



STUDENT DRESS CODE

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SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

The purpose of the FCS Dress Code Policy is to set a standard of appearance for our students. The Dress Code Policy is meant to free students to demonstrate their individuality at the most meaningful levels: through their efforts, personality, spirituality and service to others. FCS Dress Code Policies will be provided at the time of a family's initial registration at Faith Christian School, and may be requested from the office at any time.

The Faith Christian School Board and Administration believes that a mandatory dress code will provide a more secure school environment, promote an atmosphere for greater discipline, and increase learning opportunities for students by eliminating many of the distractions, connotations, and peer pressure associated with clothing styles. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the designated school clothing to class as outlined in this Handbook.

General Guidelines and Principles (will be reviewed by school board and administrator annually)

Students are expected to maintain a neat, clean, and well-groomed appearance at school. No article of clothing shall be outside the dress code guidelines, unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Since school life prepares students for adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The first responsibility for maintaining proper standards belongs to the student and parents/guardians. The school will deal with this responsibility if a student or parent/guardian fails to recognize this need.

Minimum Standards for Attire:

Clothing must be clean and in good repair (i.e. no holes, tears, etc). Clothing must be correctly sized; over-sized, tight-fitting, or obviously out-grown clothing must not be worn to school.

Polo Shirts/Turtle Necks

Students may wear long or short sleeved polo shirts (regular or feminine fit style) or turtle necks in the following colors: Black, Navy, Red

The following additional colors are available through the Lands End School Catalogue ONLY.

Grey, Maize, Chambray Blue, Evergreen, Purple, or Ice Pink (female students)

Variations of these shades are not accepted under this dress code.

Students may wear white blouses, turtle necks or polo shirts as a bottom layer underneath school approved jumpers, sweaters and other tops.

Faith Christian Logo Shirts:

Logo shirts are available in red. They must be purchased through the school office or Lands End School catalogue, and are to be worn on Fridays (or the last school day of the week) and for Field Trips and other school related activities as directed by FCS.

Blouses/Oxford Shirts

Students have the option of choosing button down blouses (female) or oxford shirts (male) in the Lands End School Catalogue in light blue. Blouses with Peter Pan or Ruffled Peter Pan Collars in, blue or maize are also acceptable choices for our female students.

Regardless of style, shirts should be properly fitted and tucked in at all times. Undergarments should not be visible.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers

- Pants, Capri pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers may be worn in the following colors only: Khaki, Black, Navy, White Plaid (Lands End School Catalogue), Hunter/Classic/Navy Plaid (Lands End School Catalogue)
- Pants, Capri pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be worn at waistline level. They may have an elastic waist, a finished waistband, or belt loops (see "Belts"). No "cargo pants" or baggy styles are permitted.
- Pants or shorts must be dress-trouser style with no pockets below the hips, no outside embroidery, beading or stitching.
- Shorts, skirts, jumpers and skorts must not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
- Shorts and Capri pants may be worn from the beginning of the school year through October 15 and after March 15.

Belts

- Belts must be worn on all pants designed with belt loops and must not be more than one size larger than waist.
- Belts must be a **solid neutral color** (white, brown, gray, black, or navy) or Land's End plaid. No glitter, beading, etc.

Make-up

- Make-up will not be allowed at the elementary level, and must be held to a minimum at middle school level.

Hair/Hats/Jewelry

- Hair must be of a human color and of appropriate length. Bangs should be above the eyebrows and boys' hair should be above their collar.
- Caps may be worn outside in cold weather, but no head coverings or sunglasses are to be worn in the building. Students are encouraged to wear hats/caps in their designed manner. They may not be worn backwards or sideways on the school premises at any time.
- No body-pierced jewelry other than earrings for girls.

Socks/Shoes

- Socks primary color should be neutral (white, brown, gray, black, or navy) and they should coordinate with attire.
- Leggings or tights worn under skirts must meet the same color requirements as pants/shorts/skirts. Leggings in the winter must be full length to keep legs warm.
- Shoes should be comfortable and conservative. For safety reasons, no open-toe, open-heel, or elevated-heel shoes are permitted. Shoes must be properly laced and tied, where applicable.
- Nice casual shoes or tennis shoes may be worn with the primary color being neutral (white, brown, gray, black, or navy).
- Boots in neutral colors may be worn as long as they fit under pants legs.

- No visible characters or lights on shoes; no bright, neon, or pastel colors as the primary color.

Coats

- Coats, hooded sweat shirts and over-sized sweaters are restricted from the classroom.
- Cardigan sweaters, fleece jackets or vests **in the dress code colors** may be worn throughout the school day. (see Lands End School Catalogue or similar design)

Field Trips

- Students are encouraged to wear red logo shirts and must comply with the dress code.

After School Activities

- Students are expected to comply with the required dress code until leaving the school grounds.
- Students are not required to wear our designated school clothing at school events such as ball games and picnics (unless specified), but they must not wear short shorts or short skirts, tight-fitting or baggy clothing, tank tops, spaghetti-strap tops, tops that do not cover the midriff, sheer clothing, or exposed undergarments.

Dress Down Days

- Students may wear jeans and any appropriate shirt.
- Belts are optional as long as there is no problem with pants staying at waist.
- Students may wear any closed toe shoes or boots. (Please note: For the safety of students, only closed toe footwear will be permitted.)

Miscellaneous

- School Spirit Day: Friday, or the last day of a shortened school-week, will be celebrated by encouraging students to wear red polo shirts with the school logo.
- Part-time students are expected to comply with the dress code.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE DRESS CODE POLICY

First Offense: Contact parents/guardians and inform them of the violation. The student may be withheld from class depending upon the severity of the violation.

Second Offense: Contact parents/guardians and (a) allow them the opportunity to bring the required item to school, or (b) allow them to take the child home to change into the proper clothing. The student will be withheld from class until clothing is corrected.

Third Offense: Contact parents/guardians and (a) allow them the opportunity to bring the required item to school, or (b) allow them to take the child home to change into the proper clothing. The student will be withheld from class for one-half day.

Fourth Offense: Contact parents/guardians to pick up the student. The parents/guardians and administrator will meet to set up a dress code contract, and the student will be required to comply with the dress code or risk expulsion