

# 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR ~ DRESS CODE

## A. General

Parents are responsible for purchasing clothing that meets dress code standards and which is appropriately sized for their students. Students should be in compliance with the Fellowship Academy dress code when they arrive at school each morning. General guidelines for high school, junior high, elementary, and early learning students are listed below, followed by specific guidelines for all students.

Clothing should be clean, modest, and appropriate for specific school activities and for the weather. Student dress, hairstyle, and accessories must be modest and should not be disruptive. Any student whose appearance results in a distraction to students, faculty or staff may be asked to change into more appropriate attire. For specific activities such as field trips, dances, banquets or games, dress code requirements will be sent home and must be followed.

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in disciplinary action. If a student misses class due to inappropriate dress, the student is considered to have an unexcused absence. When there is a question regarding the dress code or appearance of a student, the administration's resolution will be final.

Fellowship Academy has the right to amend this policy as needed; parents and students will be notified of changes in the policy.

## B. The following guidelines MUST be followed for Elementary, Junior High and High School Students (Grades 1-12)

### CAN BE WORN:

- Collared "polo," button-down shirt (short or long sleeves).
- Shirts or blouses without collars (short or long sleeves); solid, striped or patterned shirts are acceptable. **NOTE: Fellowship Academy t-shirts, polos and button-downs are available for order from the FA Athletic Booster Club.**
- Fellowship Academy t-shirts, including shirts from FA activities or FA organizations in which students are involved.
- FA sweatshirts or jackets, including hoodies. (Note: FA hoodies ONLY. Hoodies must be removed at a teacher's request and may not cover the head while on campus.)
- Other jackets, cardigans, and sweaters are permissible for classroom wear, following specific guidelines below.
- Jeans, twill, or chino slacks.
- Shorts, no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Ankle and capri length pants.
- Dresses or skirts for girls, no more than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts or tights (including footless) are preferred under dresses. **NOTE: Elementary girls must wear shorts or leggings under skirts to allow for play at recess and PE.**
- Shoes must be close-toed or close-healed. Sandals may be worn with a strap around the back of the heel.
- All junior high and high school students must dress out for PE or Athletics in the FA PE/Athletic uniform.

### CANNOT BE WORN:

- T-shirts with inappropriate or unacceptable logos/messages (defined as, but not limited to: anything that represents or contains words or images that depict vulgarity, profanity, alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, video games, or anything of a sexual nature; anything that compromises or goes against a Christian worldview; T-shirts from other schools - colleges or universities are acceptable; anything deemed inappropriate by the Administration).
- Hoodies (only FA Hoodies are acceptable)
- Joggers, sweatpants, fleece pants
- Athletic PE shorts
- Leggings and Jeggings
- Flip Flops, Athletic slides, Jandals

### C. The following Guidelines must be followed for Early Learning Students (Grades PreK & Kindergarten)

Early learning students use materials and play in ways that may get their clothing soiled or stained. Please select easy-to-laundry options for most school days. Acceptable options are:

- Fellowship Academy polos, button-down shirts, and collarless shirts (solid, striped or patterned shirts that are not FA-branded are acceptable).

**NOTE: Fellowship Academy t-shirts, polos and button-downs are available for order from the FA Athletics Booster Club.**

- Jeans or shorts
- Laundered, well-fitting play sets and play clothes
- For girls, dresses or skirts with leggings or shorts worn underneath
- Shoes must be close-toed or close-healed. No soccer slides or flip flops.

### D. Specific Guidelines for All Students

- Fellowship Academy students are expected to be clean and neatly groomed in a manner that will not create a distraction while attending school and all school-sponsored functions.
- Clothing will be neat, clean, and appropriately sized. The following guidelines are to assist in determining what is "appropriately sized":
  - a. Pants that will not stay up without the use of a belt are inappropriate. **NO sagging! Undergarments must not be visible above the waistband of the pant regardless of the length of the shirt being worn**
  - b. Pants or jeans must not be excessively form-fitting or tight.
  - c. No tight, form fitting, excessively loose, or low cut shirts may be worn. All shirts must be fastened within four inches of the collar.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or cuffed. Clothing should be free of rips, tears, cuts, frays, and stains such as paint, ink, etc. Clothing should also be free of added embellishments such as patches, pins, etc.
- Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap in length, including slits in skirts, when standing.
- Spandex or form-fitted bike shorts may be worn only under shorts for athletics, or under dress and skirts.
- No writing on the rear of pants, shorts, or skirts.
- Rompers are not permitted.
- Cut off pants, shorts, or skirts are not permitted
- No fishnet stockings.
- Inappropriate or unacceptable shirts are defined as, but not limited to the following:  
Anything that represents or contains words or images that represent vulgarity, profanity, alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, video games, or of a sexual nature.  
Anything that compromises or goes against a Christian worldview  
T-shirts from other schools (except colleges or universities)  
Anything deemed inappropriate by the administration
- No gang related clothing or colors may be worn.
- No clothing or promotional items (buttons, stickers, etc.) relating to or depicting inappropriate or controversial role models, bands, or sub cultures may be displayed or worn.
- Halter tops, tank tops, basketball jerseys, racer back tank tops, spaghetti straps, mesh shirts, off the shoulder, strapless shirts/dresses of any kind or tops that expose the midriff (including when arms are raised) may not be worn. Any shirt or blouse that is made of see-through material may only be worn with a sleeveless (not spaghetti strap) shirt underneath that meets dress code guidelines.
- **Undergarments (i.e., bra and bra straps) should not be visible.** Shirts similar to underwear or undergarments, muscle shirts, or half shirts may not be worn.
- Good hygiene must be practiced regularly (including but not limited to bathing, use of deodorant, washing hair).

- Make-up: Girls may wear make-up provided that it is modest and in good taste. However, **NO GLITTER**. Boys may not wear make-up of any kind.
- Students may not wear gold or any other colored coverings on teeth.
- Hats, caps, scarves, sunglasses, bandanas, and other head coverings are not permitted inside the building.
- Students' hair shall be clean, neat, and well-groomed and may not cause a disturbance, interfere with normal classroom activities, or constitute a health or safety hazard. Hair should appear natural; extreme hairstyles or colors that draw excessive attention or create a distraction or disturbance are not allowed.
- Boys' hair should be neat in appearance and worn away from the face. Appropriateness of length and style are to be determined by the Administration.
  - a. No facial hair, including mustaches, goatees, beards, etc., is permitted, except for Seniors or special events designated by the administration. Senior facial hair must be kept neat, clean, and close to the face. Sideburns should be neatly trimmed and can be no lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.
- Girls' hair should be neatly combed or styled and worn away from the face.
- Visible tattoos, decals, body painting or body piercings are not allowed for either boys or girls.
- Earrings, gauges, or spaces are not permitted for boys.
- Girls may have pierced ears only – limit three per ear. Earrings must be of a conservative length and size. No other pierced jewelry or spacers may be worn. No spikes, dog collars, large chains, facial piercings, etc., are allowed.
- No chains may hang out of pockets, belt loops, etc.
- Outerwear (coats, heavy jackets, rain wear, etc.) may not be worn during the school day.
- No pajamas, flannels, house shoes, or slippers.
- No contact lenses that alter the shape or create extreme color of the eye are allowed.
- Shoes must be worn at all times, and flip flops or soccer slides are not allowed. Tennis shoes must be worn in P.E. All shoes must be appropriately tied. Shoes must not be written or drawn on by the student. Shoes with wheels are not acceptable. Girl's shoes must not have a heel more than 3 inches high.

