

DRESS CODE

Appropriate attire has a significant effect upon the attitude of the student and the atmosphere of the classroom. Christian young people must dress and act differently than the world. For students to mature spiritually, the teaching of Biblical separation is a vital part of the school's program (I John 2:15-17).

The standard of appearance for boys and girls is based on Biblical principles. The Bible teaches there is a distinction between the sexes or genders. Naturally, we expect females to look and act like young ladies just as we expect the males to look and act like young men. The Bible teaches that our appearance should be in keeping with modesty. Our appearance is to always glorify Christ (I Corinthians 10:31).

Attire may be checked at any time. If a teacher, staff member, or administration believes an article of clothing is in violation of stated guidelines, appropriate measures will be taken. The daily appearance of each child is the parents' responsibility. Parents will be notified of inappropriate dress or appearance and will be given the necessary steps for correcting the problem.

Since fads change continually, the administration reserves the right to address the appropriateness of such trends as they arise. The administration will have the final authority on all matters of dress and hair. If a person has a question about the dress code, he/she should feel free to contact the administration.

General Guidelines for All Students

All students must adhere to the FCS dress code. Students are to arrive and to leave dressed according to all school standards unless permission has been given otherwise. All students are also to abide by the dress code at extracurricular school events.

Clothing may not have writing or pictures that are offensive, divisive, inappropriate, suggestive, or contrary to biblical principles and school standards. Clothing is expected to be well-kept without tears or holes and must be loose-fitting enough to allow for gathering an inch of fabric on either side of the garment without stretching the material.

Body piercings, tattoos (temporary or permanent), body brands, and drawing/writing on skin are not permitted.

Only the top button of shirts, blouses, or dresses may remain unbuttoned. **Overly baggy clothing is not allowed.**

Other than pocket-sized logos/insignias, clothing (including socks and shoes) may not have pictures, writing, or patterns consisting of graphics. Hawaiian-style patterns, flannel, camouflage, and tie-dye are not permitted unless otherwise noted.

The following are not considered appropriate shoe wear at any point: flip-flops, slippers, slides, backless shoes, rubber shoes (e.g., Crocs), and plastic shoes (e.g., jelly sandals).

Outdoor coats (athletic material, wind-breaker style), shackets (oversized shirt jackets), and pullover sweatshirts are not acceptable regular apparel and are not to be worn to class. For all students, unacceptable apparel should be placed in lockers or backpacks before going to class and should remain there until the end of the school day. Any accessorizing of items (such as hoods, hats, knit caps, gloves, scarves, and sunglasses) can only be worn to and from school or for outdoor PE.

- Collared shirts may not be worn as outerwear

Cardigans, sweaters, vests, and indoor (e.g., fleece) jackets may be worn over students' class dress. Quarter-zip, v-neck, or crew neck sweaters and quarter-zip pullovers may be worn. Boys' collars and ties should always be visible.

- No denim or leather jackets and vests
- No hoods (Clothing with a hood is considered outerwear, such as hoodies, vests, and shirts.)

*Blue text notes the only instances when a dress code standard may vary between different grades.

Boys

Class Dress (regular daily school attire)

- Hair must be neatly combed and styled. It should be kept 1 inch above the eyebrows and off the collar and ears at all times, and may not exceed 1½ inches above the scalp. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear or be cut above the top of the ear.
 - Hair coloring is not permitted
 - No extreme hair styles (multi-colored, braids, twists, dreadlocks, mohawks, fauxhawks, or designs)
- Boys must be clean shaven at all times. Beards or mustaches are not allowed.
- Boys may not wear makeup, headbands, or jewelry other than a watch, ring, silicone athletic bracelet, and/or medical alert bracelet.
- Shirts must have sleeves and a collar that turns down. Shirts must be tucked into pants, even when an outer garment is worn. Undershirts are recommended but not required.
 - PE shirts are not considered appropriate undershirts
- Solid-colored twill, dress, or khaki-style pants may be worn. Pants must fit properly and reach to at least the ankles. The top of the pants may not be worn below the waist.
 - No tight or form-fitting pants
 - No bright-colored pants
 - No jogger-style or cargo pants; no pockets with outside stitching
- Belts must be worn at all times.
 - K4–2nd grade students are not required to wear a belt.

- Socks and shoes are to be worn at all times. Dress socks may be solid-colored or patterned. Students may wear dress shoes, casual dress shoes, or dress boots. **Shoe material may be leather, leather-style, or suede.**
 - No ankle socks
 - No white socks or **completely white shoes**
 - **No bright-colored socks or shoes**
 - **No patterned shoes (e.g., striped, plaid, floral, etc.)**
 - **No shoes that are completely canvas or cloth**
 - No athletic/tennis shoes, sneakers, platform shoes, cowboy boots, or work boots

Chapel Dress (Thursdays)—7th–12th grade only

- Button-down dress shirt and appropriate coordinating tie should be properly worn on chapel days, unless otherwise announced. At all times, ties must be visibly worn, and collar buttons should remain buttoned.
 - No polo shirts
 - No bolos or bandannas in place of a tie
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., pants, socks, shoes).

Personal Dress

Personal Dress Day (PDD) can be purchased on most Fridays for \$1.00. Normal class dress guidelines apply with the following variations permitted:

- Jeans and casual pants (cargo-style; pockets with outside stitching)
 - **No acid-washed, distressed, or ripped jeans**
- Hawaiian, flannel, camouflage, and tie-dyed shirts
- Closed-toe athletic/tennis shoes, sneakers, patterned shoes, canvas/cloth shoes, and cowboy boots

Program Dress

K4–6th grade: Grandparents' Day, elementary choirs

- Burgundy polo
- Solid-colored black or navy twill, dress, or khaki-style pants
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., belt, shoes, socks)

7th–12th grade: MACS Fine Arts Competition

- **White long-sleeve button-down dress shirt**
 - No patterns or prints
- School tie (*provided*)
- Black or navy twill, dress, or khaki-style pants
- Black or brown dress shoes with matching belt

- Solid-colored suitcoat (*optional*)
 - No other coats, jackets, or sweaters may be worn during performances
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., socks)
 - No denim, polos, t-shirts, or boots

Girls

All clothing should drop, hang, or fall straight down while not revealing the outline of an undergarment or gathering/clinging to the body. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. All hemlines should reach to the knee when standing, sitting, or walking.

Class Dress (regular daily school attire)

- Hair must be neatly combed/brushed and styled in a manner that is consistent with a traditionally feminine appearance.
 - No unnatural hair coloring or highlighting
 - No extreme hairstyles or hair accessories
 - 7th–12th grade: Natural and complimentary makeup may be worn conservatively
- Jewelry must be conservative in both quantity and style. A maximum of two ear piercings are allowed only on the bottom of the earlobe.
 - No ear cuffs, wraps, plugs/gauges, or industrial bars
- The length of a girl's nails should not interfere with her schoolwork.
- Girls may wear blouses, tops, or collared shirts. Sleeves should cover the shoulder and the top of the arm to prevent the armpit and undergarment from being seen when the arm is raised. The midriff, back, and cleavage are to be covered at all times. Necklines should not be lower than four-fingers width below the collarbone.
 - **No hoods**
 - No sleeveless tops
 - No see-through clothing
 - No athletic/PE-style t-shirts
 - No spaghetti-strap shirts layered on top of a short-/long-sleeved shirt
 - Sheer/lace material is not adequate for coverage
- Hemlines should reach to the knee when standing, sitting, or walking. Straight skirts may need to be longer and/or looser to meet this criterion. All slits should not rise above the knee (in front, back, and sides).
 - K4–2nd grade: Navy, black, gray, or khaki jumper
 - 3rd–12th grade: Skirts or dresses are permitted. **The bodice of the dress must follow the guidelines for tops, and the length/fit of the skirt must follow the guidelines for skirts.**

- Socks and shoes are to be worn at all times. Girls should wear knee socks, ankle socks, footies, nylons, or tights. Dark leggings may be worn under skirts for warmth after November 1 through spring break but must remain tucked into socks or boots.
 - No fishnet, lace, patterned, or bright-colored nylons/tights/leggings
 - No jeggings
- Girls may wear dress shoes, casual dress shoes, or dress boots. Shoe material may be leather, leather-style, or suede.
 - 7th–12th grade: Heels on shoes are permitted but should be no higher than 2 inches
 - No bright-colored or glitter socks or shoes
 - No patterned shoes (e.g., striped, plaid, floral, etc.)
 - No shoes that are completely canvas or cloth
 - No athletic/tennis shoes, sneakers, platform shoes, cowboy boots, or work boots
 - Sandals (without socks) are permitted before November 1 and after spring break

Chapel Dress (Thursdays)—7th–12th grade only

- Dresses are encouraged to be worn on chapel days.
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., socks, shoes).

Personal Dress

Personal Dress Day (PDD) can be purchased on most Fridays for \$1.00. Normal class dress guidelines apply with the following variations permitted:

- K4–2nd grade may wear skirts and dresses within the stated class dress guidelines for 3rd–12th grade
- Denim skirts, dresses, jackets, or vests
 - Not acid-washed, distressed, or ripped
- Hawaiian, flannel, camouflage, and tie-dyed clothing
- Closed-toe athletic/tennis shoes, sneakers, patterned shoes, canvas/cloth shoes, cowboy boots, and casual boots

Program Dress

K4–6th grade: *Grandparents' Day, elementary choirs*

- Burgundy polo
- Black or navy skirt
 - K4–2nd grade: Black or navy jumper
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., socks, shoes)

7th–12th grade: *MACS Fine Arts Competition*

- Black dress OR burgundy blouse with black or navy skirt
- Black or brown dress shoes

- **Black cardigan or blazer** (*optional*)
 - No other coats, jackets, or sweaters may be worn during performances
- Other class dress guidelines still apply (e.g., socks)
 - No denim, polos, t-shirts, or boots

Boys/Girls

PE Dress

- FCS Victors' t-shirt (*purchased at school*)
- Loose-fitting blue, black, or gray **full-length wind or track pants**
 - No sweatpants
- Loose-fitting blue, black, gray, or khaki shorts (before November 1 and after spring break)
 - **Cargo pockets are permitted**
 - Shorts must reach the knee when sitting, standing, or walking
- Crew or ankle socks
 - **No footies**
- Closed-toe athletic shoes

Special Activities

For each activity sponsored by the school, a dress code will be announced from one of the following categories:

1. **Class dress:** regular school attire
2. **Chapel dress:** 7th–12th grade only
3. **Personal dress:** Fridays; extracurricular school events (unless otherwise announced)
4. **Program dress:** such as *Grandparents' Day*, *MACS Fine Arts Competition*, *elementary choirs*
5. **PE dress:** on days PE classes meet; field trips (unless otherwise announced)