



Dress Code

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 watch words regarding clothing should be modesty, decency, and propriety (1 Tim. 2:9). The purpose of clothing is modesty- not to draw attention to the wearer (1 Peter 3:3-4). Students dressed modestly will not wear clothing that is gaudy or provocative. Modestly also mandates an avoidance of extreme styles in either clothing or appearance.

While we recognize that the Bible does not give specifics about clothing, some guidelines are clearly necessary in the training of conscience. The following are in no way to be considered equal to Biblical rules but are simply implemented for the sake of order. Propriety demands that students (and adults) dress in a manner consistent with the environment most conducive to prompting Christ- honoring, Christ- centered education. We do ask parents to remember these principles when visiting campus during school days, and to please dress appropriately. FA students in grades K on up are required to wear school uniforms. Please see the uniform policy below.

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, 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. To encourage reverence, we ask that boys wear collared shirts and khaki shorts/pants and girls are asked to wear skirts/dresses.

Dress Code General Guidelines

Shirts/Blouses: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

- Collared uniform-style polo shirts must be solid color with no design or logo. Shirts worn on **Chapel** day must be embroidered with the FA logo (by *Land's End* or other local vendors.)
- Only white shirts are permitted under jumpers.
- Approved FA logos (First Academy name, FA logo and FA shield) are available at Land's End and can be duplicated by other vendors locally.
- School t-shirts are available in many styles, fabrics, and colors. They are available for purchase several times throughout the year through fundraising. They may be worn on Casual Fridays and on other special Spirit Dress Days as determined by the School Director.
- Generally, all shirts should be tucked in by both genders; however, the administration recognizes that different uniform shirts fit body types differently. Students are given some discretion and choice in tucking in shirts if doing so would cause an issue of self-consciousness or a lack of modesty.
- Prohibited Shirts: shirts with a revealing or low neckline; scoop, 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.

Pants:

- Uniform dress, chino, and docker style pants from any retail source may be worn.
 - The following colors are allowed: Navy, Khaki, Gray, Brown, or Black.
Denim may be worn on approved casual dress days (see Uniform Policy guidelines by age group).
 - Denim is **not** permitted for Chapel day.
 - All pants must be worn at the hips or waist.
 - Pants and denim cannot have holes, rips or tears.

Skirts/Skorts, Jumpers, and Dresses (Ladies):

- Uniform skirts and skorts from any retail source may be worn.
 - The following colors may be worn: Navy, Khaki, Gray, Black, Brown, and Lands End Clear Blue Plaid.
 - Denim skirts may be worn on Fridays and other approved casual dress days.
- The length of all skirts and skorts must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee (patella) even when worn with leggings.
- Skirts and skorts may not be tight fitting.
- Solid color uniform-style dresses and jumpers are permitted as well as Lands End Clear Blue Plaid jumpers.

Shorts

- Uniform and Dockers style shorts in solid colors from any retail source may be worn.
- Denim shorts are permitted on Fridays and other approved casual dress days.
- All shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee.
- Capris are permissible (ladies) in the uniform colors.

Shoes/Leg Wear:

- Appropriate styles of shoes include athletic shoes, dress shoes, sandals and boots.
- Flip-flops and Crocs are permitted only on Friday and other approved casual dress days.
- Prohibited Shoes: Shoes with heels higher than 2 ½ inches, bedroom shoes and distracting or inappropriate footwear (as deemed by the director).
- Solid leggings are acceptable under dress code length skirts, skorts, and dresses.

Hair/Headwear:

- Hats, hoods, sunglasses and other forms of headwear are not allowed to be worn except on designated school spirit days.
- Girls/Ladies may wear hair bows, barrettes, and headbands

· Students' hair must be clean, neat, combed, and brushed out of eyes. Exaggerated styles are not permitted. (as deemed by the director)

First Academy Uniform Policy: Elementary, Middle, and Upper Schools

For Chapel and Other Special Occasions.

BOYS:

Top options:

· Solid color, collared short or long sleeve polo shirt *FA logo *optional*

· All solid colors are permitted. .

Bottom options:

· Uniform style pants or shorts in the following colors: Navy, Khaki, Gray, Brown, or Black socks.

GIRLS:

Top options:

· Solid colored, collared short or long sleeve polo shirt *FA logo *optional*

· Solid colored uniform-style jumper or dress *FA logo not required

· Lands End Clear Blue plaid jumper (Offered at other vendors. See Director for websites)

Bottom options:

· Uniform-style Shorts, Pants, or Capris in the following colors: Navy, Khaki, Gray, Brown, or Black.

· Skirts and skorts in Navy, Khaki, Gray, Black or Lands End Clear Blue Plaid (also found at other vendors. See Director for websites.)

· Solid colored tights or leggings(if worn under jumper, dress or skirt/skort)

Shoes options:

· Tennis shoes may include colored accents but avoid bright neon colored tennis shoes.

· 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

Casual Days (Boys and Girls on Fridays or other designated days)

Bottoms options:

- Any uniform-style bottoms, jeans, or jean shorts (Bermuda length - **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
- 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.)

Outerwear/Jackets/Sweatshirts (Boys and Girls)

- Sweaters, sweatshirts and fleece – Any solid colored pull over, button or zip styles with no inappropriate logos or writing. *FA logo optional
 - Hoods are not permitted while indoors

First Academy Uniform Policy: 6th grade and up:

Same as K-5th grade policy with the following exceptions:

- Denim is permitted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Denim must have no rips, tears or holes and cannot be inappropriately tight or low-cut.
- On Chapel day, students may wear any collared shirt with the FA logo. FA logo is required on Chapel day only. No Denim on Chapel Day

If you would like to purchase from Lands End, go to www.landsend.com. Click on **Uniforms** – then **“Find My School”**. Fill in your information and school name, **First Academy**. You will see the uniform options listed.

Other options have been found for school uniforms and will be provided upon request.