

DRESS CODE

Overview

Every attempt is being made to train our students for spiritual and academic excellence. Our purpose as an institution and as individuals is to glorify Jesus Christ in the midst of a world that glorifies man. The Biblical principles upon which the dress code is based are modesty, cleanliness, neatness, and the distinction between male and female. Faith Academy recognizes parental authority and depends on parents to support the dress code by checking their students before school each day.

Faith Academy has adopted a **L.E.S.S.** Dress Code: **L**ikable, **E**nforceable, **S**ensible, and **S**imple.

The school administration reserves the right in determining violations of the dress code. Students are responsible for coming to school dressed in accordance with the dress code. An attempt will be made to find a suitable uniform for the student but parents may be notified and asked to bring the appropriate clothing to school. Students may not be allowed to return to class until they are properly attired.

The administration may clarify and adjust the dress code to maintain the spirit and learning environment as deemed appropriate at any time.

The Faith Academy Dress Code is in force for all students while they are on campus during normal school hours unless otherwise communicated by the administration. Compliance with the Faith Academy Dress Code is the responsibility of the student.

The requirement for the student's appropriate and modest attire extends to any FA off-campus or on campus activity that is outside the normal school hours and is subject to enforcement by campus administration.

Dress Code Violations

1. Dress code violations include any form of non-compliance with the daily dress code.
2. Students with dress code violations will receive appropriate tallies and consequences.
3. All dress code violations will be handled by the Dean of Students on an individual basis.

General Guidelines – Kindergarten – 12th Grade

1. The chapel uniform is worn on Monday only. The daily uniform is worn Tuesday through Friday unless otherwise determined by administration.
2. All monogrammed uniform wear must be purchased through Faith Academy.
3. All skirts, shorts and skorts should be appropriate and tasteful lengths. The standard is no shorter than 3" above the knee.
4. All shirts and pants/jeans/skirts/shorts must be neat in appearance. NO holes allowed. NO cut-offs allowed. NO frayed edges allowed.
5. Shirts may be worn untucked on any day, with the exception of K-12 male chapel shirts.
6. Belts must be worn if a shirt is tucked in and the garment has belt loops. Fashion belts, such as scarves and ribbons are acceptable.
7. Please put your child's name in all jackets/sweaters/coats. OPTIONAL: Names can be monogrammed through the FA uniform provider.
8. Jeans/pants/skirts/shorts/skorts may have moderate embroidery and/or embellishments.
9. All shoes must have closed toes and heels and should have non-marking soles. Heels and/or soles should be no higher than 2".
10. No hats or caps may be worn in any campus building between 7:25 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.
11. GIRLS: Hair must be neat and maintained with no unusual styles that may distract from the learning environment. Highlighted or colored hair must remain in hair colors created by God. Girls should have not more than 3 piercings per ear, with none above the middle of the ear, and no other visible body piercings (including gauges) or tattoos.
12. BOYS: No facial hair. Hair around the ears, including sideburns, may not be longer than the bottom of the ear. Hair may not cover the eyebrows. No hair over the collar or unusual hairstyles that may distract from the learning environment. Highlighted or colored hair must remain in hair colors created by God. Visible tattoos, any ear or body piercings (including gauges), and nail polish are not acceptable.
13. Friday is designated for FA "Spirit Shirts". Spirit Shirts from the current school year only are acceptable to wear on Fridays the first semester. Students may wear a Faith Academy spirit shirt of their choice on Fridays the second semester. Spirit shirts from any year are acceptable, as long as the shirt fits properly and is in good condition.
14. Faith Academy club shirts may be worn on days designated by the administration.

Chapel Uniform

The chapel uniform is worn on Monday unless the administration announces a change.

GIRLS: Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Monogrammed white FA polo shirt or blouse with butterfly collar
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- K-2nd: Navy knee length skirt or navy jumper
- 3rd-5th: Navy knee length skirt
- Navy bloomers
- White, black or navy dress socks, knee socks, tights or leggings with jumper or skirt
- Black or navy shoes or boots or athletic shoes of any color

GIRLS: Junior High ~ 6th – 8th Grade

- Monogrammed white FA chapel shirt (monogrammed white FA polo)
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Khaki or navy skirt
- Black dress shoes or boots
- OPTIONAL: White, black or navy socks, tights, leggings with skirt

GIRLS: High School ~ 9th Grade - 12th Grade

- Monogrammed white FA chapel shirt
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Black skirt
- Black dress shoes or boots
- OPTIONAL: White or black socks, tights, leggings with skirt

BOYS: Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Monogrammed white or light blue button-down FA chapel shirt
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Navy tie (solid)
- Navy slacks with black belt
- Navy socks
- Black shoes or boots or athletic shoes of any color

BOYS: Junior High ~ 6th – 8th Grade

- Monogrammed white FA chapel shirt
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Black tie (solid)
- Khaki slacks with black belt
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes or boots

BOYS: High School ~ 9th Grade - 12th Grade

- Monogrammed white FA chapel shirt
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Black tie (solid)
- Black slacks with black belt/black-brown combination.
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes or boots

Daily Uniform

The daily uniform is worn Tuesday through Friday unless the administration announces a change.

GIRLS: Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo shirt - royal blue, **white**, gold,
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Khaki, navy or blue denim pants/jeans, capris, shorts, skirt, skirt
- Socks (any color)
- OPTIONAL: Black tights or leggings with a skirt
- Shoes or boots

GIRLS: Junior High ~ 6th Grade – 8th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo – royal blue, white, gold
- OPTIONAL: Solid white or solid royal blue undershirt
- Khaki, navy or blue denim jeans/pants, capris, shorts, skirt, skirt
- Socks (any color)
- OPTIONAL: Black tights or leggings with a skirt
- Shoes or boots

GIRLS: High School ~ 9th Grade - 12th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo – royal blue, white, gold, black
- OPTIONAL: Solid white, solid royal blue, or solid black undershirt
- Khaki, navy, black or blue denim jeans/pants, capris, shorts, skirt, skirt
- Socks (any color)
- OPTIONAL: Black tights or leggings with a skirt
- Shoes or boots

BOYS: Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo shirt - royal blue, **white** or gold
- OPTIONAL: Solid white undershirt
- Khaki, navy, or blue denim pants/jeans or shorts
- Socks
- Shoes or boots

BOYS: Junior High ~ 6th Grade – 8th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo – royal blue, white, gold
- OPTIONAL: Solid white or solid royal blue undershirt
- Khaki, navy or blue denim pants/jeans, shorts
- Shoes or boots

BOYS: High School ~ 9th Grade - 12th Grade

- Monogrammed FA polo – royal blue, white, gold, black
- OPTIONAL: Solid white, solid royal blue, or solid black undershirt
- Khaki, navy, black, or blue denim pants/jeans, shorts
- Shoes or boots

Jackets

ONLY the jackets listed here may be worn in the classroom. Any jacket may be worn outside.

Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- FA monogrammed jacket or hoodie
- FA athletic team jacket or hoodie

Junior High ~ 6th Grade – 8th Grade

- FA monogrammed jacket or hoodie
- FA athletic team jacket or hoodie

High School ~ 9th Grade – 12th Grade

- FA monogrammed jacket or hoodie
- FA athletic team jacket or hoodie
- FA letter jacket

Physical Education

Elementary ~ Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Athletic shoes are required

Junior High ~ 6th Grade – 8th Grade

- Athletic shoes/PE uniform
- All practices and athletic wear are determined by the coach of each sport

High School ~ 9th Grade - 12th Grade

- Athletic shoes / PE uniforms
- All practice and athletic wear are determined by the coach of each sport

Free Dress

Free Dress is a privilege allowed only on specific days designated by administration. The purpose of Free Dress is to reward students and allow a break from the required uniform. However, neatness and decency are still required. Free Dress may be awarded in the form of a “free dress pass” to be turned in to the homeroom teacher or Free Dress may be given on special days designated by the administration.

Administration has the right to disapprove inappropriate clothing or shoes at any time and require the student to change.

Free Dress Guidelines:

- Shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, pants, sweatpants of any color. Length of skirts and shorts must meet daily dress code requirements.
- Non-uniform shirt with short, mid or long sleeves. No sleeveless or midriff shirts allowed.
- Any wording and graphics on clothing must be appropriate and meet administrative approval.
- Shoes of choice (open toe/heel sandals, crocs are examples of acceptable shoes) However, athletic shoes must be worn during PE or a grade reduction will be given.
- No holes in clothing
- Shirts are not required to be tucked in. However, if shirts are tucked in and the garment has belt loops, a belt is required.
- Hats may not be worn in any building during school hours.
- Free Dress passes may not be used on chapel days.

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS CODE

We all know modesty and class when we see it. These guidelines illustrate the general standards of modesty in the FAB community. Every attempt is being made to train our students for spiritual and academic excellence. Our purpose as an institution and as individuals is to glorify Jesus Christ in the midst of a world that glorifies man. The Biblical principles upon which the dress code is based are modesty, cleanliness, neatness, and the distinction between male and female. Please realize that these guidelines are not exhaustive, but they do provide a starting place that communicates the spirit of our formal/semi-formal dress code standards.

This guide is our earnest effort to allow the widest range of **current** styles that support our community's standards. We recognize that the same garment, cut the same way, may be modest on one body type but too revealing on another. If jeans are worn to a semi-formal event they must meet daily FA dress code requirements.

Semi-formal events would include (but not limited to) social/academic events such as Faith Academy Awards, Fall Athletic Awards Banquet, NHS Induction, Night of Knights. STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED IF A SPECIFIC EVENT REQUIRES AN AMENDED DRESS CODE.

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS CODE

LADIES

General Guidelines

- Dresses, skirts and dress pants and dress jeans are acceptable.
- No visible undergarments.
- No dresses/skirts shorter than 3" all the way around the garment. **Measurement will be from the back bend of the knee.**
- No visible cleavage.
- **Open backs are not acceptable for semi-formal events.**
- Test-drive your garments: dance, lift your hands above your head, lean over, sit. Are you comfortable, and does your garment remain modest while you are moving?
- Bring a shawl or sweater in case you have a wardrobe malfunction.

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS CODE

GENTLEMEN

General Guidelines

- Suit/sport coat with dress shirt and tie
- Dress slacks/starved jeans with dress shirt and tie
- Dress tee with no tie
- Dress shoes or boots

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FORMAL DRESS CODE

LADIES

General Guidelines

- No visible undergarments.
- No dresses/skirts shorter than **3" all the way around** the garment. **Measurement will be from the back bend of the knee.**
- No slits higher than **3"** (front, back, or side slits). **Measurement will be from the back bend of the knee.**
- No visible cleavage. No low cut or princess cut strapless dresses.
- Straight cut strapless dresses are allowed (but remember; you will be moving).
- Open backs are acceptable but should not be lower than mid-back.
- Cut-outs must be lined with mesh. (Flesh-tone, black, or a color that coordinates with your dress). Cut-out may not include cleavage.
- No visible midriff (exposed stomachs or sides). Two-piece dresses that overlap are acceptable as long as the midriff is still covered when you raise your arms above your head. This can be helped with tailoring (tacking), mesh, a cami, etc.
- Two-piece dresses designed to reveal the midriff are not allowed.
- Test-drive your dress: dance, lift your hands above your head, lean over, sit. Are you comfortable, and does your dress remain modest while you are moving?
- Bring a shawl or sweater in case you have a wardrobe malfunction.
- **If you do not have the means to fix an immodest dress at the event, you may be asked to leave-we don't ever like having to ask someone to leave.**

FORMAL DRESS CODE

GENTLEMEN

General Guidelines

- Tuxedo
- Suit with dress shirt and tie
- Dress slacks/starched jeans with dress shirt and tie
- Dress shoes or boots

