***First Academy Dress Code Policy***

***2024-2025***

First Academy strives to provide an environment where clothing choices do not distract from learning. The dress code which follows is intended to be a practical, simple, and standardized expression of the principles of good sense, modesty, and appropriateness. The three watchwords regarding clothing should be modesty, decency, and appropriateness. 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-4 Students dressed in this manner will not wear clothing that is gaudy or provocative and will avoid extreme styles in either clothing or appearance.

***Dress Code: Preschool and Pre-K***

Dress your child in loose and comfortable clothes that are washable. Jeans, shorts or pants are preferable for girls because many of our activities are on the floor. If your child wears a dress or skirt, shorts or leggings must be worn underneath. We will spend some time outside each day, weather permitting. Be sure that your child has warm clothing for cold days. Be sure to label all coats, sweaters, hats, etc., with your child’s full name. Wednesdays are chapel days, and so to encourage reverence, we ask that boys wear collared shirts and khaki shorts/pants, and girls are asked to wear skirts/dress

***Uniforms: Ordering Online***

***Lands End:*** [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com/)

1. Click on Uniforms
2. Click“Find My School”
3. Fill in your information and school name, First Academy.
4. You will see the uniform options listed.

***Uniforms can also be ordered from Walmart, Target, The Children’s Place, Primary.com, frenchtoast.com, etc.***

Approved FA logos (First Academy name, FA logo, and FA shield) are available at Land’s End.

The following local vendors are also able to duplicate logos:

* Paradise Tan
* Make It Personal
* Ultimate Graphics
* Designs Down South

***Dress Code Violations:***

* 1st offense: verbal warning to the student
* 2nd offense: written warning to the parents/guardians
* 3rd offense: call to parents to bring appropriate clothing

Habitual violation may result in In School Suspension, Out of School Suspension, or possible expulsion.

***Dress Code General Guidelines: K-5th Grades (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)***

*Tops:*

* Collared uniform-style polo shirts must be solid color (**white, gray, navy, or light blue**) with no design or designer logos. **\**FA LOGO REQUIRED***

*Pants:*

* Uniform dress, chino, and docker style pants from any retail source may be worn.
* The following colors are allowed: Navy, Khaki, Gray, or Black.

*Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers, and Dresses (Girls):*

* Uniform skirts and skorts from any retail source may be worn.
* The following colors may be worn: Navy, Khaki, Gray, Black, or White, and Lands End Clear Blue Plaid. **\**FA LOGO REQUIRED on solid jumpers***
* Please wear shorts or leggings under skirts, dresses, and jumpers for modesty.

*Shorts:*

* Uniform and Dockers style shorts in solid colors, Navy, Khaki, Gray, or Black from any retail source may be worn.

*Shoes/Leg Wear:*

* Appropriate styles of shoes include athletic shoes, dress shoes, sandals and boots.
* Solid leggings are acceptable under skirts, dresses, and mid-thigh length, tunic style shirts.

*Outerwear/Jackets/Sweatshirts (Boys and Girls):*

* Any solid navy, gray, light blue, black or white sweater, pull over, button or zip style jackets ***with no promotional logos, designs or writing***. \**FA logo optional*
* Hoods are not permitted while indoors.

*Prohibited Garments:*

* Shirts with revealing or low neckline; strapless shirts; form fitting or tight tops; see-through tops; no outside layering of tube tops, spaghetti straps, or shirts with inappropriate language or design. All shoulders should be at least 3 closed fingers wide.
* Shoes with heels higher than 2 ½ inches, flip flops, bedroom shoes, and distracting or inappropriate footwear (or as deemed by the Head of School).
* Hats, hoods, sunglasses and other forms of headwear are not allowed to be worn except on designated school spirit days.
* Exaggerated hairstyles are not permitted (or as deemed by the Head of School).

***Dress Code: K - 5th Grade CHAPEL (Wednesdays)***

**BOYS:**

*Top options:*

* White or Light Blue collared, short or long sleeve, button up the front, or polo shirt **\**FA LOGO REQUIRED***

*Bottom options:*

* Dress style pants or shorts in the following colors: Navy, Khaki, Gray, or Black No Jeans allowed.

*Shoe options:*

* Any type of dress shoe, tennis shoe, athletic shoe, or loafer
* Boots

**GIRLS:**

*Top options:*

* White or Light Blue collared, short or long sleeve, button up the front, or polo shirt **\**FA LOGO REQUIRED***
* Lands End Clear Blue plaid jumper

*Bottom options:*

* Skirts and skorts in Lands End Clear Blue Plaid
* Solid colored tights or leggings (if worn under jumper, dress or skirt/skort)

*Shoes options:*

* Any type of dress shoe (with no heel – due to safety issues)
* Any Tennis Shoe, Athletic Shoe or Loafer
* Boots (with no heel – due to safety issues)
* Sandals during warm weather

***Dress Code: K - 5th Grade Casual Days (Fridays & other designated days)***

*Bottoms options*

* Any uniform-style bottoms, jeans, or jean shorts (no cut offs)

*Top options*

* First Academy t-shirt or sweatshirt / Any church t-shirt – ex. Awana or Faith Factory/ or plain colored t-shirts
* First Academy school t-shirts are available in many styles, fabrics, and colors. They are available for purchase several times throughout the year through fundraising.
* No other school t-shirts or sports teams (Except on Spirit Days)
* Other t-shirts will be approved for special events (fundraiser t-shirts, special events, team spirit days, etc.)

***Dress Code: UPPER SCHOOL (6th-12th Grades)***

*Shirts/tops:*

* Shirts must cover midriff completely when arms are raised or when sitting down.
* Shirts must not show cleavage, be revealing, or excessively tight.
* Cropped tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder, see through, or sleeveless tops are not allowed.
* Graphic tees and sweatshirts containing inappropriate language, images, violence, gang related activity, witchcraft, or anything deemed questionable by the administration is not allowed.
* Boys shirts must have sleeves. No sleeveless shirts.
* Shirts with FA logos are acceptable, but not required.
* A removable jacket, sweater, or vest, may be worn over another shirt as long as the shirt worn underneath meets dress code.

*Pants/Dresses/Shorts/Skirts:*

* Must be free from rips and holes which show skin, frays, tears, cuts and graffiti.
* Shorts, skirts, and dresses must reach or be lower than fingertips and may not be excessively tight.
* Leggings may be worn with mid-thigh length, tunic-style tops.
* Pants must be worn at the natural waist and cannot be poorly fitted, oversized or baggy to allow sagging of the pants.

*Shoes/Headgear:*

* Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip flops, spiked heels, or bedroom shoes are not allowed.
* Hats are permitted everyday except Wednesday (Chapel Day).

*Chapel Attire:*

* Boys must wear a dress shirt (button up the front or polo) with dress pants and belt.
* Shirts do not have to be solid.
* Shirts with FA Logos are acceptable, but not required.
* Girls must wear a dress, skirt or dress pants.
* No jeans
* No hats