

DRESS CODE

K-12 DRESS CODE (rev. 7/26)

Our purpose is to glorify the Lord in all things, including appearance. To that end, we observe the following standards with our dress code: safety, modesty, and mission-appropriateness.

All students are expected to be neat, clean and well groomed, any time they are on campus, or representing the school. In keeping with the school's beliefs and standards, students are expected to dress in a manner consistent with their biological sex. While we respect the wide range of personal styles and preferences, to best reflect our standards, students are not permitted to wear anything other than the items listed below. If you are unsure whether an item of clothing meets the dress code requirements, please have it approved by the school before wearing it.

Because it is not possible to anticipate every dress code situation, Faith Christian School reserves the right to address attire or appearance concerns that may arise and are not specifically covered in this policy. We appreciate the partnership of our families in supporting these standards as we seek to maintain a consistent, respectful, and Christ-honoring school environment. The following is a list of the required standardized dress:

Hair (rev. 7/25)

Understanding that hair length is a matter of Christian liberty and not necessarily a measure of spirituality, we have, nonetheless, opted for the following requirements in an effort to better clarify the neat appearance desired of FCS students:

1. Conservatively styled hair that is clean, neat, well-groomed and of natural coloring.
2. Girls' hair is to be clean, neatly trimmed and out of the eyes.
3. Boys' hair must be cut above the collar. Bangs are to be trimmed above eye level. Boys are not to wear hair accessories (pony tail holders, headbands, etc.) to school or school activities, with the exception of participation in sports practices and games.

School Event/Field Trip Attire (rev. 7/26)

All students must have one navy shirt and dress-code aligned pants or shorts (or skirts/ skorts for girls, if appropriate for the occasion) to be worn for special school events and field trips.

Tops

1. Tops include shirts, blouses, sweaters, vests (with long, short or full cap sleeve shirt underneath it), sweatshirts and hoodies.
2. All tops must have sleeves (except vests) and be worn appropriately, as the top was designed to be worn.
3. Strap/string/tank type sleeveless blouses are not permitted.
4. Blouses/dresses with full cap sleeves are permitted.
5. All tops must be in good repair and modest in appearance. No see-through fabric.
6. Tight fitting tops or tops that are too low are not permitted. The scoop of the top must not exceed the width of the palm of the student's hand from the base of their neck. Modesty is our goal, so make sure that you are well covered, even when bending over or sitting at a desk.
7. Shirts and bottoms must overlap at all times (including when arms are raised). Exposed midriff skin or undergarments are not permitted.
8. Tops may be solid or patterned (limited to plaids, florals, stripes, paisley, color-blocking, polka dots and patterned geometric shapes). Patterns cannot be repeating pictures or anything negative or contrary to our Christian philosophy. Any tops that have lace or cut-outs must have appropriate fabric underneath to adhere to dress code.
9. No logos, emblems, symbols, pictures, camouflage, tie-dye, insignias, advertisements, and/or monograms are allowed. A small thumbprint logo (not writing) on the front is permitted.

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10. All FCS logo apparel tops are permitted (except gym T-shirts, which are to be worn only during the gym class period).
11. Thermal fabrics are not allowed as an outer shirt.
12. Shirts with tails are not required to be tucked in.
13. Uniformly colored denim jackets may be worn if they have no rips or tears and are neat in appearance.

Dresses/Skirts

1. Girls are permitted to wear dresses and skirts of any color. Skirts and dresses that are too tight will be deemed a violation of dress code.
2. Patterns are permitted (limited to plaids, florals, stripes, paisley, color-blocking, polka dots and patterned geometric shapes).
3. Top of the dress must conform to the guidelines for tops.
4. Girls' skirts, skorts, jumpers or dresses must be worn to the top of the kneecap in the front and the crease of the knee in the back.
5. Slits or kick pleats in skirts, skorts, dresses or shorts must not extend above the knee.

Bottoms(rev. 7/26)

Bottoms are to be one solid color. Fabric may be denim/jean type material other than blue. (Blue jeans are not permitted.) Distressed, torn, or carpenter style pants are not permitted. All items must be in good repair and modest in appearance. No designs, emblems, symbols, insignias, advertisements, words and/or monograms are allowed. Thumbprint logos are permitted.

1. Pants include dress, or casual Docker-style pants, straight leg or boot cut, as appropriate for student's body type. Jogger style twill pants are permitted. Sweatpants, yoga pants or athletic pants are not permitted. Cargo pants without pocket strings are permitted.
2. Dress or casual Docker-style shorts are allowed and must be worn to the top of the kneecap and the crease of the knee in the back. Shorts must have a hemmed edge (no cut-offs).
3. Capri-style pants are permitted as well.
4. No see-through fabric.
5. Girls may choose to wear leggings that are a solid color and solid fabric underneath a skirt or dress that is the appropriate length.
6. All bottoms must be appropriately sized for the student, no more than one size larger than the student actually measures. Extra-wide, extra-full, or extra-long will be in violation of the dress code.
7. Pants that are too tight will be deemed a violation of dress code.

Footwear

1. Shoes, dress sandals or sneakers must be worn properly. Footwear designed for laces must have them and must be tied. All footwear must have a back strap and a solid sole. (Flip flops and slippers are not permitted.)
2. All footwear must be a matched pair and may not have markings which refer to topics that are contrary to the mission of the school (e.g.; substance abuse; immorality; racial, religious, or ethnic bias; violence or gangs).
3. Tights or nylons may also be worn but must be a solid color and solid fabric.
4. Shoe heel height must not exceed 2".
5. Boots must be below the knee, and students are not permitted to wear shorts with boots.

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Jewelry/Accessories(rev. 7/26)

1. Girls: neck scarves are permitted. Jewelry and make-up should be modest gender appropriate. No black or heavily darkened cosmetics/nail polish. Girls' piercings are limited to the ears.
2. Boys: neck ties are permitted. No earrings are to be worn. No cosmetics/nail polish are acceptable.
3. Outside jackets (pea coats, down jackets, etc.) cannot be worn in classrooms unless a school emergency exists.
4. Temporary/permanent visible tattooing or personal marking (writing or designs) of the body is not permitted.
5. Extreme accessories (heavy chains, body piercing, ear gauges, etc.) are not permitted.
6. Hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, do-rags or sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building. Girls are permitted to wear headbands in the hair but not across the forehead.
7. No bracelet or other accessory with writing or graphic that may be controversial or distracting to others shall be worn.

Chapel Days

Students follow the standardized dress code but may strive for a look that is dressy but not formal in nature.

Physical Education(rev. 7/25)

1. Students in grades K – 5 wear sneakers and regular classroom clothing for gym. Girls in these grades should not wear skirts or dresses on gym days. Gym uniforms are required for grades 6 - 12. The physical education uniforms consist of the following articles of clothing in good, clean condition:
 - a. Royal blue shorts (purchased through **Instant Replay** of Wind Gap). Shorts may not be form-fitting and no shorter than the fingertips when standing straight with arms at the side.
 - b. FCS screen-printed T-shirts (purchased through **Instant Replay** of Wind Gap).
 - c. Any color sneakers (not ripped/torn, must be properly laced) styled or decorated in a manner consistent with school policy.
 - d. Athletic sweatpants – no writing across the backside.
2. If any of the above is missing, the student will be considered unprepared for class and will receive a grade penalty. After gym class is completed, all students must change back into their school attire. This includes the last period of the day, except on chapel days when the students may put on sweatpants over their shorts before leaving school.

Dress for Athletic Practices(rev. 7/26)

1. Any color sneakers (not ripped/torn, must be properly laced) styled or decorated in a manner consistent with school policy.
2. Loose athletic sweatpants – no writing across the backside
3. Shorts must be modest and may not be form fitting. Shorts must be finger-tip length or longer.
4. No sleeveless tops. Boys must wear shirts at all times.

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Special Events

For special events such as sports banquets, chorus performances, plays or junior/senior banquet, please refer to the special dress code letters sent home. No student will be permitted to attend any special event without proper attire. Students will not be allowed to participate in the special event until they are in compliance with the dress code and may be sent home to change or be separated from the group until their parents bring appropriate clothing for the event. Both students and their guests must follow our school's guidelines regarding hair and accessories. In general, the following guidelines will apply:

1. Boys: Dress pants, shoes, shirt and tie, or tuxedo, if chosen.
2. Girls: For special occasions, such as the junior/senior banquet, we recognize that our young ladies prefer to wear contemporary, youthful formal attire. FCS encourages them to look their best and enjoy the opportunity to dress up, while still honoring the following guidelines of modesty:
 - a. Dresses must be kneecap length or longer.
 - b. Slits in dresses must not go above the knee.
 - c. The overall impression of any dress must be modest, with no cleavage whatsoever. Only dresses for the junior/senior banquet may be sleeveless, strapless, or have spaghetti straps.
 - d. Dresses should not have cutouts, whether covered in mesh or exposing bare skin.
 - e. Junior/senior banquet dresses must not be totally backless or dip too low in the back. There should be straps (crisscross, for example) to avoid the impression of a bare back. These are not acceptable at any other school occasion.
 - f. Dress fabric should not be sheer or see-through; appropriate undergarments must be worn.
 - g. Caution should be exerted in choosing flesh-toned fabrics that give the impression of bare skin, even with the addition of an outer layer of fabric over the flesh-tone.
 - h. All ladies must have a wrap on hand in case the faculty/staff determine a dress does not adhere to the stated guidelines. In such cases, the young lady will be required to keep her wrap on for the duration of the event.
 - i. Violations of dress code for special events are subject to discipline at the discretion of the principal.

CONCLUSION

Parents are responsible to make sure that their student is properly dressed for school. FCS will review student attire each morning, and if dress code is not followed, the procedure will be as follows:

1. Students wearing clothing that does not conform to the dress code will be issued a demerit by the teacher.
2. If the clothing is immodest, the student will be sent to the office to change.

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