

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 I Peter 3:3-4, which states that our attractiveness should not be based on what we wear, but on our hidden inner self, "the unfailing beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit."

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

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

1. Hemlines or shorts must be knee length.
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.
3. **No sweat pants/suits, jogging pants, or athletic apparel is acceptable except as required by P.E. teacher.**
4. 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.
5. **Only school T-shirts may be worn daily.**
6. **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 (ie. Dec, Jan, Feb). Only official FCA hoodies may be worn during cold months.**
7. Shoes or sandals with a strap on the heel must be worn at all times. No house shoes, house slippers, flip-flops, **Crocs™** or skate shoes are allowed. Shoes with laces must be properly tied.
8. Hairstyles must be clean, well kept, and moderate for both young men and women. Streaking or changing hair to an unnatural, distracting color or style is not allowed. Hair should be neat and clean, groomed in a fashion that does not distract from the learning process. No symbols or words should be cut or dyed into the hair. Hair for young men may not hit the collar of the shirt, must be cut over the top of the ear, no HARD PART cuts, no MOHAWK cuts. Tucking long hair behind the ear will not be acceptable when trying to meet these guidelines. Young men must be **clean-shaven everyday**. Sideburns may not extend past the middle of the ear.
9. No camouflage on any clothing or school articles.
10. Hats, bandanas, scarves or sunglasses are not permitted.
11. 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.

Student's Signature

Date