

K-5 DRESS CODE/MODESTY GUIDELINES

RATIONALE

It is the goal of FFCS to provide a healthy, modest, and above all, Christian learning environment. Our uniform policy at Firm Foundation Christian School is in place for the following reasons: (1) to ensure student attire remains modest, biblical and honoring to the Lord, (2) to help keep student focus on learning, (3) to maintain discipline, and (4) to reflect neatness, orderliness and consistency.

Dress code guidelines are to be followed at school or at any off-campus, school-related activities. (Some off-campus school-related activities will require students to wear uniforms; all other off-campus school-related activities require students to follow our non-uniform day guidelines. Prior to off-campus school-related activities, students will be notified whether uniform or non-uniform guidelines must be followed.)

All FFCS students are to arrive at school in compliance to the Dress Code/Modesty Guidelines and remain thus throughout the day, and at all school-related activities (including after-school care and after-school classes) and events. Students who are involved in after school sports may be exempt from this policy.

PARENT NOTE

We depend on our parents to work with the school in maintaining these standards by being aware of what their child is wearing **before** he or she leaves for school. Please be sure your child is dressed and groomed properly.

PRESCHOOL GUIDELINES

Preschool students are not required to purchase uniforms, nor are they limited to certain colors. However, preschool students are required to abide by all other uniform guidelines listed in the FFCS uniform policy.

UNIFORMS

Students shall wear uniforms from Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger uniforms. Please consult the online Land's End uniform website or the online Tommy Hilfiger uniform website for further clarification on allowed items. Both websites can be accessed via the school website (www.ffcs.org).

MANDATORY PE UNIFORMS FOR 5TH GRADE

- Black or Navy only in: Shorts, Sweatpants and/or Track Pants (PE uniforms may be purchased through Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger, but it is not required)
- Plain Navy or Gray crew-neck T-shirts (PE uniforms may be purchased through Land's End, but it's not required.) No scoop neck t-shirts are allowed.

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM POLICIES

- All uniform items must be neat and orderly, with no frays, tears, holes, large stains, etc.
- Shirts must cover the waistband of all pants and skirts.
- *(for girls)* No non-uniform apparel can be visible if worn under a uniform item, with the exception of a white or black camisole that may be worn under a uniform shirt and hang no more than 2 inches below the uniform shirt.
- *(for boys)* No non-uniform apparel can be visible if worn under a uniform item, with the exception of a white undershirt that may be visible around the collar area of the uniform shirt. The undershirt should be tucked into the waistband of pants. The undershirt should not be visible anywhere else (i.e., below sleeves and/or hanging below the uniform shirt).
- Undergarments are not to be showing at any time.
- Students may not wear jackets or coats in classrooms.
- Only uniform sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn during class.
- Sunglasses, hats or caps may be worn outside, but not in the classroom, lunchroom, at chapel times, etc.
- Solid colors leggings or tights may be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers.
- No bandanas or head coverings can be worn at school.
- All belts must be worn through belt loops. Oversize decorative belts may not be worn.
- Leg warmers and arm warmers may not be worn.
- All scarves, sashes and ties shall be color-coordinated with the school uniform colors.
- Students are required to stay in proper uniform attire until 3:25 p.m. If students are participating in after school activities, such as choir practice, chess club, after-care, etc, they must stay in uniform. Students who are involved in after school sports may be exempt from this policy.

Students and parents need to check periodically over the course of the school year for physical growth resulting in uniforms becoming too short or tight (especially pants and skirts/dresses).

SHOE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRADES

All students are required to wear sturdy shoes at all times. Shoes must have a minimum of a strap around the heel; flip flops and other open-heeled shoes are not appropriate footwear for the school day. This policy is in place for safety purposes. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR SHOES THAT ARE NON-SCUFFING TO SAVE OUR FLOORS. Shoes may have heels no higher than two inches. Shoes with a wheeled device, such as hee-lies, can only be worn at school if the wheel has been removed.

SHOES FOR PE CLASSES: Students are required to wear sturdy, fastened shoes appropriate for athletics to prevent possible injuries. Non-marking tennis shoes are mandatory for PE.

EARRINGS/BODY PIERCING/TATTOOS/HAIR

Female students with pierced ears may wear no more than one earring in each ear. For safety purposes, earrings should be no longer than one and one half inches. Male students may not wear earrings. No other body piercings are permitted at school or at off-campus school functions. No tattoos, temporary stick-on tattoos, or ink may be visible on students at school or off-campus school functions. Only natural hair color dyes may be used by students choosing to dye their hair. Students' hair must not cover their eyes or limit their vision.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

On certain occasions during the school year, students are allowed to "dress down" for the day instead of wearing uniforms. On non-uniform days, please be sure your child is dressed modestly and neatly.

- Sleeveless shirts are allowed if they are a button up and/or have a collar. (Sleeveless shirts are not tank tops; sleeveless shirts have more coverage in the shoulder.) Tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops, etc. are not appropriate
- Tight-fitting tops are not appropriate
- Tight jeans, or pants with holes, tears or rips are not appropriate
- Shorts and skirts may be no shorter than two inches above the knee
- Jeggings are not appropriate
- Leggings worn as pants or leggings worn with skirts that are shorter than 2-inches above the knee are not appropriate (Leggings may only be worn with skirts or dresses of the appropriate listed length)
- Sheer skirts/dresses that are long in length with a solid skirt underneath that is more than two inches above the knee are not appropriate
- All logos, graphics, words/phrases or other writing must be appropriate for a Christian school environment, in other words, carry positive messages and be in line with Biblical standards. Certain graphics, including gargoyles, skulls, wizards, vampires, and other graphics of this nature are not appropriate for school.

All clothing on non-uniform days is subject to the approval of administration and teachers. For students dressed inappropriately, parents may be called to bring in a change of clothing for the student.

CONSEQUENCES

If a kindergartener through fifth grader comes to school in attire not in compliance with the FFCS Dress Code/Modesty Guidelines...

First Infraction: Student is informed of inappropriate dress and a note informing parents is also sent home. Parents may be called to bring appropriate uniform items to the school so the student can change.

Second Infraction: The teacher will call the parents to discuss the matter. Parents may be asked to bring appropriate uniform items to the school so the student can change.

Third Infraction: A Parent-Teacher conference will be scheduled to discuss the situation. Parents may be called to bring appropriate uniform items to the school so the student can change.

All clothing is subject to the approval of the administration. The school reserves the right to require that students whose dress is deemed inappropriate wear a school-provided shirt over, or in place of, their inappropriate clothing choices for the school day, and/or to require that students call home for a change of clothing.