

FFCS 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.

LANDS END UNIFORMS

Students shall wear uniforms using the following guidelines. (Please consult the Land's End uniform catalog for further clarification on each item).

- **All** uniform items must be purchased through the Land's End uniform catalog or at the Land's End uniform section sold at some Sears stores.
- Shirts, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts: Burgundy, Evergreen and White only.
- Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Jumpers: Khaki, Classic Navy and Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid only
- Skirts, Skorts, and Jumpers must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. (Please keep in mind that if these uniform items fit your girl(s) around the

waist but are shorter than two inches above the knee then your girl(s) cannot wear those uniform items.)

- If you have a question about the suitability of an article of clothing, please bring it to the office prior to wearing it to school.
- 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).

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6TH – 8TH

BOYS AND GIRLS – Shirts, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts may be an additional color, Classic Navy.

BOYS – Rugby Shirt, Cargo Pants, Cargo Shorts 6th – 8th Handbook 2016-2017 28

GIRLS – Rugby Shirt, Cargo Pants, Cargo Skirt, Cargo Skort, Stretch Crops, Cargo Shorts, short/long sleeve Mesh Polo Dress or Ruffle Bottom Dress (Navy Blue and Evergreen only for 6-8th Grades).

MANDATORY PE ATTIRE

- Black or Navy only in: Shorts, Sweatpants and/or Track Pants (PE uniforms may be purchased through Land's End, 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. (For students with lockers, such items shall be stored in the locker during class.)

- Only uniform sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn during class. (For students with lockers, non-uniform items shall be stored in the locker 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 Heelys, 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.

- All shirts must have sleeves (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.

DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

If a 6th – 8th grader comes to school in attire not in compliance with the FFCS Dress Code/Modesty Guidelines...

First Infraction: Student is informed of inappropriate dress. Student may be asked to wear a school-provided shirt or clothing item, or parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing items to the school so the student can change. Parents may be communicated with regarding this infraction.

Second Infraction: Student is given detention. Administration will call the parents to discuss the matter. Student may be asked to wear a school-provided shirt or clothing item, or parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing items to the school so the student can change.

Third Infraction: A conference between administration and parents will be scheduled to discuss the situation. Student may be asked to wear a school-provided shirt or clothing item, or parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing 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 their inappropriate clothing choices for the school day, and/or to require that students call home for a change of clothing.