

To educate the whole student—mind, body, and soul.

We educate to honor the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as our name states.

We educate so that our students can one day achieve pure happiness in heaven.

To you, Titan Parents, I give you my gratitude for your support of our mission.





Standard Dress Q & A

When will Standard Dress become effective at Trinity Junior High and High School?

A. All students, Grades 7-12, will wear Standard Dress in the Fall 2015

Can students wear clothing from Titan Closet to school as part of Standard Dress?

A. No, although Titan Closet will continue to operate, the apparel of Standard Dress must be purchased through Logo Magic and must be a part of the Standard Dress clothing line. Apparel purchased through Titan Closet can be worn at all school functions outside of regular school hours, that is 8:20am-3:20pm.

Are students able to wear jeans to school with a Trinity-sponsored top?

A. No, jeans are not a part of Standard Dress. However, there will be singular jeans days throughout the school year.

As a strong-standing Titan tradition, will there continue to be dress up weeks such as Spirit Weeks and Catholic Schools Week at the high school?

A. Yes, these traditions will be maintained with as much intensity and excitement (if not more) as in the past years.

How cost-effective will the Standard Dress clothing be?

A. The cost of the clothing has always been in consideration amongst the committee members throughout the process. One of our goals is to provide affordable apparel that is distinct, attractive—both to parents and students—and durable.

Are the students allowed to wear other outerwear (e.g. vests or coats) that is not a part of Standard Dress?

A. The Standard Dress line offers several options of outerwear sufficient for the frigid temperatures of North Dakota. From pullovers to fleece-line jackets, students will have various options. Other outerwear cannot be worn.

How often will the styles of Standard Dress change?

A. The motivating factor behind implementing a stronger and clearer dress code policy is for the sake of unity and providing students and parents an opportunity for consistency. Most of the apparel is purchased from companies that manufacture uniforms and a standard of dress for schools, so styles will stay consistent for years at a time.



Purpose

The mission of Dickinson Catholic Schools is to educate the whole student—mind, body, and soul. More than five decades ago, this high school followed the truths of this mission by directing her attention to the place of the soul in education. The place of this education—the formation of the soul—is religious in this school because of her foundation within the Catholic Church. In this sense, what we do in this school must have the precedent that is more satisfactory and held in higher esteem—we want to set the standard in education. All in the Titan family agree that excellence is sought: in the classroom, on the stage, and on the court.

As you are well aware, the formation and education of a child's soul gives to that young person the means necessary for everlasting life in heaven with our Almighty God and Father. Formation and education of the soul has a particular importance in this private, Catholic school, as her mission states. Classic education always taught that the soul is the place of self-expression for the human person—you and me. In a junior high and high school, where character development and growth in virtue is essential, the young person must have the opportunity to express himself in a way that is legitimate and true.

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- ♦ No caps/hats of any type will be worn in the building.
- ♦ Shorts are allowed during the months of August, September, October, April, and May
- ♦ Accessories must be appropriate and in good taste as determined by faculty and administration. Accessories (e.g. chains) that can be construed as weapons are prohibited.
- Students are strongly encouraged to wear their natural hair color in styles that do not draw undue attention. All hair must be of a natural color (i.e. no unnatural reds, greens, purple, etc.)



The attire for Holy Mass days will be particular to that day. The boys will wear pants with oxford shirt and a combination of at least one of the following: tie/vest/suit jacket. The girls will wear pants or skirt with white oxford shirt and a cardigan.

5.26C Parameters particular to each sex are as follows: Boys:

- 1. All boys must be clean-shaven.
- 2. Hair should be no longer than collar length. Side burns should be no lower than the ear lobe.
- 3. Hairstyles and make-up that draw attention are prohibited.
- 4. Earrings or other body piercings are not allowed.
- 5. Tattoos are not allowed.

Girls:

- 1. Hairstyles and make-up that draw attention are prohibited.
- 2. Other than earrings worn in the ear, no other body piercings are allowed.
- 3. Tattoos are not allowed.





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This self-expression, although it includes personal gifts such as an artistic personality or an athletic spirit, must be authentic. It is the way by which God shows us Himself in each one of us—we are His sons and daughters created in His image and likeness. Our identity, including the identities of our students must be founded upon this truth—our students are children of God.

They are created by love and for love. In this way, their soul, guided by grace, ought to be able to express itself without hindrances of false identities based in superficial trends, clothing fads, or even illustrating a particular socio-economic class. Standard Dress at Trinity Junior High and High School assists in avoiding the fickle identities and allows the students to express their souls with their character and virtue, not what they are wearing.

As you will notice, the selection of Standard Dress clothing hardly presents itself as a uniform; the options abound and the variety of colors and styles is not singular as in a uniform. When wearing the Standard Dress clothing, our students look distinguished in our school colors, they are ready for education, and are naturally taught a self-discipline that every person needs.

I personally thank you for your support of our mission and dedication to it here at Trinity Junior High and High School. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

For the Holy Trinity, Father Kregg W. Hochhalter Dean of Students



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5.26B The collection of Standard Dress is as follows:

SHIRTS (Boys/Girls)

Short-sleeve polos: red, white, black, white flare, gray flare

Long-sleeve polos: red, black, red flare

Oxford: white, black

Cardigan: black, gray Sweater vest: black, gray

Quarter-zip: black flare, red flare

Full-zip: red, black flare

PANTS (Boys/Girls)

Khakis: casual, formal (skinny for girls) Black: casual, formal (skinny for girls)

Capris: khaki/black for girls

*Boys' shirts must be tucked into pants at all times and belt worn.

SHORTS (Boys/Girls)

khaki, black

SKIRTS (Girls)

khaki, black

SHOES (Girls/Boys)

Close-toed shoes only. No flip-flops, Crocs, or sandals of any type allowed. Athletic are allowed. Footwear is required and is to be worn at all times while in the school building.

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5.26A Trinity Standard Dress is a collection of apparel to be worn by all students, grades 7-12. The Standard Dress allows students to express themselves authentically, rather than fall into the latest trends and fads of modern society, which seems to change depending on the current cultural influences. As children of God, each and every student has a life of faith, fulfillment, and happiness ahead of them, and their self-expression is a means to this truth.

Below is found the guidelines of Trinity Standard Dress. The clothing is to be worn during regular school hours, 8:20am-3:20pm, the only exception being that of spirit weeks, Catholic Schools Week, and other off-Standard Dress days such as jeans days. Although the weather of our great state is unpredictable and often changing within extremes, the collection of apparel is suited for both extremes, acknowledging that students need to be prepared to dress warmly if extreme cold hits during the winter months. The offering of jackets and pullovers is suited for this purpose. There will be no further allowance of outerwear (e.g. personal jackets or coats) on these days, as Standard Dress offers an abundance of warm clothing.

All clothing is to be purchased through Logo Magic Inc. and marked with the Standard Titan T (seen on the bottom/right side of this paragraph). This includes all clothing seen below: all shirts, pants, skirts, shorts, and outerwear must be of the Standard Dress line and purchased through Logo Magic Inc. The marking of the Standard Titan T will demonstrate each piece of clothing is a part of the Standard Dress line.

Clothing purchased at other retailers $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

(e.g. Wal-Mart or American Eagle) will be considered outside the bounds.





Origin

The origin of Standard Dress at Trinity Junior High and High School was warranted by the Diocese of Bismarck. His Excellency, Bishop David Kagan, directed his high school administrators to implement a dress code that is effective and prepares students for academic success.

Having said this, the inception and birth of Standard Dress actually lands in the heart of a teacher. Now an administrator, this fellow teacher over the span of fifteen years found that trends of clothing negatively influence the education of her students in the science classroom. After years of instruction, her own research, administrative experience, and close collaboration with her colleagues, she proposed a standard system of dress that is fitting for our Catholic high schools.

The specifics, i.e. color and styles, is determined by local control. There are a clear set of parameters that allow legitimate authority to have its place in the school. This is why the Standard Dress collection includes red and white (Trinity's traditional school colors), in addition to the colors black and dark gray.

On the following page, you will see these parameters and specific control Trinity Junior High and High School has in its implementation and you will find how this process began in this school.

Implementation

At the beginning of the school year, acknowledging the 1-2 year timeline of implementation, as directed by Bishop Kagan, myself as well as Mrs. Tessier at the elementary level were convinced that parents have to have a significant position in the implementation of the new Standard Dress. Within the first month of the school year, we organized a Standard Dress committee of 11 individuals—7 of whom are parents in the Dickinson Catholic School system. The remaining individuals include teachers at the high school and elementary level and 2 students in the junior class. A list of the committee members follows.

This committee offered their support, faithful and critical, to both myself and Mrs. Tessier. The decisions of style, material, and color choice were collective nature. They bring the perspective of professionals in the community, that of education, and surely the view from parenthood—one that is essential in this process.

With a group of administrators, teachers, parents, students, and professionals in business, I saw great value in the perspectives shared—and the guidance so effectively offered.

The conclusions in the past 6 months are reasonable, considerate, and not without due diligence. The selection of the supplier—*Logo Magic Inc.*—was founded upon their willingness and capacity to undertake such an enterprise. For this, I am sincerely grateful.

I want to thank the committee members for their time and commitment, as well as their support and constructive guidance. They have been deeply helpful throughout the past several months.



Standard Dress Committee

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