

FCS Dress Code: Frequently Asked Questions

Our dress code is designed to help students come to school dressed appropriately, comfortably, and ready to learn. The questions below clarify some areas that have generated confusion. These answers are intended to **clarify how our existing dress code is applied**, not to create additional requirements.

Pants & Shorts

What types of materials are allowed for pants and shorts?

Pants and shorts must meet the existing dress code requirements, including having a **finished hem**. We do not specify particular fabric types. **Athletic pants and shorts are not allowed**. Because styles and materials vary widely, the school reserves the right to use **teacher and office discretion** when determining whether an item is appropriate for school.

Sweatshirts & Sweaters

Can students wear sweatshirts with logos or graphics?

Inside the school, students may wear **FCS-issued hoodies or crewnecks, plain sweaters, or cardigans** over approved tops. Sweatshirts that are not plain or FCS-issued may be worn outside the school building but should not be worn inside.

Can students wear a plain T-shirt?

No. **Plain T-shirts are not permitted as a primary top**. Plain sweatshirts are different because they may be worn **over an approved top**.

Can students wear a patterned sweater, cardigan, or other layer?

Inside the school, the approved over-layers are **FCS-issued hoodies or crewnecks, plain sweaters, and cardigans**. Patterned or graphic sweatshirts are not permitted as an inside over-layer unless otherwise approved by the administration.

Shoes

What does "closed-toe and closed-heel" mean?

Both the **toes and heels must be completely enclosed**, such as with a traditional tennis shoe.

Are UGG-style clogs or shoes with an open heel allowed?

No. Shoes with an exposed heel do not meet the closed-toe and closed-heel requirement.

Coats & Jackets

Can students wear coats or jackets inside the building?

Students may wear **FCS-issued hoodies or crewnecks, plain sweaters, or cardigans over approved tops** inside the school.

Students should wear **weather-appropriate outerwear** when coming to and from school and when participating in outdoor activities. When weather conditions present a health or safety concern, school staff or administration may require students to wear coats or remain indoors.

Special Event & Awareness Shirts

Can students wear shirts supporting a special cause or awareness campaign?

Special support or awareness clothing may be permitted **with prior administrative approval and for a designated period of time**. This allows the school to consider individual circumstances while maintaining consistency with the dress code.

Skirt & Dresses

How long do skirts and dresses need to be? What if the back is shorter than the front?

Skirts and dresses must meet the school's length requirement **all the way around the garment**. Garments with high-low hems or styles that rise significantly in the back should still provide coverage that meets the dress code when viewed from the **front, back, and sides**.

Are sleeveless dresses allowed?

No. **Dresses must have sleeves** in order to meet the school's dress code requirements.

Still Have a Question?

Dress codes cannot anticipate every style, brand, or situation. If you are unsure whether a particular item meets the dress code, please **check with the school office before wearing it to school**. Teacher and office discretion may be used when determining whether an item is appropriate.

Our goal is to apply the dress code **consistently, reasonably, and respectfully** while allowing students to be comfortable and ready to learn.