



# **FAMILIES OF FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

## **K-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE DRESS CODE**

### **Mission Statement**

To work with families in bringing their children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, educating them from a Christian worldview, and preparing them for a life of service to Christ and their world.

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### **Revision Policy**

Families of Faith Christian Academy reserves the right to change any policy or procedure in the dress code at any time when, at the discretion of the staff and administration, it deems the change to be in the best interest of the school.

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# DRESS CODE

We want to help our students create a good self-image for themselves, which is vital to good Christian growth. To do this, we feel that we must encourage cleanliness and dress that is becoming of young ladies and gentlemen in accordance with the principles of modesty set forth in Scripture. Students should dress in a way that neither dishonors God nor draws inappropriate attention to themselves. The dress standards which follow are intended as expressions of these principles. At FOFCA, we believe that the way we are dressed is the first and simplest form of communication about ourselves. Therefore, we have a uniform for our lower school students (**kindergarteners through grade 6**) while they are developing and learning good dress habits. For our upper school students (**grades 7-12**), we have developed a dress code to which all upper school students must adhere and which we believe includes sufficient latitude for individual expression and taste.

One of the most difficult tasks for administration is the determination of modesty, which is often at odds with cultural fashion trends. Please, do not put administration in a difficult position. We do not want to cause any embarrassment by having to notify a student that their attire is inappropriate after they have arrived at school. Modesty is a somewhat subjective interpretation, but one we have a duty to uphold. Before students leave home each day, it is the parents' responsibility to see that their student is dressed properly for school according to the uniform (**K-6**) or dress code (**7-12**). If a student is out of uniform or dress code, they may be required to change before returning to class (at admin discretion based on the number or type of uniform/dress code infractions). For specific consequences following uniform or dress code violations, please see the Discipline and Consequences Chart in the full handbook.

*Please note that the general guidelines and 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade dress code apply to parent/guardian volunteers who are on-campus during the school day.*

## 2023-2024 GENERAL GUIDELINES

### 1. **Acceptable attire:**

- a. Pants: modest fit pants with no rips/tears, unfinished hems, or holes
- b. Dresses/skirts/tunics: must be fingertip length at minimum; dresses, skirts, or tunics that are *above the knee* MUST have shorts or leggings beneath. If the dress/skirt comes to the middle of the thigh or longer, girls may wear tights instead of shorts or leggings.
- c. Shorts: modest fit shorts with no rips/tears that have a minimum 5" inseam
- d. Shirts: modest fit shirts with no rips/tears, unfinished hems, or holes
- e. Shoes: dress shoes, gym shoes, sandals, Crocs, or boots, must be clean and in good condition

### 2. **Unacceptable attire:**

- a. Bottoms: leggings (without a dress/skirt/tunic), spandex
- b. Dresses/tops: sleeveless or strapless, immodest fit, see-through (anything which allows for undergarments to be seen), cleavage-revealing, crop tops
- c. Shoes: slippers, any shoe with wheels in the sole
- d. Any article of clothing which is too tight or form-fitting—restricting movement or emphasizing bodily curves. Students should be able to pinch an inch of fabric on any article of clothing.
- e. Any article of clothing or accessory that displays obscene, sexually suggestive, vulgar, violent, or otherwise inappropriate slogans/insults

- f. Any article of clothing which is excessively baggy—oversized or inappropriately fitted, sags, or will not stay up
- g. Hats or headwear, including a raised hood
- h. Chains, spikes, or jewelry indicating gang affiliation or considered potentially harmful

### 3. Appearance standards:

- a. Hair should be clean, well-groomed, not extreme (as determined by administration, including, but not limited to: excessive length for boys, mohawks, spikes, non-natural colors, etc.), and away from the eyes. Compliance will be determined by the administration.
- b. Junior and senior boys may have facial hair. Boys’ facial hair is to be neat and well-groomed at all times. No shaggy or unkempt appearance will be allowed. Compliance will be determined by the administration.
- c. Nail color (for boys), body mutilations, or body piercings (including any magnetic jewelry and gauges) other than ear piercings are not permitted. Tattoos or brands must be covered throughout the school day and whenever attending school functions or activities.

## K-6<sup>TH</sup> UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

All uniform items must be purchased through Land’s End, French Toast, Walmart, Old Navy, or Children’s Place. School spirit wear must be purchased through the FOECA spirit wear website and have Llewellyn (our official eagle logo) on them.

### GIRLS UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

#### Tops

Polos: heather gray, navy, or orange, short or long sleeve polos

Spirit wear: heather gray, orange, or navy t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up

Cardigans: navy, orange, or heather gray, button down or cable knit (optional)

Dresses: navy, gray, or orange polo uniform dresses, fingertip length at a minimum—*if the dress is above the knee, girls must wear shorts or leggings underneath it, if it comes to the middle of the thigh or is longer, girls may wear tights instead of leggings or shorts.*

#### Bottoms: all bottoms must be navy blue

Pants: flat front or pleated pants

Shorts: walking or cargo shorts with a 5” inseam minimum

Jumpers/skirts: jumpers, skirt, or skort (any style), fingertip length at a minimum— *if the dress is above the knee, girls must wear shorts or leggings underneath it, if it comes to the middle of the thigh or is longer, girls may wear tights instead of leggings or shorts.*

Socks/tights/leggings: black, gray, white, or navy

Shoes: white, black, navy, or brown dress shoe, gym shoe, loafers, boots, sandals, Crocs, or flats

### BOYS UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

#### Tops

Polos: heather gray, navy, or orange, short or long sleeve polos

Spirit wear: heather gray, orange, or navy t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up

Cardigans: navy, orange, or heather gray, button down or cable knit (optional)

#### Bottoms: all bottoms must be navy blue

Pants: cargo, flat front, or pleated pants

Shorts: walking or cargo shorts with a 5" inseam minimum

Socks: black, gray, white, or navy

Shoes: white, black, navy, or brown dress shoe, gym shoe, loafers, boots, sandals, Crocs, or flats

Belts: *must match shoes*, may be black, navy, or brown (optional)

## UNIFORM COMPANIES

All daily dress uniforms must be purchased from French Toast, Walmart (uniform brand), Old Navy, Children's Place, or Lands' End.

Lands' End Uniforms      [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school)

French Toast              [www.FrenchToast.com](http://www.FrenchToast.com)

Wal-Mart                 [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

Old Navy                 [www.oldnavy.com](http://www.oldnavy.com)

Children's Place         [www.childrensplace.com](http://www.childrensplace.com)

*French Toast uniforms can sometimes be purchased seasonally at K-Mart, Sears, and Meijer in our area.*

## K-6<sup>TH</sup> EXAMPLE UNIFORMS



# 7-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DAILY DRESS CODE

## 1. Daily dress acceptable attire:

- f. Pants: modest fit dress pants or jeans with no rips/tears or holes
- g. Dresses/skirts/tunics: must be fingertip length at minimum; dresses, skirts, or tunics that are *above the knee* MUST have shorts or leggings. If the skirt/dress is mid-thigh length, girls may wear tights instead of shorts or leggings.
- h. Shorts: modest fit dress, cargo, hiking, or denim shorts with no rips/tears that have a minimum 5" inseam
- i. Shirts: collared, button-down, blouses, sweaters, or t-shirts (graphic tees, logos, etc.) acceptable
- j. Shoes: dress shoes, gym shoes, sandals, Crocs, or boots

## 2. Daily dress unacceptable attire:

- i. Bottoms: leggings, sweatpants, spandex, yoga pants, athletic shorts
- j. Dresses/tops: sleeveless or strapless, immodest fit, see-through, cleavage-revealing, crop tops
- k. Shoes: slippers, any shoe with wheels in the sole
- l. Any article of clothing or accessory that displays obscene images, sexually suggestive, vulgar, violent, or otherwise inappropriate images or sayings
- m. Hats or headwear, including a raised hood
- n. Chains, spikes, or jewelry indicating gang affiliation or considered potentially harmful

# MANDATORY DRESS GUIDELINES

FOR ALL STUDENTS K-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE—CHAPEL, ATHLETIC, & EVENT DRESS CODE

## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MANDATORY DRESS

Mandatory dress gives our students the opportunity to style themselves in a business-like manner. All students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may choose their own outfits within the following standards of dress. We use mandatory dress days for chapel services, game days for athletic events, and special occasions such as picture day, the Christmas play, science fair, and graduation.

## BOYS MANDATORY DRESS CODE

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Shirts: Wrinkle-free, collared button-down dress shirt or polo, any color. Shirts are to be tucked in with a belt.

Socks: Dress socks may be black, brown, navy blue, or fun-patterned socks

Belts: *Must match shoes*, solid black, navy, or brown

Shoes: Black, navy, or brown solid color dress shoe, dress boots, or stylish gym shoe in excellent condition (such as Converse or Vans) coordinated w/ outfit

Optional items: Ties—necktie or bow tie, any color, solid or patterned, matching suit jackets, blazers, or vests

## GIRLS MANDATORY DRESS CODE

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, brown, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Skirts/dresses: Must be fingertip length at minimum; dresses, skirts, or tunics that are *above the knee* MUST have shorts or leggings beneath. If the dress/skirt comes to the middle of the thigh or is longer, girls may wear tights instead of leggings or shorts.

Shirts: Blouses or sweaters

Socks/tights/leggings: Dress socks or tights must coordinate with the outfit

Shoes: Dress flats, dress boots, dress sandals, heels, or **stylish gym shoe in excellent condition (such as Converse or Vans) coordinated w/ outfit**

Optional items: Blazers, jean jackets

## **MANDATORY DRESS UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE:**

*Everything considered unacceptable for daily dress is also unacceptable for mandatory dress.*

Pants: No jeans of any color or athleisure (leggings, sweatpants, etc.)

Shirts: Sweatshirts, t-shirts, hoodies, and jackets are not permitted (including spirit wear)

Shoes: Flip flops, clogs, jellies, Crocs, or slides

## **ATHLETIC DRESS**

INTRAMURAL AND COMPETITIVE SPORTS PRACTICES, FIELD DAY

- a. T-shirts
- b. Modest tank tops (shoulders and undergarments covered)
- c. Athletic shorts with a minimum 5" inseam (Spandex or biker shorts may be worn beneath athletic shorts but never alone)
- d. Sweatpants or joggers

## **DRESS DOWN**

GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS K-12<sup>TH</sup>

- a. All acceptable daily dress is permissible on dress down day
- b. Pants: Jeans, sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts (5" inseam minimum)
- c. Tops: T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, zip-ups (follow general guidelines)
- d. Shoes: Gym shoes, flip flops, slides, Crocs, etc.

On dress down days *only*, students may wear jeans with rips/tears/holes. However, any holes above the knee (for boys and girls) must be covered by wearing leggings beneath or otherwise patching the hole—no skin is to be shown.

## **FORMAL EVENT ATTIRE**

Formal event dress code guidelines must be followed by all attendees at events (current FOECA students and off-campus guests). To avoid confusion or issues at an event, administration is willing to pre-approve outfits based on a picture of the student in the outfit.

- a. Attire should reflect a formal family occasion (like a wedding) rather than a night on the town or evening at a club
- b. Dresses that are too revealing, exposing midriffs or cleavage, or are shorter than mid-thigh are not appropriate