

Dress Code – Fall 2022/23

Foundations Christian Academy (FCA) bases its dress code upon the biblical standards of modesty (1 Timothy 2:9-10; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 3:3-4) and the desire for a respectful, non-distracting educational atmosphere where God is glorified and where students respect themselves and care enough not to cause another student to stumble (Romans 14:1-23; Galatians 5:13-15; Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31). FCA recognizes the important impact of student dress on the learning environment. We understand that all of our lives, including our dress, bring honor or dishonor to our God. We also embrace our identity as a Christian school and how we dress impacts our witness for Christ to the world.

We see the dress code not as a means to achieve or gain righteousness before God but as an opportunity to demonstrate how one's love for God, self, and others is lived out in a practical way. Our desire is to work hand in hand with students and families to help nurture and develop a heart of honoring God.

Dress Code: Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

- Hats, caps, or sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn in school (in the hall or in the classroom).
- Pajama pants, pajama shorts, pants with words on the seat and shirts with words on the lower back should not be worn at school.
- Clothing must not contain sexual innuendos or advertise tobacco, alcohol, or ideals that conflict with the philosophy of Foundations Christian Academy.
- Attire and accessories must not contain expressions of political parties, candidates, or social movements that do not align with a Biblical Worldview. The American flag is allowed in its original colors.
- Shirts and dresses must have a modest neckline.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts (for guys and girls) must extend to 3" above the top of the knee or below.
- Pants must be worn in such a manner that undergarments should not be visible regardless of movement.
- Clothing must not be torn, ripped, or have holes.
- Halter tops, crop tops, strapless tops, or tank tops may not be worn unless they are worn under an appropriate shirt. Sleeveless garments near the shoulder line are permissible, but may not expose undergarments.
- See-through clothing is not allowed unless you have appropriate clothing underneath that meets dress code, for example: see-through tops meet dress code only if the top underneath is appropriate; skirts with leggings must be appropriate length.
- Students involved with after-school practices and activities are expected to dress adhering to the spirit and design of this code as well.

Dress Code: 4th – 8th Grade

- Hats, caps, or sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn in school (in the hall or in the classroom).
- Pajama pants, pajama shorts, pants with words on the seat and shirts with words on the lower back should not be worn at school.
- Clothing must not contain sexual innuendos or advertise tobacco, alcohol, or ideals that conflict with the philosophy of Foundations Christian Academy.
- Attire and accessories must not contain expressions of political parties, candidates, or social movements that do not align with a Biblical Worldview. The American flag is allowed in its original colors.
- Shirts and dresses must have a modest neckline with no visible cleavage regardless of movement.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts (for guys and girls) must extend to 3" above the top of the knee or below.
- Pants must be worn in such a manner that undergarments should not be visible regardless of movement.
- Clothing must not be torn, ripped, or have holes.
- Halter tops, crop tops, strapless tops, or tank tops may not be worn unless they are worn under an appropriate shirt. Sleeveless garments near the shoulder line are permissible, but may not expose undergarments.
- All styles of pants must not be tight fitting unless worn with a long shirt, skirt or shorts.
- See-through clothing is not allowed unless you have appropriate clothing underneath that meets code, for example: see-through tops meet dress code only if the top underneath is appropriate; skirts with leggings must be appropriate length.
- Students involved with after-school practices and activities are expected to dress adhering to the spirit and design of this code as well. Not wearing a shirt for boys and only wearing sports bras or yoga pants for girls would be considered inappropriate. Yoga pants are not to be worn at athletic practices or in Physical Education class unless shorts are worn over the top.

Two things to keep in mind when thinking about dress code:

1. School staff reserves the right to determine what is acceptable or unacceptable regarding the dress code.
2. If you think you should not wear something because it may be in violation of the dress code, you are probably correct