

## **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 Timothy 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 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.

### ***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

### ***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

## **Dress Code General Guidelines: K-12th Grades (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)**

### *Tops:*

- Collared uniform-style polo shirts must be solid color with no design or designer logos. **\*FA LOGO REQUIRED**
- Only white shirts are permitted under jumpers.
- 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.
- All pants must be worn at the hips or waist.
- Pants cannot have holes, rips or tears.

### *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, Brown, and Lands End Clear Blue Plaid.
- The length of all skirts and skorts must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee even when worn with leggings.
- Kindergarten - 3rd Grade please wear shorts or leggings under skirts, dresses, and jumpers for modesty.
- 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. **\*FA LOGO REQUIRED**

### *Shorts*

- Uniform and Dockers style shorts in solid colors from any retail source may be worn.
- All shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee.
- Capris are permissible (girls) in the uniform colors.

### *Shoes/Leg Wear*

- Appropriate styles of shoes include athletic shoes, dress shoes, sandals and boots.
- **Prohibited Shoes:** Shoes with heels higher than 2 ½ inches, flip flops, bedroom shoes, and distracting or inappropriate footwear (as deemed by the School Headmaster).
- 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 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 School Headmaster)

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

- Any solid colored pull over, button or zip styles with no logos or writing. *\*FA logo optional*
- Hoods are not permitted while indoors

## ***Dress Code: Elementary and Upper Schools For CHAPEL (Wednesdays)***

### **BOYS:**

#### *Top options:*

- White or Light Blue, collared short or long sleeve polo shirt **\*FA LOGO REQUIRED**

#### *Bottom options:*

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

#### *Shoe options:*

- Any type of dress shoe
- Any Tennis Shoe, Athletic Shoe, or Loafer
- Boots

### **GIRLS:**

#### *Top options:*

- White or Blue, collared short or long sleeve 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: Elementary and Upper Schools 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
- 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)***

- 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.
  - No Denim on Chapel Day
  - Solid colored t-shirts with no designs, no logos, no writing are permitted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.