/guardian with them for fitting and ordering. Orders may be placed on scheduled ordering days, or by calling School Closet at 1-877-725-6467.

On sizing and ordering days,

- Samples are available for try on. Rest rooms will be used for privacy.
- Check, money order, cash, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.
- There is a free delivery service at TVCS every Tuesday. Orders will be delivered to the office at TVCS. Office staff will deliver packages to the classrooms. If school is not in session, the office staff will call parents to notify.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS ABOUT *Campus Wear*

HOW DO I CHOOSE THE CORRECT SIZE? *Campus Wear* sizes are not always consistent with regular sizing. It is advisable to try on samples the first time you order. Sizes will be kept on file for future orders.

CAN I BUY *Campus Wear* ANYWHERE ELSE? Again, School Closet is our exclusive provider. They have committed to providing full service to TVCS families and we have committed to buy from their company. Similar items may ***NOT*** be purchased at local discount stores, or unapproved consignments shops. Schools that have tried to mix and match have only run into problems with cheaper fabrics, color fading, style changes, and insufficient service. Thus, similar items may not be purchased at local discount stores.

CAN I RE-ORDER *Campus Wear* THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR? Yes, the store is open all year. The store hours are printed in this handbook. During the school year, there is free delivery service to TVCS every Tuesday.

HOW MANY SETS OF *Campus Wear* SHOULD I PURCHASE? We suggest that each student have at least three full sets of clothing: one for wear, one in the closet, and one in the laundry. Your buying pattern will be determined by your laundry schedule and the level of activity of your child. However, you should not try to buy everything all at once. Get what is needed to start the school year and add according to seasonal temperature change.

IF I ORDER EARLY AND THE GARMENTS DO NOT FIT BY THE TIME SCHOOL STARTS, CAN I EXCHANGE THEM? Yes, any item that has not been laundered, altered, and has all the original tags attached, can be exchanged or returned for up to six months.

WHAT ABOUT RESALE? Resale events are scheduled throughout the school year on an as needed basis. Call the school office to inquire about the most current resale event date.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR *CAMPUS WEAR*

The administration/Dress Code Coordinator reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding dress code. If you have any questions about clothing or hairstyles, the administration/Dress Code Coordinator will be glad to help.

1. Appropriate size clothing is required. Oversized or undersized clothing is not permitted.
2. Shorts (Grades K-5 only) may only be worn during the months of Aug., Sept., Oct., Apr., May, June.
3. *Campus Wear* shirt is to be tucked in every day with pants, shorts, and skirts.
4. A collared shirt must be worn at all times.
5. The length of skirts and jumpers must fall **BELOW** the knee.
6. A belt must be worn with all garments that have belt loops. Belts may be purchased elsewhere.
7. Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts. Oxford shirts must be buttoned to at least the second button from the top.
8. Jackets, coats and/or gloves (outerwear) may not be worn to class. Only *Campus Wear* sweaters and fleece may be worn during school hours. Students will be asked to remove any other outerwear. It is recommended that sweaters and long-sleeved shirts be ordered early in the school year.
9. There are to be no decorations or logos on *Campus Wear* other than those adopted by the school.
10. Cut-off clothing and cutting-up pant seams are not permitted. All pants, skirts, shorts, and jumpers must be hemmed.
11. Hats and bandanas are not to be worn in the school building at any time. Chains (wallet chains, choker chains, dog chains...) are not permitted. Headbands & hairbows must coordinate with *Campus Wear*.
12. *Campus Wear* is not required at athletic events; however, attire must be modest.**
13. Appropriately worn *Campus Wear* is required for award assemblies and special programs as directed.
14. All undershirts must be white or gray and free from pictures or words.

**Unacceptable clothing for occasions when *Campus Wear* is not required:
unacceptable logos on clothing or accessories
Pants: jeans, pants, or shorts with tears or holes, visible undergarments, sagging or too tight clothing, shorts too short, logos or messages in inappropriate areas
Shirts: too tight shirts, visible cleavage, visible midriff, visible undergarments.

HAIR

1. Extreme hair coloring that is unnatural is not permitted.
2. Boy's hair must be off the collar and out of the eyes. No extreme hairstyles permitted.
3. Properly groomed facial hair is permitted.

FOOTWEAR

1. In the interest of stewardship of our facilities, shoes should be non-marking.
2. Athletic, dress/casual (non-athletic) shoes, and crocs may be worn.
3. Heels/soles should not exceed two inches in height.
4. "Combat boots" are not permitted.
5. Boots are not to be worn with skirts.
6. Sandals and slippers are not permitted.
7. All shoes must have an enclosed toe.

JEWELRY, PIERCINGS and TATOOS

1. Girl's earrings must be limited to no more than two earrings per ear. Boys may not wear earrings.
2. EXCESSIVE size and quantity of jewelry is not appropriate.
3. Visible tattoos and body piercings are not permitted.

BOYS' DRESS GUIDELINES: GRADES K-5

Available items include:

Long-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Short-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Sweaters: Cardigan, V-Neck Cardigan, V-Neck and Crew Neck Pullover,
or V-Neck Sleeveless Pullover (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Fleece (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Polo Shirt-Long and Short-Sleeved (White, Royal, Navy, or Gray)
White Turtleneck (May not be worn alone; must be layered with other
long-sleeved garment)
Pants (Khaki or Navy)
Walking Shorts (Navy or Khaki)
Socks (Solid Matching Colors to Coordinate with Campus Wear)
Navy Blazer w/ School Crest

GIRLS' DRESS GUIDELINES: GRADES K-5

Available items include:

Plaid Jumper
Long or Short-Sleeved Round Collared Shirt (White)
Long or Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Box-Pleated Skirt (Navy, Khaki, or Plaid)
Pants (Khaki or Navy)
Walking Shorts (Khaki or Navy)
White Turtleneck (May not be worn alone; must be layered with other
long-sleeved garment)
Sweaters: Cardigan, V-Neck Cardigan, V-Neck and Crew Neck Pullover,
or V-Neck Sleeveless Pullover (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Fleece (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Polo Shirt-Long and Short-Sleeved (White, Royal, Navy, or Gray)
Tights, Socks, or Nylons (Coordinating Solid Colors)
Navy Blazer w/ School Crest

BOYS' DRESS GUIDELINES: GRADES 6-12

Available items include:

Long-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Short-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Sweaters: Cardigan, V-Neck Cardigan, V-Neck and Crew Neck Pullover,
or V-Neck Sleeveless Pullover (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Fleece (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Polo Shirt-Long and Short-Sleeved (White, Royal, Navy, or Gray)
White Turtleneck (May not be worn alone; must be layered with other
long-sleeved garment)
Pants (Khaki or Navy)
Socks (Solid Matching Colors to Coordinate with Campus Wear)
Navy Blazer w/ School Crest

GIRLS' DRESS GUIDELINES: GRADES 6-12

Available items include:

Long-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Short-Sleeved Oxford Shirt (White or Blue)
Box-Pleated Skirt (Khaki, Navy or Plaid)
Long Straight Skirt (Khaki or Navy)
Pants (Khaki or Navy)
Sweaters: Cardigan, V-Neck Cardigan, V-Neck Long Sleeve Pullover, or
V-Neck Sleeveless Pullover (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Fleece (Navy, Royal, or Gray)
Polo Shirt-Long and Short-Sleeved (White, Royal, Navy, or Gray)
White Turtleneck (May not be worn alone; must be layered with other
long-sleeved garment)
Tights, Socks, or Nylons (Coordinating Solid Colors)
Navy Blazer w/ School Crest