

First Baptist

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Dress Code



First Baptist Christian School exists to serve families that are sincerely committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our desire at the school is to do all things to bring pleasure to Jesus and to uphold His testimony. We have a responsibility to students and to parents to establish institutional procedures, rules and practices which will honor God, aid the learning process, and seek the best interests of our students. Our dress code meets these criteria in several ways:

- 1. It can be a positive way to please God who, through His Word, has established principles of modesty and proper decorum.**
- 2. It can teach a student to respect authority that has been placed over him/her in the school environment.**
- 3. It can foster a better learning environment with fewer distractions.**
- 4. It can be crucial to a student's safety in the hallways and in the classrooms.**

In all aspects of our lives, we are ambassadors for God and for His school. Our true image comes from Him and not the standards of the world. While we recognize that true Christianity is a matter of the heart and not the outward appearance, it is true, however, that our appearance is important in the light of God's Word. The Apostle Peter identifies the real issue when he states that our attractiveness should not be based on what we wear, but on the "hidden person of the heart... even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." By our dress standards we represent the feelings and thoughts of our hearts. We should desire to honor God and his Word by our overall appearance, including the types of clothing we wear, and how others see it. Extremes in dress, style, makeup or jewelry are to be avoided. Apparel that appears to be suggestive or has the trademark of a segment of society that is decidedly ungodly in its influence is not acceptable. Regardless of current standards and tastes of society, we believe that modesty, neatness, appropriateness, and gender distinctiveness are the fundamentals of a dress code which aims to please God by honoring His standards.

Scripture has much to say about our attitudes and how we appear to the world. Several Scripture passages support our rationale behind the dress code:

Romans 12: 1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 John 2: 15-17 Do not love the world or the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is on the world.

1 Peter 3: 3-4 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Ephesians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on these things.

The school's dress code should be upheld by parents, students, and faculty. Students arriving at school dressed inappropriately may not be permitted to attend class until they change clothing, and this may require a parent to bring a change of clothes. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any article of clothing.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

There is no specific dress code for preschool students.

Grades K5 through 4th grade have a more relaxed dress code. However, beginning in 5th grade, students are expected to follow the dress code to which they will be expected to adhere in Jr. High and High School. Parents and students are responsible to be aware of age-specific requirements for each group.

BOYS' CLASSROOM DRESS

SHIRTS:

Acceptable styles:

1. Collared shirts
2. Collarless shirts (not t-shirts) with 2-4 buttons
3. Crewneck style shirts or small V-neck styles
4. Polo (golf style) shirts
5. Neat-looking pullovers

Unacceptable Styles:

1. T-shirts
2. Sleeveless shirts
3. Jersey-styled sport shirts
4. Non-FBCS Hoodies

Other specifics:

1. Button-up dress shirts must be tucked in; polo shirts may be untucked.
2. Small manufacturers' or designers' emblems are permitted if in good taste. Pictures and graphic words emblazoned or stitched across the shirt are not acceptable.
3. All shirts must be buttoned to the second button from the top.
4. The sloppy, baggy look is not acceptable. Shirt or sweater sleeves that hang below the wrist are not acceptable.
5. *Layered shirts must be tucked in so that under shirts do not hang below an outer shirt.

PANTS/SLACKS:

Acceptable Styles:

1. Dress/casual slacks
2. Corduroys

Unacceptable Styles:

1. Jeans
2. Overalls

Other specifics:

1. All slacks should be solid colors without any décor on them.

2. Slacks are to be worn at the waist.
3. Belts are to be worn at all times if slacks/pants have belt loops.
4. Slacks/pants must not be tight, baggy, or saggy or display any inappropriate styles.

SHOES:

1. Shoes must be worn with socks at all times.
2. Dress or casual (not athletic) shoes are appropriate
3. Students in grades K-6 may wear tennis shoes that are clean and not falling apart.

SWEATERS/PULLOVERS:

1. Cardigan, crewneck or V-neck sweaters, pullovers, and sweater vests are acceptable and must have a collared shirt under them.
2. Sleeves must not be longer than arm-length.

CHAPEL DRESS: - Boys must wear collared shirts.

HAIR:

1. Hair should be neatly styled and clean.
2. Hair length should be above and not touching the ears, not touching the eyebrows, and not hanging over the collar.
3. Hair is to be of a moderate style and should not conform to any extremes or fads. All hair color is to be natural-looking.
4. Beards and mustaches are not acceptable.

JEWELRY:

1. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
2. No Body piercing is allowed.

TATTOOS are not permitted.

PROCEDURES:

1. Students are to enter the school building in the morning in dress code attire until they leave campus.
2. All outerwear is not to be worn in hallways or classrooms. These items are to be placed in lockers or hung up before the school day begins. Faculty may grant exceptions to this rule.
3. Students who tend to be cold in classrooms should have sweaters, pullovers, or FBCS hoodies available.
4. All clothing is subject to the approval or disapproval of faculty and administration, and is subject to modesty guidelines.
5. If a student attends sports events or practices, after school functions, or other school-sponsored events, the student must follow the school dress code unless he/she has administrative approval to dress otherwise. (See extracurricular section for after school activities.)
6. Due to style changes from one season to another, the administration reserves the right to communicate necessary distinctions within the dress code during the school year.

GIRLS' CLASSROOM DRESS

DRESSES/SKIRTS:

1. Dress and skirt lengths, including any slits, should be at the kneecap when a student is standing, walking or sitting.
2. Sleeveless dresses or sun dresses need to be worn with a jacket or some type of sweater/shirt.
3. Tight-fitting clothing is not acceptable.
4. Appropriate undergarments are to be worn at all times.

DRESS SLACKS/PANTS:

1. Pants and dress slacks are acceptable *except* on chapel days.
2. Tight-fitting clothing is not acceptable; the outline of undergarments should not be discernible.
3. Tighter, legging-style pants may be worn in grades K5-4, but should be worn with a shirt that approaches mid-thigh. These types of pants may not be worn in grades 5-12 except under knee-length skirts.

BLOUSES/DRESS SHIRTS:

All blouses/shirts must have a modest neckline, and no undergarments may be showing.

Acceptable Styles:

1. Collared blouses or polo/golf shirts
2. Collarless (not t-shirt) shirts with 2-4 buttons
3. Rounded, squared, or modest V-neck styles (no collar)
4. Turtleneck and mock-turtleneck styles
5. Small manufacturers' or designers' emblems are permitted if in good taste. Pictures and graphic words emblazoned or stitched across the shirt are not acceptable.
6. The cut of the sleeve (under the arm) should be such as to maintain modesty.
7. Styles made of lace or translucent fabric must have a shirt or tank top underneath with wide straps – no spaghetti straps.

Unacceptable Styles:

1. Non-FBCS Hoodies
2. T-shirts
3. Low-cut styles
4. Sleeveless styles alone
5. Cut-out shoulder styles

SWEATERS/PULLOVERS:

Cardigan, crewneck or V-neck sweaters, pullovers and sweaters vests are acceptable and must have an appropriate shirt or camisole underneath.

SHOES:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. Tennis shoes and/or shoes that have the appearance of athletic shoes are not acceptable in 7th-12th grades.

Acceptable Styles:

1. Dress boots are acceptable.
2. Leather or mock leather sandals are acceptable.
3. Dress or casual shoes are appropriate.
4. Students in grades K-6 may wear tennis shoes that are clean and not falling apart.

Unacceptable Styles:

1. Crocs or flip-flops
2. Combat/army boots or outer-wear boots
3. Rain boots or snow mobile boots.
4. Students in grades K-6 may not have heels greater than 2 inches.
5. Students in grades 7-12 may not have heels greater than 3 inches.

CHAPEL DRESS: Girls must wear dresses or skirts and blouses/shirts.

HAIR:

1. Hair is to be neatly styled and clean.
2. Hairstyles must not conform to any extreme or fad. All hair color is to be natural looking.

JEWELRY:

1. Body-piercing is not permitted except for earrings and this should be limited to two earrings per ear.
2. To avoid the extreme, necklaces and bracelets should be limited to two or three. Jewelry must not become a safety or distraction issue.

MAKE-UP:

1. Girls in grades K-6 are not permitted to wear makeup, including glitter.
2. For girls in grades 7-12, makeup must be moderate and not represent inappropriate worldly influences.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CASUAL EVENTS:

These events include attendance at athletic events, class activities, casual and social activities, etc.

Acceptable modifications to Classroom Dress:

1. Blue jeans that follow the guidelines for slacks/pants (no holes or tight-fitting)
2. Nice-looking sweatshirts and t-shirts
3. Casual shoes of any kind.
4. Modest one-piece swimsuits
5. Finger-tip length, loose-fitting shorts

FORMAL AND SEMI-FORMAL EVENTS: These events include school-related programs such as open houses, musicals, awards presentations, concerts, banquets, Commencement, and Homecoming.

1. Chapel dress is the approved standard.
2. Formal dress for ladies must be modest and will require administrative approval prior to the event.
 - a. Dresses must have two straps which are opaque and at least 1" wide.
 - b. Dress code standards regarding length and tightness must be met.

FIELD TRIPS: School dress code will be the norm unless the type of activity warrants otherwise. The administration will notify parents and/or students in advance of changes or exceptions to the dress code for a specific activity.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: Students who participate in athletic activities will wear school-provided game uniforms. Student athletes and student spectators traveling to away games must follow the dress code guidelines.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

T-shirts, loose-fitting exercise pants or loose-fitting, finger-tip length shorts are appropriate for gym classes and sports practices in grades 3-12. Please no tank tops or spandex, except underneath loose-fitting shorts.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Violations of the dress code will result in administrative/faculty/staff intervention to rectify the violation.

Depending on the inappropriateness/seriousness of the violation, an individual student's frequency of dress code violations, and/or the student's attitude when confronted about the dress code violation, disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, a gentle reminder of the dress code policy, a student report, a detention, counseling of the student by the administration, a meeting with parents and the administration, or a call to the parent to bring a change of clothes. Students violating the modesty standards and/or the biblical and moral standards of the dress code will be pulled out of class and supervised in another assigned area until dress code standards are met.