



The Texas Normal **SINGING SCHOOL**

Memo: Faculty, Staff, and Student Dress Code

*This policy will be made available to all registrants and posted on our website.
It will apply to all participants of our school.*

Why the Texas Normal Singing School Has a Dress Code

The Texas Normal Singing School (TNSS) serves students from childhood through older adulthood in a shared learning and worship environment. Because of that wide age range, and because we meet on the campus of Abilene Christian University, we ask everyone to dress in a way that is modest, respectful, and appropriate for all stages of life. Our goal is not to police bodies or styles, but to remove distractions and create a setting where students can focus fully on learning, worship, and fellowship. A simple, clear dress code helps us do that consistently and graciously for everyone.

A Necessary Note to Parents and Guardians

Because TNSS serves students across a wide age range in shared spaces, we ask parents and guardians of minor students to partner with us in reviewing the dress code before arrival. Please help ensure that your student's clothing allows them to participate fully and confidently in all TNSS activities without distraction or interruption. Your support helps us maintain a respectful, Christ-honoring environment for everyone.

TNSS DRESS CODE POLICY

The Texas Normal Singing School is a Christian educational program conducted on the campus of Abilene Christian University. We seek to cultivate an environment of reverence, respect, and academic focus that honors God and serves learners of all ages well.

Because TNSS brings together students ranging from children to older adults in shared classes, worship, and public spaces, our dress expectations are designed to be appropriate for all phases of life and consistent with the standards of a Christian learning environment.

There is nothing shameful about the human body. At the same time, Scripture calls us to present ourselves with humility and consideration for others. Clothing should support, not distract from, learning and worship.

General Expectations

All students, faculty, and staff are expected to dress in a manner that is:

- Modest and appropriate for a Christian educational setting
- Clean and neat
- Non-distracting, allowing attention to remain on instruction and worship

- Clothing must provide appropriate coverage when standing, sitting, walking, bending, or reaching.

Specific Guidelines

During all TNSS classes, assemblies, worship services, concerts, and program activities:

- Shorts are not permitted.
- Clothing may not expose the midriff, chest, back, or buttocks.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- Sheer or thin fabrics must be worn with opaque layers underneath.
- Form-fitting clothing must be paired with sufficient coverage.
- Sleepwear or pajamas are not appropriate in public TNSS spaces.
- Clothing with vulgar, offensive, or inappropriate language or imagery is not permitted.
- Additional expectations may be communicated for concerts, worship services, or other formal events.

Scope and Enforcement

This dress code applies during all TNSS-sponsored activities and events. Concerns will be addressed graciously and privately by TNSS leadership. If a student is asked to make a change, we ask that the student do so promptly and respectfully. Any questions or concerns may be discussed with leadership afterward. Our aim is not control or embarrassment, but the creation of a respectful environment where learning and worship can flourish.

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