

Dress Code

School-approved wardrobe attire is required for our middle school students. Beginning in high school, students are given the privilege of choosing their own attire, provided their choices fall within the established parameters. We appreciate your cooperation as we aim to strike a balance between individual freedom and a well-groomed, modest look.

Dress code goes into effect on the first full day of school and continues throughout the school year. With the exception of athletic practices, students are expected to observe the dress code until they leave school grounds for the day. Appropriate attire at all school-sponsored events is also expected (middle school students may refer to the high school dress code for guidance on what is considered acceptable attire at school events).

Guiding Principles

Our dress code is designed to meet certain biblical directives.

- dress modestly (1 Timothy 2:9, 1 Peter 3:3-4)
- submit to lawful authority (Romans 13:1-5)

Our dress code reinforces certain concepts.

- the necessity of submitting to the biblical principles listed above
- a neat and well-groomed appearance reflects an attitude of respect and seriousness
- compliance with our dress code prepares students for real-world situations such as employment, social settings, special events, etc.

Our dress code seeks to establish standards for appropriateness while at school. Some items **may not be considered immoral or unsuitable in other situations**, but are too casual or inappropriate for a school setting.

The school reserves the privilege of making final decisions regarding the acceptability of items. Students and parents who are unsure about the acceptability of an item should consult the assistant principal *in advance*.

Enforcement

We count on our students and parents to support our teachers and administrators by carefully following our school dress code. A warning will be given for the first offense. For the second offense, the student will remain in the office until a parent brings a change of clothes. In addition, the student will be required to keep an appropriate change of clothes in their locker for the remainder of the school year.

Club/class officers, athletes, and NHS members who violate the dress code will be placed on probation.

General

- Garments should be neat and clean. Torn or ragged hems are not permitted.
- Midriffs must be covered at all times.

- No undergarments may show at any time (collars of plain white t-shirts may be visible). Brightly-colored or dark undergarments may not show through. Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
- In the interest of safety, no flip-flops, beach shoes, or sports slides are permitted. Bedroom slippers and mesh mules (or similar styles) may not be worn.
- Hair should be neatly groomed. Extreme coloring (including dyed and bleached hair) and hairstyles (e.g. mohawks) are unacceptable. This includes dipped, dyed, or bleached hair. Young men may not have hair that extends beyond the top of the collar, and no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the ear may be covered at any time; long hair combed back behind the ears or pulled up in a ponytail is not acceptable.
- Hats are not to be worn in the building.
- With the exception of ladies' earrings, no body piercings are allowed. High school students who have nose piercings may *only* wear spacers; hoops and other jewelry are not permitted. Young men may not wear earrings.
- No visible tattoos (real or fake) are permitted.

Middle School

Where To Buy FCS Wardrobe Attire

Most wardrobe items will need to be purchased from Lands' End. You may shop online at LandsEnd.com/schools. ***It is important to note that not all of the items and options offered by Lands' End are part of our school wardrobe.*** To shop the Lands' End items that are part of the approved middle school wardrobe visit:

<http://www.LandsEnd.com/schools>

and click "Find My School." You may search for FCS by name or click the link to search using our preferred school number (900071887). Select FCS, and begin shopping for your student(s). Be sure to allow for growth when selecting sizes. Most Lands' End items include generous hems for adding length.

Substitutions are permitted for navy or khaki dress pants, navy or white polo shirts, and navy or white turtlenecks. Substitutions are also permitted for long pants, but skinny pants may not be worn. Most department stores carry uniform-style garments, and you may purchase substitutions from any store you choose. **We cannot emphasize enough, however, how important it is for the substitutions to look like the Lands' End garments.** Garments may not have visible logos, labels, rivets, etc. Substitutions are **not** permitted for green polo shirts and turtlenecks. If you have questions about a particular item, please contact the school office before making a purchase.

Parents are invited to shop the clothes closet located in the office. The closet contains gently-used wardrobe attire and PE uniforms for resale. Most garments are marked with prices, and funds are forwarded to the parent who placed the item in the closet for resale. Items not marked with a price were donated to the school and may be purchased for a cash or check donation. The clothes closet is open on school days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Middle School Girls

- Skirt hems should reach the top of the knee.
- Shorts may be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. No skorts may be worn.
- Earrings and other jewelry should be of modest size.
- Hoodies, sweaters, and sweatshirts may be worn over school wardrobe attire, but a uniform shirt collar must be visible underneath.

Middle School Boys

- Pants with visible seams and/or rivets may not be worn. Joggers are not permitted. Pants may not be over-sized or worn low on the hips.
- Shorts may be no shorter than the top of the knee and no longer than the top of the calf muscle.
- Wallet chains are not permitted.
- Hoodies, sweaters, and sweatshirts may be worn over school wardrobe attire, but a uniform shirt collar must be visible underneath.

Middle School Non-Wardrobe Days

Clothing worn on non-wardrobe days should not be tight or oversized. No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, ripped or frayed garments, or military attire may be worn. Garments that display disrespectful or inappropriate themes, words, or pictures are not permitted. Flip flops, slides, and beach shoes may not be worn.

Girls may wear jeans, capri pants, skirts, dresses, t-shirts, knit tops, blouses, sweatshirts, etc. Skirts and dresses should come to the top of the knee, and skirt slits should come no higher than the top of the knee. No shorts, stirrup pants, skinny knit pants, or skinny jeans are permitted. Shirts and blouses may not be low-cut, and midriffs may not be exposed. Young ladies should ensure that midriffs and undergarments will not be exposed when arms are raised.

Boys may wear jeans, cargo pants, joggers, t-shirts, polo shirts, dress shirts, sweaters, etc.

If a student chooses to wear shorts on a non-wardrobe day, they must wear uniform shorts.

Students and parents who are unsure about the acceptability of an item should consult with Mrs. Cox *in advance*.

High School

General

- Military-style (camo) garments, overalls, leather skirts/pants, sweatpants, and warm-up/athletic suits may not be worn.
- T-shirts that display inappropriate themes, words, or pictures are not permitted.
- Blue jeans may *only* be worn on approved days (colored jeans may be worn any day of the week). Jeans may not have holes, tears, or decorations.

Young Men

Young men are expected to be neatly groomed.

- Dress or casual pants may be worn. Cargo pants are also permitted. Pants may not be excessively long or baggy. Low riders are not permitted.
- T-shirts and tank tops may not be worn. Shirts must have a collar or turtleneck, even if they are worn under a sweatshirt or jacket. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned (excluding the top two buttons).

Young Ladies

Ladies are expected to dress modestly and neatly.

- All shirts must have sleeves, and cold-shoulder tops are not permitted. Shirts may not show any cleavage.
- Skirts must be no shorter than the top of the knee. Straight skirts should come to the bottom of the knee. Slits in skirts should be two inches or less.
- Tight or form-fitting pants must be worn with a top that is fingertip-length in the front and the back. Capri pants are permitted, provided they are mid-calf length.
- Jeans (skinny, flare, and regular) must have functioning pockets in both the front and back. In addition, there should be some visible fabric and “give” above the knee. While blue jeans are reserved for Fridays, colored jeans may be worn any day of the week.
- Leggings, jeggings, and pants made of stretchy material may not be worn.

Jean Days

High school students are permitted to wear jeans on Fridays, provided they did not receive any dress code violations Monday through Thursday of the same week. **Seniors** are permitted to wear t-shirts with their jeans. Jeans may not be overly tight or baggy (no spandex jeans are permitted). Skin-tight jeans or jeans with tears, ragged hems, holes, or decorations may not be worn. Overalls may not be worn. Students who repeatedly wear inappropriate jeans will lose the Friday Jeans Day privilege.