

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS FOR FCS STUDENTS**

The dress code at Faith Christian School is designed to maintain an educational environment that is safe and conducive to learning; emphasizing modesty and neatness. In addition to those principles, we also expect students to present themselves in a manner that affirms and reflects their God-given gender. As it states in our Foundational Issues, “we believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one’s biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.”

These Personal Appearance Standards must be followed while students are on campus or participating in school activities. Students are not permitted to change into other clothing unless for a designated school activity (i.e. sports.).

Here are some general guidelines:

- Appropriate undergarments must be worn, and all clothing should be worn in such a way so those undergarments will not be visible at any time, through normal movement.
- All clothing should fit properly, be clean, mended, hemmed and without holes.
- No baggy or tight-fitting clothing is allowed.

Parents may be called to bring clothing if a student is found to be out of dress code or the student may be required to change to clothing provided by the office. Loaned clothing should be laundered and returned the next day or the parent’s account may be charged for the cost of the clothing.

Please understand when shopping that all uniforms (even at suggested places) may not meet FCS standards. It is the parent’s responsibility to purchase clothing that meets the standards.

### **Daily Tops**

Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but must be long enough to cover the midriff even when hands are raised.

- Solid color polo, short or long-sleeved, with no logo
- Oxford-type button front shirt, short or long-sleeved in white or light blue
- School Theme T-shirt
- Uniform V-Neck Sweater Vest (Hunter Green, Navy, Black, or Red), with polo-type or oxford-type shirt underneath.

### **Daily Bottoms**

All bottoms must be worn at the waistline, no sagging. They should not be overly baggy or overly tight. They should have no holes, rips, or tears and must be hemmed. Belts are encouraged and may be required if pants don’t remain at waist level. No denim allowed, except on designated days.

- Khaki, black, or navy Dockers-style pants
- Khaki, black, or navy uniform-style bermuda length shorts
- Khaki, black, or navy cargo pants or shorts (boys only)
- Khaki, black, or navy uniform-type capri (girls only)
- Khaki, black, navy, or uniform plaid knee-length skorts or skirts (girls only)

### **Jackets**

A uniform shirt is to be worn underneath outerwear. You may wear coats or other outerwear to school, but they must be removed when entering a school building.

Acceptable jackets for inside the classroom:

- a plain, uniform-style navy hooded-zippered jacket or hoodie
- a red, black, or white hoodie or zippered jacket with the embroidered FCS logo, only available from a designated spirit wear company . [FCS School Store](#)
- Girls only - a navy or black knit zippered sweater

### **Shoes**

No flip-flops, thong sandals, soccer slides or rubber beach shoes of any type may be worn. Acceptable shoe wear includes:

- Athletic or tennis shoes
- Dress shoes
- Dress sandals

### **Accessories**

Students may not wear hats, headscarves, caps, decorated headbands, or sunglasses inside the school, unless designated for spirit days. Girls may wear make-up in moderation. We strive to maintain a distinction between masculine and feminine without distraction, therefore young men may not wear ear jewelry, or piercings of any kind at school or school activities or events. Young women may wear ear jewelry as long as it is in moderation. No other piercings are allowed at school or school activities or events. Boys are not permitted to wear make-up or nail polish.

### **Hair**

Hairstyles should be neat and clean, out of the eyes, and not bizarre. Boys' hairstyles are not to be effeminate and girls' hairstyles are not to be masculine. Hair color should be natural (no green, pink, blue, etc.).

### **Physical Education Uniform**

**Elementary** - Elementary students do not have a PE uniform and will wear the daily uniform on PE days. Appropriate shoes should be worn to allow for movement and active participation.

### **Junior High and High School**

PE uniform and athletic shoes, with socks, must be worn to PE. You may purchase a PE uniform from the school office or designated retailer. [FCS School Store](#) The PE uniform may not be worn as a school uniform on PE days, but students will have time to change into them before PE begins.

### **Chapel Wear (Wednesday)**

#### **Boys**

- Black, khaki or navy Dockers style pants, belts encouraged
- Oxford-type button front shirt in solid white, black, or blue buttoned to the top and tucked in.
- Tie (must not be loosely tied)
- Dress shoes
  - Elementary are encouraged, but not required, to wear dress shoes for chapel
  - Junior High and High School students are required to wear dress shoes (no athletic/tennis shoes, no canvas)
- Suit jacket, navy or black knit sweater, or sweater vest are the only options to wear for extra warmth indoors on chapel days. Full suits may be worn upon approval. Elementary students may wear a uniform zippered jacket on chapel days.

#### **Girls**

- Oxford-type, button front shirt in solid white, black, or blue, tucked in

- Black, khaki, navy, or uniform plaid knee-length skirt (polo dress or uniform jumper, elementary only)
- Leggings are encouraged to be worn under skirts as weather allows (elementary students are required to wear leggings, tights, or shorts under the skirt throughout the year).
- Dress shoes
  - Elementary are encouraged, but not required, to wear dress shoes for chapel
  - Junior High and High School students are required to wear dress shoes (no athletic/tennis shoes, no canvas)
- Suit jacket, navy or black knit sweater, or sweater vest are the only options to wear for extra warmth indoors on chapel days. Elementary students may wear a uniform zippered jacket on chapel days.

### **Friday**

Students who have had no dress code violations through the week may wear jean pants and a uniform shirt on Friday. Jeans should be worn at the waist, not sagging, baggy or too tight. Jean shorts are not permitted. They should have no holes, rips, or tears and must be hemmed. Students not wishing to participate should wear uniform clothing.

### **Field Trips**

School uniforms are required on any school-sponsored field trips. Most often students will be asked to wear the school theme-tee and jeans, but always watch for dress specifications when field trips are announced. Jean shorts are not permitted. Jeans should be worn at the waist, not too baggy or too tight, and have no rips, patches, or holes in them. Students not wishing to wear jeans should wear uniform bottoms.

### **Spirit Days/Dress Down Days**

From time to time the school may sponsor “casual days” or give the students permission to wear their own clothing for a given school-sponsored event. The uniform standards with regard to modesty, fit and length are to be followed on these occasions. No clothing that is too tight or too baggy. Clothing should follow these guidelines:

- No holes, rips, or tears in any clothing.
- Shorts should be Bermuda length
- Dresses, skirts or skorts should not be higher than the top of the knee.
- No yoga pants, exercise wear, or leggings, unless worn under a skirt or dress that is knee length or longer.
- Sleeveless shirts should cover the shoulder
- No offensive, vulgar, anti-Christian, or unlawful expressions are allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible in normal movement

### **Special Occasion/Formal Wear**

#### **Boys:**

- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Dress Jacket, vest or sweater
- Dress pants
- Dress shoes (no athletic/tennis shoes, no canvas)

#### **Girls:**

- Semi-formal or formal dress
- Dress length, including slit, should not expose the legs more than knee length. No backless, strapless, spaghetti straps or halter-style. Necklines must be modest with no visible cleavage.
- Dress shoes with heels of modest height or dress flats