



SAUK VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PreK-12th GRADE DRESS CODE

Mission Statement

To work with families in bringing their children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, educating them from a Christian worldview, and preparing them for a life of service to Christ and their world.

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Revision Policy

Families of Faith Christian Academy reserves the right to change any policy or procedure in the dress code at any time when, at the discretion of the staff and administration, it deems the change to be in the best interest of the school.

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DRESS CODE

We want to help our students create a good self-image for themselves, which is vital to good Christian growth. To do this, we feel that we must encourage cleanliness and dress that is becoming of young ladies and gentlemen in accordance with the principles of modesty set forth in Scripture. Students should dress in a way that neither dishonors God nor draws inappropriate attention to themselves. The dress standards which follow are intended as expressions of these principles. At FOCA, we believe that the way we are dressed is the first and simplest form of communication about ourselves. Therefore, we have a dress code for all students (**PreK-12**) while they are developing and learning good dress habits.

One of the most difficult tasks for administration is the determination of modesty, which is often at odds with cultural fashion trends. Please, do not put administration in a difficult position. We do not want to cause any embarrassment by having to notify a student that their attire is inappropriate after they have arrived at school. Modesty is a somewhat subjective interpretation, but one we have a duty to uphold. Before students leave home each day, it is the parents' responsibility to see that their student is dressed properly for school according to the dress code (**PreK-12**). If a student is out of dress code, they may be required to change before returning to class (at admin discretion based on the number or type of dress code infractions). For specific consequences following dress code violations, please see the Discipline and Consequences Chart in the full handbook.

Please note that the general guidelines apply to all SVCA parent/guardian volunteers who are on-campus during the school day.

2022-2023 GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Acceptable attire:

- a. Pants: modest fit pants with no rips/tears, unfinished hems, or holes
- b. Dresses/skirts/tunics: must be **knee length**; dresses, skirts, or tunics that are *above the knee* **MUST** have shorts or leggings beneath. If the dress/skirt comes to the middle of the thigh or longer, girls may wear tights instead of shorts or leggings.
- c. Shorts: modest fit shorts with no rips/tears that have a **minimum 5" inseam**
- d. Shirts: modest fit shirts with no rips/tears, unfinished hems, or holes
- e. Shoes: dress shoes, gym shoes, or boots, **must be clean** and in good condition
- f. Socks: must be worn at all times in either Navy, White, Gray, or Black.

2. Unacceptable attire:

- a. Bottoms: leggings (without a dress/skirt/tunic), spandex
- b. Dresses/tops: sleeveless or strapless, immodest fit, see-through (anything which allows for undergarments to be seen), cleavage-revealing, crop tops
- c. Shoes: slippers, sandals, flip flops, crocs, no lights, or any shoe with wheels in the sole
- d. Any article of clothing which is too tight or form-fitting—restricting movement or emphasizing bodily curves. Students should be able to pinch an inch of fabric on any article of clothing.
- e. Any article of clothing or accessory that displays obscene, sexually suggestive, vulgar, violent, or otherwise inappropriate slogans/insults.
- f. Any article of clothing which is excessively baggy—oversized or inappropriately fitted, sags, or will not stay up
- g. Hats or headwear, including a raised hood
- h. Chains, spikes, or jewelry indicating gang affiliation or considered potentially harmful

3. Appearance standards:

- a. Hair should be clean, well-groomed, not extreme (as determined by administration, including, but not limited to excessive length for boys, mohawks, spikes, non-natural colors, etc.), and away from the eyes. Compliance will be determined by the administration.
- b. Junior and senior boys may have facial hair. Boys' facial hair is to be neat and well-groomed at all times. No shaggy or unkempt appearance will be allowed. Compliance will be determined by the administration.

- c. Nail color (for boys), body mutilations, or body piercings (including any magnetic jewelry and gauges) other than stud ear piercings are not permitted. Tattoos or brands must be covered throughout the school day and whenever attending school functions or activities.

DRESS CODE COMPANIES

We recommend the following companies to purchase dress code items: Land's End, French Toast, Walmart, Target, Old Navy, or Children's Place.

Visit www.grace-sterling.org for the link to purchase (optional) school approved polos with school logo or school spirit wear t-shirt.



Plaids (optional) **shall only** be purchased from French Toast or Lands' End.

- Lands' End Uniforms www.landsend.com/school
- French Toast www.FrenchToast.com

French Toast: Navy/Red Plaid

Lands' End: Classic Navy Large Plaid



PreK: DAILY DRESS CODE

DAILY DRESS FOR GIRLS

- Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts: Plaid, Navy, or Khaki. Must wear shorts or leggings underneath.
- Pants/Slacks/Shorts/Sweats/Athletic Pants: Navy, Khaki, or Jeans. Jean may not have holes or tears.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved t-shirt or polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required.
- Leggings: May be worn under skirt, skorts, and jumpers. Legging color should be Navy, Red, White, or Gray.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt/Cardigan: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray. No hoods. Dress code top must be worn underneath sweaters, sweatshirts, or cardigans.

DAILY DRESS FOR BOYS

- Pants/Slacks/Shorts/Sweats/Athletic Pants: Navy, Khaki, or Jeans. Jean may not have holes or tears.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved t-shirt or polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt: Plain Navy, Red, or White. No hoods. Dress code top must be worn underneath sweaters and sweatshirts.

EXAMPLE PreK DRESS CODE ITEMS



K – 5th: DAILY DRESS CODE

DAILY DRESS FOR GIRLS

- Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts: Plaid, Navy, or Khaki. Must wear shorts or leggings underneath.
- Pants/Slacks/Shorts: Navy or Khaki. Flat front or pleated. No denim, cargo, or athletic pants.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required.
- Leggings: May be worn under skirt, skorts, and jumpers. Legging color should be Navy, Red, White, or Gray.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt/Cardigan: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray. No hoods. Dress code top must be worn underneath sweaters, sweatshirts, or cardigans.

DAILY DRESS FOR BOYS

- Pants/Slacks/Shorts: Navy or Khaki. Flat front or pleated. No denim, cargo, or athletic pants.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt: Plain Navy, Red, or White. No hoods. Dress code top must be worn underneath sweaters and sweatshirts

EXAMPLE K-5th DRESS CODE ITEMS



6th - 12th: DAILY DRESS CODE

DAILY DRESS FOR GIRLS

- Skirts/Skorts: Plaid, Navy, or Khaki. Short must be worn underneath if not to knees.
- Pants/Slacks/Shorts: Navy or Khaki. Flat front or pleated. No denim, cargo, or athletic pants.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required. Shirts with school logo will be required for 2023-2024 school year. Tops must be tucked in at all times.
- Tights: May be worn under skirts or skorts. Tight color should be Navy, White, or Gray.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt/Cardigan: Plain Navy, Red, or White. No hoods. Dress Code top must be worn underneath sweaters, sweatshirts, or cardigans.

DAILY DRESS FOR BOYS

- Pants/Slacks/Shorts: Navy or Khaki. Flat front or pleated. No denim, cargo, or athletic pants.
- Tops: Plain Navy, Red, White, or Heather Gray short or long-sleeved polo/collared shirts. Shirts with school logo are recommended, but not required. Shirts with school logo will be required for 2023-2024 school year. Tops must be tucked in at all times.
- Sweater/Sweatshirt: Plain Navy, Red, or White. No hoods. Dress Code top must be worn underneath sweaters and sweatshirts.

EXAMPLE 6th – 12th DRESS CODES





MANDATORY DRESS GUIDELINES

FOR ALL STUDENTS K-12TH GRADE—CHAPEL, ATHLETIC, & EVENT DRESS CODE

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MANDATORY DRESS

Mandatory dress gives our students the opportunity to style themselves in a business-like manner. All students from PreK through 12th grade may choose their own outfits within the following standards of dress. We use mandatory dress days for chapel services, game days for athletic events, and special occasions such as picture day, the Christmas play, science fair, and graduation.

BOYS MANDATORY DRESS CODE

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Shirts: Wrinkle-free, collared button-down dress shirt or polo, any color. Shirts are to be tucked in with a belt.

Socks: Dress socks may be black, brown, navy blue, or fun-patterned socks

Belts: **Must match shoes**, solid black, navy, or brown

Shoes: Black, navy, or brown solid color dress shoe or dress boots

Optional items: Ties—necktie or bow tie, any color, solid or patterned, matching suit jackets, blazers, or vests

GIRLS MANDATORY DRESS CODE

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, brown, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Skirts/dresses: Must be knee length; dresses, skirts, or tunics that are *above the knee* MUST have shorts or leggings beneath. If the dress/skirt comes to the middle of the thigh or is longer, girls may wear tights instead of leggings or shorts.

Shirts: Blouses or sweaters

Socks/tights/leggings: Dress socks or tights must coordinate with the outfit

Shoes: Dress flats, dress boots, dress sandals, or heels

Optional items: Blazers, jean jackets

MANDATORY DRESS UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE:

Everything considered unacceptable for daily dress is also unacceptable for mandatory dress.

Pants: No jeans of any color or athleisure (leggings, sweatpants, etc.)

Shirts: Sweatshirts, t-shirts, hoodies, and jackets are not permitted (including spirit wear)

Shoes: No gym shoes (Converse and Vans included), flip flops, clogs, jellies, Crocs, or slides

ATHLETIC DRESS

INTRAMURAL/COMPETITIVE SPORTS PRACTICES, PE CLASSES (GRADES 7-12), FIELD DAY

- a. T-shirts
- b. Modest tank tops (shoulders and undergarments covered)
- c. Athletic shorts with a minimum 5" inseam (Spandex or biker shorts may be worn beneath athletic shorts but never alone)
- d. Sweatpants or joggers

SPIRIT DAYS

On Spirit Days, non-chapel Fridays, students may (optional) wear a spirit t-shirt with school dress code bottoms.



DRESS DOWN

GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS PreK-12TH

- a. All acceptable daily dress is permissible on dress down day
- b. Pants: Jeans, sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts
- c. Tops: T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, zip-ups (follow general guidelines)
- d. Shoes: Dress shoes, gym shoes, or boots, **must be clean** and in good condition

On dress down days **only**, students may wear jeans with rips/tears/holes. However, any holes above the knee (for boys and girls) must be covered by wearing leggings beneath or otherwise patching the hole—no skin is to be shown.

FORMAL EVENT ATTIRE

Formal event dress code guidelines must be followed by all attendees at events (current SVCA students and off-campus guests). To avoid confusion or issues at an event, administration is willing to pre-approve outfits based on a picture of the student in the outfit.

- a. Attire should reflect a formal family occasion (like a wedding) rather than a night on the town or evening at a club