

DRESS CODE

A uniform dress code has been adopted for students in grades Kindergarten and up. All students must dress in conformance with one's biological sex.

For information regarding ordering logo clothing, please contact the Academy office.

OUR PURPOSE FOR REQUIRING UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Uniform dress:

1. tends to instill in students **a sense of loyalty and belonging** to the community.
2. helps to **de-emphasize socio-economic differences** and excessive fashion consciousness.
3. can **save families money** and time and decrease conflicts over wardrobe choices.
4. can promote **safety** on field trips and on campus where **students are easily identifiable**.
5. helps to create **a positive impression of our students** and our school within the community.
6. allows students to dress modestly and comfortably in order to **focus on learning, not looking**.
7. emphasizes **modesty and safety**.

The school reserves the right to place restrictions on specific garments, as well as make individual requirements, should the need arise. Modesty and acceptability will be defined at the school's discretion. The school also reserves the right to require children to return home to change their appearance if the attire, grooming, etc. is not acceptable by the school's standards.

Teachers and school staff are required to check the children for dress code requirements. For example, girls may be asked if they have shorts beneath their skirt or students wearing high-top shoes may be asked if they are wearing socks.

CHAPEL UNIFORM – BURGUNDY & BLUE DAY – EVERY WEDNESDAY

Students participate in chapel every Wednesday. Every Wednesday all students must wear these garments:

- One pair of navy blue twill slacks or shorts, or a navy blue skirt or skort (no jumpers).
- One burgundy polo shirt (long or short sleeved) or burgundy sweatshirt bearing the Faith Community Academy logo.

If a student wears a non-logo sweater, jacket or sweatshirt they should be prepared to remove them during chapel to show their logo polo.

This "chapel uniform" is also required for field trips, representing FCA at regional academic competitions, and other occasions as notified.

DAILY UNIFORM - All other days of the week require the following dress code:

Top

- Plain polo shirts of any solid color.
- Polo can be long or short sleeve, have buttons not a zipper, and logo must be smaller than a quarter.
- Any symbols or adornments must be appropriate for school.

For winter items being worn all day

- A polo shirt (or school t-shirt on Friday) should be visible with any layering of undershirts or sweaters/sweatshirts.
- Coats or jackets should be worn outside the buildings during the appropriate season. Coats or jackets should be limited indoors so that they do not interfere with productivity. All outerwear should fit appropriately, can be any color/pattern but should be free of any logo or design apart from any school designs or logo smaller than a quarter.

Bottom

- Boys and girls may wear twill or corduroy slacks (not colored denim) without excessive pockets. These garments must be black, navy blue or khaki* colored.
- Boys and girls may wear twill style shorts, no more than three inches above the middle of the kneecap when standing, without excessive pockets. These garments must be black, navy blue or khaki* colored.
- Girls may wear skirts, skorts, Capri-style pants, or jumpers (length must be at three inches above the middle of the kneecap when standing or longer). These garments must be black, navy blue or khaki* colored. These garments must also match the material requirements of slacks and shorts – twill or corduroy without excessive pockets or decoration. Pants that appear to be leggings, extreme stretch or ponte style are not permitted.
- Girls may also wear polo-style dresses of a solid color.

*The khaki color is defined as tan or deep beige.

GENERAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

- Girls must wear shorts underneath skirts, dresses, or jumpers **at all times**. Leggings and stretch shorts, such as exercise shorts, are acceptable only when worn underneath a skirt or shorts. These shorts or leggings must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Shirts must remain tucked into slacks, shorts and skirts.
- Slacks must fit appropriately, length not above the ankles and not touching the floor, and fitted for the waist.
- Garments should be replaced when faded, discolored, or threadbare (no patches).

- Shoes:
 - All students must wear plain tennis shoes with socks. Shoes may be any color with no cartoon characters or radical symbols, i.e. flames, skulls, ying-yang, etc.
 - Shoes can have shoestrings or velcro straps. Slip-on tennis shoes that cover the whole foot are okay. Shoes must stay on the foot and provide adequate support.
 - Shoestrings must remain tied at all times. If round shoestrings will not stay tied we will request you change the shoestrings.
 - Platform, radical style tennis shoes, shoes with rollers on them, shoes with a cut out heel, rubber soled sandals, "dress" shoes with rubber soles, etc. are not acceptable. Boots are not allowed.
- Socks may be any color.
- Hats or caps may not be worn inside the building. Plain caps without a logo or appropriate for wear at a Christian school may be worn outside. They must be worn properly and FCA reserves the right to discern if hat should be worn on campus.
- Jewelry must be modest in size and coloring. Students may lose the privilege of wearing jewelry if it interferes with their productivity or the productivity of others. Kindergarten-1st grade should avoid wearing any jewelry to school.
- Jewelry common to body piercing (except single ear piercing for girls) must not be worn.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Boys' hairstyles should be above the eyebrows, trimmed neatly on the sides and not touching the collar.
- Girls' hairstyles should be worn in a manner that does not limit vision.
- No extreme fad hairstyles are allowed including, but not limited to, tails, shaved looks and artificial coloring. Hair color reflecting a natural color is acceptable.
- Cosmetic makeup may not be worn, including temporary tattoos and body glitter.
- Permanent tattoos must be covered.

Some accessories are acceptable for girls at the parent's discretion provided that there is no interference with the student's productivity, positive behavior, or tasteful demeanor. The school administration reserves the right to refuse these accessories should problems arise - fake fingernails, decorative belts, hair pieces matching natural coloring, and other hair accessories.

Students may **NOT** wear:

- Zippered or pullover shirts or T-shirts.
- Anything that buttons all the way down - dress shirts, blouses, or button-up shirt dresses.
- Sweat pants.
- Slouched or baggy slacks or shorts.
- Oversized, extra-long shorts that fail to stay secured around the waist.
- Denim garments (including khaki colored jeans).
- Slacks with patches or frayed hems.
- Slacks or shorts with excessive pockets.

JEANS DAY

Jeans can be worn on Friday if the student pays \$1. Long or short jeans that are in good repair (free of fraying, rips, or stains) are allowed. No jeggings or extreme stretch "denim" can be worn.

VIOLATIONS OF DRESS CODE

Any FCA staff member may issue a dress code violation. When issued, it is entered into our FACTS system. When the sixth dress code violation is issued, the Administrator will conference with the parent. Dress code privileges may be suspended for students that misuse the dress code (i.e. a student with side pockets hides toys or weapons in them, that student is no longer allowed to wear uniform bottoms with what we would term "excessive pockets").

P.E. DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Students must wear supportive athletic tennis shoes and slacks or shorts. Girls must wear shorts or leggings under jumpers, skirts or skorts on their regularly scheduled P.E. day. "Tights" or any type of "see-through" hosiery is not acceptable. A violation of this dress code receives a notice sent home, and will be reflected in the child's physical education grade on the quarterly progress report due to the child's inability to appropriately participate in P.E. class. Parents will be notified of their child's P.E. days no later than the first week of school.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

There will be designated days when dress code is suspended or altered, such as school picture day and celebration days (Rodeo, for example). These days will be announced in advance and standards of modesty and safety apply on these days. If the student chooses not to dress up for the event or is not participating, then regular dress code is required and is not seen as a free dress day.