

DRESS CODE – Preschool – 12th Grade

The Bible directs the Christian to do “*all to the glory of God*” (1 Corinthians 10:31). In today’s society this has special reference to the fact that God may be honored, or dishonored, by our personal dress and grooming. The Christian is to have a regard for things that are “*pure...commendable ... of excellence ... and worthy of praise.*” (Philippians 4:8).

Freedom Christian Schools believes that these principles have a practical application to the dress and grooming of students. God is glorified when we dress and conduct ourselves in good taste and with modesty. We recognize that conforming to dress standards does not make a person a Christian or even more “spiritual”. However, disciplined effort in keeping all rules does have a maturing effect upon the Christian if his/her attitude remains proper and pride does not develop.

All students are expected to conform to the dress code from the first day of school as outlined in this section, and on all school field trips, unless otherwise specified. A student’s conformity to the dress code is primarily the responsibility of the home.

It must be recognized that a dress code cannot address every area. For that reason, the administration reserves the privilege of interpreting the principles and specifics of the dress code.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The dress and hygiene codes at FCS are established to provide comfort and modesty in the classroom. While emergency situations do arise, please understand that lack of time to launder or prepare clothing is not an acceptable excuse to dress improperly. Students will be asked to leave the classroom until appropriate clothing can be delivered. In some instances, no matter what the student’s age, the administration may deem it necessary to send a student home or remove them from the classroom for the remainder of the day. Chronic disregard for the dress code could result in suspension or expulsion. If a situation arises that there will be a deviation of the dress code guidelines, it **MUST** be pre-approved by the FCS school administration.

Jewelry:

- **NO** jewelry that pierces the body **EXCEPT:** the ears are allowed for males or females.
- **Nose piercings:** only nostril piercings are allowed with studs – no hoops. No septum piercings etc.
- **NO** ear gauges, plugs or tunnels are allowed. Any adornment worn must **NOT** symbolize anything contrary to Christian values nor be a distraction in the classroom. **Peace symbols should NOT be worn.**

Hair:

- All hairstyles must be conservative.
- Must be kept neat, clean, and out of the eyes.
- May **NOT** be worn in extreme styles and colors.

Coats: Are NOT to be worn during the school day.

Shirts:

- Polo shirt, oxford shirt, or jersey of any color are acceptable styles.
- T-shirts of any color or pattern – DECALS must be God honoring: no zombies, skulls, skeletons or controversial or negative decals. Superheroes are ok but NO villains. No non-Christian bands.
- **NO** low cut or belly shirts or shirts that are **excessively tight.**
- **NO** see-through or thin fabrics.
- **NO** tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or spaghetti straps.
- **NO** shirts with inappropriate messages, slogans, or pictures.
- **NO** secular musical groups/artists.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts:

- Cardigan, crew neck, or V-neck sweaters, zip jackets or blazers must be worn with an appropriate shirt.
- **Pullover sweatshirts must be worn with an appropriate shirt.**
- Hoodies and jackets can be worn in the classroom. The hood of the hoodies should **never be worn up** while in the building.
- **NO** sweatshirts or hoodies with inappropriate messages, slogans, or pictures.
- **NO** secular musical groups/artists.

Slacks/Shorts/Skorts:

- Cotton pants or jeans of any color are allowed.
- Pants and jeans must be clean and have no rips or holes.
- Athletic pants/jogging pants may be worn.
- Shorts should be mid-thigh length – **no** shorter.
- Shorts or capri pants may be worn any day from **August until October 31 and April 1 until the last day of school** unless weather conditions warrant date changes.
- Athletic shorts of heavy material may be worn.

Dresses/skirts:

- Skirts (**to the knee or below when standing**).
- Jumpers should be worn with an appropriate shirt.

*** *If there is a question as to the appropriate length of a skirt, skort, or pair of shorts, girls will be sent to the office to be checked. If it is too short, girls will remain out of the classroom until appropriate clothing can be delivered.*

Consequence – on the 3rd offense in a given school year skirts, shorts, or skorts will NO LONGER be allowed for the offenders.

Shoes: *Preschool - Elementary*

- Tennis shoes/sneakers are recommended because they provide the best in safety and support.
- For safety reasons, **NO** sandals, flip flops, platform, high heel shoes or boots, dress shoes with “little girl heels” or slick shoes allowed.

Middle School & High School

- Tennis shoes/ sneakers/ dress shoes and sandals constructed of durable materials – not plastic – are acceptable.
- **NO** flip-flops, platform shoes, high heel shoes or boots or slippers – for safety reasons.

Consequence of Dress code violation:

Grades 7-12 will receive an infraction if out of dress code and parents will be notified.

Grades K-6 – parents will be notified.

If your child needs a special exemption due to a medical issue, please give a doctor’s note to the office for our records.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS DRESS CODE– Grades K-10

All students in grades K-10 must wear appropriate gym uniform (FCS logo t-shirt and sweatshirt. Athletic shorts or sweatpants, and tennis shoes) for all PE classes. FCS logo gym t-shirts and sweatshirts **must** be purchased through the school. In the absence of an FCS hoodie a plain solid-color sweatshirt is permitted. Black athletic shorts and black sweatpants may be purchased elsewhere. Athletic shorts should be mid-thigh length – no shorter;p. Tennis shoes (that tie and have a back to them) should be worn with socks.

Cold weather attire – please send students with appropriate outerwear including gloves, scarves, and coats.

DRESS CODE - SPECIAL EVENTS

Graduation:

Seniors must follow the following dress code for graduation:

- Male students must wear collared dress shirts with tie or bow tie, dress pants with dress shoes.
- Female students must wear dresses (must meet dress code) or blouses with dress pants and dress shoes.
- No T-shirts or sneakers are to be worn.

Junior/Senior Banquet Attire:

Dress code is semi-formal for Banquet.

Females attending (*student or guest*) shall dress in formal attire that is cut for a woman and adheres to high standards of modesty and respectability. Dress expectations for young ladies include:

- No cut-outs (where skin is showing).
- Dresses must reach mid-thigh (please keep in mind length can be impacted by tightness of material and when sitting).
- No back exposure below the bra line.
- No cleavage showing.
- No strapless gowns or dresses. If a thin or halter strap is worn, a wrap is required.
- No tight, clingy, or see-through material.

Males attending (*student or guest*) shall dress to high standards of modesty and respectability in apparel ranging from semi-formal to formal.

- **Semi-formal attire:**
 - dress pants
 - dress shirt
 - tie
- **Formal attire:**
 - tuxedo
 - dress blues
- Shirts must always be tucked in.
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- No jeans, sweats, or T-shirts.

If parents or students are unsure if a dress or outfit meets dress code guidelines, please email a picture, or bring the dress to Mrs. Costello.

Any student or guest found to be in violation of the banquet dress code will **NOT** be granted admission to the event and will **NOT** be issued a refund for the cost of their ticket.

Guests are required to follow the same dress code as students.