

FCCS Dress Code revision April 2020

## DRESS CODE

It is our desire at FCCS to do all things pleasing and honoring to the Lord. We desire to create an educational atmosphere that honors God and maximizes learning. While we recognize that God looks at the heart and not the outward appearance, it remains true that our appearance is important. First Thessalonians 5:22 says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (KJV) Peter reminds us that our attractiveness should not be based on what we wear, but on "that of your inner self . . ." (NIV) Even so, Samuel notes that while "The Lord looks on the heart" man will look at our outward appearance. (NIV) We reveal the contents of our heart by our dress and our actions, and this is what the world sees when they see us. Therefore, our clothing and the way we wear it should represent our desire to please God and honor Him.

Modesty, moderation, neatness, and cleanliness are the overriding principles of the FCCS dress code. The dress code applies to students when they are on campus, at athletic events, and at all school functions. Our desire is that the students dress in such a way that they reflect pride in their school, respect for themselves, and honor for our Creator.

The expectation is that students follow the dress code unless told otherwise by administration or teachers. Students who have special dress needs must obtain permission from the Head of School.

When weather calls for outer garments, please label each garment with the student's name. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing.

It is the responsibility of the parents and/or guardians to educate their student(s) in modesty and to determine that a student's clothing is appropriate for school. It is the responsibility of the teachers and administration to enforce the dress code at FCCS.

FCCS administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of all dress code infractions at school and any school sponsored or endorsed functions. Dress code infractions for female students will be determined by a female teacher, staff or administrator. The Head of School or designee shall have final authority over all determinations.

## **DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS**

### **GENERAL**

#### **Clothing must be:**

- Conservative, neat, clean, pressed, presentable
- Fit appropriately and modestly

#### **Clothing may not be:**

- Severely faded, dirty, torn, frayed, disheveled
- Excessively oversized or too tight, immodest ( Even if new)

Sunglasses, Hats, bandanas, caps, visors, or any other headwear that covers the head or face may not be worn in the building. Students may wear theme-appropriate headwear on designated spirit days.

Gang related jewelry, and dress associated with gang activities is prohibited.

Spiked bracelets and spiked necklaces are prohibited.

No clothing may be worn that contains offensive or inappropriate graphics or language, promotes unhealthy habits, portrays obscene, offensive, or disrespectful attitudes or behavior, any political rhetoric or political campaign images, or any non-Christian musical groups.

Pajamas and costumes may not be worn unless specifically approved for spirit or reward days.

Undergarments must not be visible through clothing or when bending, squatting, or sitting.

### **SHIRTS/SWEATERS/HOODIES AND SWEATSHIRTS**

All tops must cover the shoulders, back, midriff and cleavage.

No shirt may be worn that exposes skin when arms are raised.

Hoods must be down when a hoodie is worn.

### **SHORTS AND PANTS**

Shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Pants and shorts must not be immodestly tight or excessively loose fit and contain no lettering across the seat.

Pants and shorts cannot have holes, tears, or fraying (even if new).

**Grades K-3** may wear knit legging style bottoms.

**Grades K-5** may wear work out style bottoms (no legging style work out pants or sweats).

**Grades 6-12** students may not wear yoga pants, work out pants, or sweats. Leggings may not be worn unless they are worn under a dress or skirt.

### **DRESSES/SKIRTS/SCOOTERS \* Girls only**

Dresses, skirts, and scooters must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee at their shortest point.

Dresses must cover shoulders or be worn with a cardigan or other shirt style top (no shawls). Covering tops may not be removed in school if the dress does not cover shoulders.

Leggings or shorts must be worn under all dresses and skirts.

**K-5** Nylons and tights are not considered leggings and should not be worn in place of leggings during regular school days.

**Grades 6-12** Nylons or tights may be worn in place of shorts or leggings.

**SHOES** \* Must be worn at all times

No heels or soles greater than 2 inches (stilettos may not be worn).

No pajama slippers.

**Grades Pre K-5:** No flip flops (sandals must wrap around the heel)

### **HAIR AND PIERCINGS**

Hair should be conservative, neat, clean and a natural color. (Temporary wash out hair color may be allowed on School Spirit Days).

No visible tattoos.

Girls: No piercings other than the ears are allowed to be visible at school or any school function.

Boys: Hair should be short and facial hair should be neat and trimmed with a shave line. No visible piercings.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Grades 6-12: Required FCCS PE Uniform

- Long (basketball length) navy blue shorts
- Grey FCCS shirt
- Non-marking athletic shoes appropriate for running

The PE uniform can be purchased through the school.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** (Field trips, Pastors' Appreciation Day, Veteran's/Grandparent's Day, Spring Banquet, or anytime the students are asked to represent the school.) Students will and parents will be notified in advance when Special Events dress should be worn.

- Khaki pants
- Navy blue Foothills embroidered polo

### **OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Head of School may designate proper dress for other special events (graduation, awards, activity days, i.e., spirit week etc.)

Extracurricular Supervisors (i.e., coaches, choir director, and student council advisors) have the authority to request and enforce specific dress code for school affiliated events with the Head of school approval.

### **FORMALS**

**Girls:** No cleavage, no midsection showing, dress/skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee at its shortest point and must have at least one strap.

Dresses must be pre-approved by a female upper-school teacher or designated female school administrator prior to the event.

**Boys:** Montana Formal ( For example, but not limited to, black tie, blue jeans etc..)

### **ATHLETIC EVENTS (ATHLETES ONLY)**

The whole team should be consistent in dress and the designated dress code will be determined by the Athletic Director. This should be worn all day on games days (before and after the games). Coaches will notify athletes of attire on a game-by-game basis.

### **AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS**

Students are to exercise good judgement in what they wear and how they wear it. In the case of gross violations of dress code at an after-school event, the student will be asked to leave the event.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

Our expectation is that all parents will ensure that their child complies with the intent and the details of our dress code. Students not in compliance will experience the following consequences:

#### **LOWER SCHOOL (Grades K-5)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

The teacher will inform the Head of School and parents of the violation. The parents will be asked by the teacher to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance. If parents cannot bring dress code clothing within one hour, the student will find something in the “Why Buy” shop instead and return to class.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

The teacher will contact and send an official referral to be signed by the parent. A copy will be filed in the office. The parent will be asked by the teacher to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance. If parents cannot bring dress code clothing within one hour, the student will find something in the “Why Buy” shop instead and return to class.

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense**

The student will be referred to the office. The Head of School or designee will contact the parent. The parent will be asked to bring proper dress code items to the school for the student to be in compliance. If parents cannot bring dress code clothing within one hour, the student will find something in the “Why Buy” shop instead and return to class.

#### **Category 2 Violation**

##### **4<sup>th</sup> Offense**

The teacher will refer the student to the Head of School, who will make parent contact to discuss the repeated issue.

#### **UPPER SCHOOL (Grades 6-12):**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

- The teacher will make contact with a parent explaining the violation
- The contact/violation will be noted in behavior report on FACTS/SIS
- The parent will be asked to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

- The teacher will make contact with the parent explaining the violation
- The contact/violation will be noted in the behavior report on FACTS/SIS
- The parent is asked to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance.
- The student will be required to wear Special Events Dress Code clothing for one week.
- The student will serve detention if not in dress code within one hour.

### **Category 2 Violation**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense**

- The teacher will make contact with parent explaining the violation and that the Head of School is being notified.
- The contact/violation will be noted in the behavior report on FACTS/SIS
- The parent will be asked to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance.
- The student will serve a minimum of two detentions, not including the detention from the second offense, if not in dress code within one hour.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Offense**

- The teacher will make contact with the parent explaining the violation and that the Head of School is being notified.
- The contact/violation will be noted in the behavior report on FACTS/SIS.
- The parent is asked to bring proper dress code items to school for the student to be in compliance.
- If the student is not in compliance within one hour of notification, the student will serve an in-school suspension until proper attire is found. The in-school suspension is considered an unexcused absence from class.
- The student will be required to wear Special Events Dress Code for a minimum of one week, to be set by the Head of School.
- The student will serve in-school suspension.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Offense**

- The parent will refer the student to the Head of School, who will make parent contact to discuss the repeated issues and convene the Admissions Committee.