

2023 – 2024 DRESS CODE

General

Parents are responsible for purchasing clothing that meets dress code standards and which is appropriately sized for their students. Students should be in compliance with the Fellowship Academy dress code when they arrive at school each morning. General guidelines for high school, junior high, elementary, and early learning students are listed below, followed by specific guidelines for all students.

Clothing should be clean, modest, and appropriate for specific school activities and for the weather. Student dress, hairstyle, and accessories must be modest and should not be disruptive. Any student whose appearance results in a distraction to students, faculty or staff may be asked to change into more appropriate attire. For specific activities such as field trips, dances, banquets or games, dress code requirements will be sent home and must be followed.

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in disciplinary action. If a student is not in class due to inappropriate dress, the student is considered to have an unexcused absence. When there is a question regarding the dress code or appearance of a student, the administration's resolution will be final.

All students are required to purchase the approved FA Mustang student shirt. This shirt will be worn on specific field trips, selected service days, and special events designated by the Administration.

- Students participate in **WOW Wednesday (Well-suited on Wednesdays)** by wearing their FA Mustang polo shirt with their choice of khaki bottoms (shorts, pants, or skirt) or jeans.

Fellowship Academy has the right to amend this policy as needed; parents and students will be notified of changes in the policy.

Specific Guidelines for All Students

Fellowship Academy students are expected to be modestly dressed and clean and neatly groomed in a manner that will not create a distraction while attending school and all school-sponsored functions.

- Clothing will be neat, clean, and appropriately sized. The following guidelines are to assist in determining what is "appropriately sized":
 - Pants that will not stay up without the use of a belt are inappropriate. NO sagging! Undergarments must not be visible above the waistband of the pant regardless of the length of the shirt being worn.
 - Pants or jeans must not be excessively form-fitting or tight.
 - No tight, form fitting, excessively loose, or low cut shirts may be worn. All shirts must be fastened within four inches of the collar.
- Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap in length, including slits in skirts, when standing.
- **Structured, athletic-style shorts may be worn and must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Mesh, thin materials, jersey, fleece, or the approved PE athletic shorts are unacceptable to wear to class.**
- Spandex or form-fitted bike shorts may be worn only under shorts, dresses, or skirts.
- No writing on the rear of pants, shorts, or skirts.
- Cut off pants, shorts, or skirts are not permitted
- Jersey or fleece pants are not permitted

- **Students may wear ripped fashion jeans on Fridays and on days designated by the administration** as long as the rips and tears are no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Rips and tears may only be on the front of the jeans and should not be so extensive that they interfere with regular classroom activities.
- No fishnet stockings.
- Inappropriate or unacceptable shirts/clothing are defined as, but not limited to the following:
 - Anything that represents or contains words or images that represent vulgarity, profanity, alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, video games, demonic symbols, or of a sexual nature.
 - Anything that compromises or goes against a Christian worldview
 - T-shirts from other local schools (except colleges or universities)
 - No gang related clothing or symbols may be worn.
 - No clothing or promotional items (buttons, stickers, etc.) relating to or depicting inappropriate or controversial role models, bands, or subcultures may be displayed or worn.
 - Anything deemed inappropriate by the administration
- Girls may layer spaghetti straps, sleeveless tops such as tank tops or jerseys, and midriff tops over tops with sleeves and that may be tucked in or extend at least to the hips. Tops should not be excessively loose or tight.
- Undergarments (i.e., bra and bra straps) should not be visible. Shirts similar to underwear or undergarments, muscle shirts, or half shirts may not be worn.
- Good hygiene must be practiced regularly (including but not limited to bathing, use of deodorant, washing hair).
- Girls may wear make-up provided that it is modest and in good taste. Boys may not wear make-up of any kind.
- Students may not wear gold or any other colored coverings on teeth.
- **Hats, and caps may be worn during school. Teachers may ask the student to remove the hat or cap during class if it causes a disruption in the learning environment or disrupts visibility from other students.**
- Sunglasses are not permitted inside the building unless approved by administration for special occasions.
- Students' hair shall be clean, neat, and well-groomed and may not cause a disturbance, interfere with normal classroom activities, or constitute a health or safety hazard. Hair should appear natural; extreme hairstyles or colors that draw excessive attention or create a distraction or disturbance are not allowed.
- Boys' hair should be neat in appearance and worn away from the face. Appropriateness of length and style are to be determined by the Administration. No facial hair, including mustaches, goatees, beards, etc., is permitted, except for Seniors or special events designated by the administration. Senior facial hair must be kept neat, clean, and close to the face. Sideburns should be neatly trimmed and can be no lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.
- Girls' hair should be neatly combed or styled and worn away from the face.
- Visible tattoos, decals, body painting or body piercings are not allowed for either boys or girls.
- Spikes, dog collars, large chains, facial piercings, septum rings, tongue piercings, etc., are not allowed for boys or girls.
- Senior boys only may wear conservative earrings.
- Earrings for girls must be of a conservative length and size. Small, conservative nostril piercings may be permitted for girls.

- No chains may hang out of pockets, belt loops, etc.
- No pajamas, flannels, house shoes, or slippers unless approved by administration for special occasions.
- No contact lenses that alter the shape or create extreme color of the eye are allowed
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Tennis shoes must be worn in P.E. All shoes must be appropriately tied. Shoes must not be written or drawn on by the student. Shoes with wheels are not acceptable. Girl's shoes must not have a heel more than 3 inches high.

General Guidelines for Junior High and High School Students (Grades 7-12)

- Collared "polo," button-down shirt, short or long sleeves
- Shirts or blouses without collars, short or long sleeves. Solid, striped or patterned shirts are acceptable. Fellowship Academy t-shirts, polos and button-downs are available for order from the FA Booster Club.
- Fellowship Academy t-shirts, including shirts from FA activities or FA organizations in which students are involved.
- Sweatshirts, including hoodies; FA letter jackets, cardigans, and sweaters are permissible for classroom wear, following specific guidelines below. **(Note: Hoodies must be removed at a teacher's request and may not cover the head while on campus.)**
- Jeans, twill, or chino slacks, or shorts no more than 3 inches above the knee. Ankle and Capri length pants are acceptable.
- No leggings
- Dresses or skirts for girls, no more than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts or tights are preferred under dresses. Footless tights are permissible.
- Students may wear sandals with a strap around the back. No soccer slides, flip flops, house shoes, or crocs.
- **All junior high and high school students must dress out for PE or Athletics in the FA PE/Athletic uniform. Short shorts or briefs are not permitted for athletics or PE unless layered over spandex undershorts.**

On days designated by the administration, students are allowed to wear:

- T-shirts, sweatshirts with appropriate messages (see guidelines below) or college or pro team t-shirts/sweatshirts
- Appropriate fitting slacks-style athletic pants (should not be form fitting, baggy, or sagging sweatpants)
- Sweatpants or crocs may be worn on Fridays for \$1.00 as a fundraiser to support the Fine Arts program (*Sweatin' for the Arts*)

General Guidelines for Early Learning Students (PreK & Kindergarten)

Early learning students use materials and play in ways that may get their clothing soiled or stained. Please select easy-to-laundry options for most school days.

- Polos, button-down shirts, or collarless shirts. Fellowship Academy t-shirts, polos and button-downs are available for order from the FA Booster Club.
- Solid, striped or patterned shirts that are not FA-branded are acceptable.
- Jeans or shorts

- Laundered, well-fitting play sets and play clothes
- For girls, dresses or skirts with leggings or shorts worn underneath
- Shoes must be close-toed or close-healed. No soccer slides, flip flops, house shoes, or crocs.

Most early learning students keep a change of clothes on hand in case of toileting accidents that may occur at school.

General Guidelines for Elementary & Intermediate Students (Grades 1-6)

- Collared “polo,” button-down shirt; shirts or blouses without collars; short or long sleeves. Solid, striped, patterned, and graphic shirts that meet guidelines listed below are acceptable. Fellowship Academy t-shirts, polos and button-downs are available for order from the FA Booster Club.
- Fellowship Academy t-shirts, including shirts from FA activities or FA organizations in which students are involved.
- Sweatshirts or jackets, including hoodies. (Note: hoodies must be removed at a teacher’s request and may not cover the head while on campus.)
- Other jackets, cardigans, and sweaters are permissible for classroom wear, following specific guidelines below.
- Dresses or skirts for girls, no more than 3 inches above the knee. Girls must wear shorts or leggings under skirts to allow for play at recess and PE
- Jeans, twill, or chino slacks, or shorts that are no more than 3 inches above the knee. Ankle and Capri length pants are acceptable.
- Students may wear sandals with a strap around the back. No soccer slides, flip flops, house shoes, or crocs.
- 6th Grade students may wear PE/Athletic uniforms to school and will change after first period if PE is their first period.
- Girls in 5th and 6th grade may not wear leggings.

