

## FCA DRESS CODE

Our commitment at Family Christian Academy is to do all things in a way that is pleasing to the Lord and that will bring honor and glory to Him. Accordingly, what we wear should direct subtle attention to the inner person, not to the physical body. The essence of our dress code is expressed in the following Scriptures:

- “Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.” *1 Corinthians 10:31*
- “Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” *1 Timothy 4:12*
- “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” *Romans 12:2*

### The dress code for FCA includes BUT IS NOT LIMITED to:

	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
1.	Only school T-shirts may be worn daily	
2.	Relaxed Fit Boot Cut Relaxed Fit Straight Leg	skinny jeans hip huggers / low riders Jeggings™ Leggings™ Joggers™ saggy / baggy tight fitting
3.		sweat pants jogging pants athletic apparel
4.	FCA Hoodies only during appropriate season	
5.	tennis shoes dress shoes sandals with a strap Crocs™ with strap	house shoes / slippers\ flip-flops skate shoes with rollers
6.	hats outside of buildings sunglasses outside of buildings	Bandanas fashion scarves
7.	HAIR STYLES – SEE # 7 BELOW	
8.	TWO earrings are allowed in EACH ear LOBE  ONE cartilage piercing for young women	earrings for young men  GAGES, BARS, CHAINS, dog collars, studs, spikes  Jelly Bracelets / rubber bracelets
9.		tattoos
10.	formal wear must be approved by the administration prior to the occasion	

## ELECTRONICS

**Cell phones are acceptable, but must be turned in to the teacher prior to the start of class**

**No headphones, radios, cd players, iPod™, mp3 players**

The FCA dress code has been established to provide minimum standards of dress and appearance that will assist parents and students in choosing appropriate clothing to be worn to classes and school functions. We realize that clothing styles are cultural and cultural standards are not always right or wrong. However, student attire needs to be safe, conservative, modest, neat and appropriate; also, it should not be a distraction nor tempt others to stumble or express an ungodly lifestyle.

It is the position of the FCA that the primary function of the school is to provide the foundation for the formation and development of proper attitudes. One basic attitude is seriousness of purpose toward education. The conduct and dress, which is acceptable and proper outside of the school environment, is often not appropriate for the school environment. FCA believes that important educational interests are furthered with the implementation of a dress code policy. Our goal in setting forth these guidelines is to provide our students with Christian guidance as we all strive to be good stewards in regard to our personal Christian testimony and that of FCA

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1. **Only school T-shirts may be worn daily.** All school T-shirts (male and female) must be a minimum 2" below the top of the waistband and **not to exceed 6"** or the top of the thighs when standing with arms at the sides.
  2. Pants cannot be longer than the bottom of the shoe and must fit at the waist. **Pants need to be Relaxed Fit Boot Cut or Relaxed Fit Straight Leg. No hip huggers, low riders, "skinny" jeans or below the waist pants are allowed. No Jeggings.** Pants must not be **saggy, baggy or tight** or have elephant legs (excessively wide style). If there are belt loops, a belt must be worn. Bib overalls are not allowed. Jeans with repair stitching, writing, pictures or graffiti are not allowed. Wearing clothing that is dirty, faded, frayed, excessively worn, or ripped is not permitted. Hemlines or shorts must be 1" above knee.
  3. **No sweat pants/suits, jogging pants, or athletic apparel is acceptable except as required by P.E. teacher.**
  4. **No "hoodies" of any kind (pull over, zippered, etc.) are permitted within the building as daily wear or as part of the daily outfit except during winter months (i.e., Dec, Jan, Feb). Only official FCA hoodies may be worn during cold months. No sweaters or cardigans are to be worn.**
  5. Shoes, sandals or Crocs™ with a strap on the heel must be worn at all times. No house shoes, house slippers, flip-flops, or skate shoes are allowed. Shoes with laces must be properly tied.
  6. Hats, bandanas, scarves or sunglasses are not permitted.
  7. Hairstyles must be clean, well kept, and groomed in a fashion that does not distract from the learning for both young men and women.  
  
Streaking or changing hair to an unnatural, distracting color or style is not allowed.  
  
No symbols or words should be cut or dyed into the hair. No MOHAWK cuts. No Mullet cuts. No bizarre or trendy haircuts are allowed.  
  
Hair for young men may not hit the collar of the shirt, must be out of the eyes and must be cut over the top of the ear. Tucking long hair behind the ear will not be acceptable when trying to meet these guidelines.  
  
**Young men must be clean-shaven every day. Sideburns may not extend past the middle of the ear.**
- ALL hairstyles are under the discretion of the administration and students may be asked to correct hairstyles to meet school guidelines.
8. Jewelry may be worn in moderation. **Only two earrings are allowed in EACH ear LOBE and only ONE cartilage piercing for young women. NO GAGES, NO BARS, NO CHAINS.** Young men may not wear earrings. Jewelry worn in other pierced body areas is not allowed.

9. NO choke chains, wallet chains, or dog collars are permitted. NO studs or spikes may be worn on belts or accessories. NO Jelly bracelets or other rubber band type bracelets are permitted.

**10. Tattoos are not allowed. Existing ones must be covered.**

**11. Cell phones are acceptable, but must be turned in to the teacher prior to the start of class.** If a student is caught with a cell phone in their possession it will be confiscated and will only be released to a parent. Continued cell phone violation will negate the student's right to have one school premises. **Parent and students agree that cell phone(s) may be searched if used during class or for inappropriate usages with or to other students in or out of school.**

12. No headphones, radios, cd players, ipods™, mp3 players.

13. All formal wear must be approved by the administration prior to the occasion. Formal wear for special school sponsored occasions may be elegant, yet modest and conservative. No strapless, backless (below the shoulder-blade line), low-cut gowns (below the collarbone), or slits above the extended fingertips.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

#1 violation

**Written warning.**

Dress code violation form sent to parents to sign and return. Student makes arrangement for immediate change of attire.

#2 violation

**Meeting with the Administration.**

**Student and parents will need to meet with the FCA Administration** to discuss the infraction and to inform both the student and parents of the consequences of any further infractions. Dress code violation form sent to parents to sign and return. Student will make arrangements for immediate change of attire.

#3 violation

**Required Dress.**

**Student will be required to wear Dockers™ style pants and FCA shirts (purchased through the school) for the duration of the semester.** Dress code violation form sent to parents to sign and return. Student makes arrangement for immediate change of attire.

\*\*\* At the end of the semester in which a student has had three dress code violations, he/she will be granted a clean slate. That student may resume his/her choice of attire as long as it fits within the dress code but will be granted only one violation. **After one violation, the student will be required to dress in the Dockers™ and FCA shirt.**

FCA reserves the right to advise and discipline any student about personal appearance that may be considered distracting or deemed inappropriate by the school administration.

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We, the parent and student, have received and reviewed the policies and guidelines set forth in the FCA Dress Code and agree to abide by them.

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Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

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Student's Signature

Date