

The Frankfort Christian Academy

DRESS CODE (updated April 2023)

A student's appearance should reflect the belief that formal learning is important enough to call for precision and neatness in dress. Style of clothing must indicate a serious academic purpose on the part of the student. The standards for dress and grooming are in keeping with the high Christian ideals, which we seek to establish in those who attend the school. The goal and purpose of the uniform and dress code guidelines are to promote modesty, preparedness for future jobs and schooling, level socio-economic gaps for families and encourage respect for guidelines and authority.

Colossians 3:16-17 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

The dress guidelines do not attempt to embrace every conceivable situation in the realm of dress. It is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of acceptable and unacceptable attire. Rather, the dress code is an outgrowth of our experience in maintaining an atmosphere consistent with the instructional goals of The Frankfort Christian Academy.

Direct any questions about the intent or provisions of the dress code to the appropriate administrator. **The school administration will have the final word on all matters concerning the dress code. Repeated failure to comply with dress code standards constitutes rebellion and could result in disciplinary action.**

Any clothing which is not deemed neat and/or modest will be prohibited.

As with everything, we need our parents to partner with us to help to maintain modest dress at school. In light of that partnership, please read and address these standards with your student. Students found in violation of the dress code will be asked to immediately rectify the situation. This may include going home to change, calling a parent to bring new clothes, or changing into something available to them in the swap shop.

Our desire is that the students would dress in such a way as to please the Lord. Our outward appearance is to be a constant reminder to those around us of our desire to honor God.

TFCA Dress Code Guidelines

Age/Grade	Dress Guidelines
Preschool	Preschool Dress code
Elementary	K-8 Uniforms
Middle School	K- 8 Uniforms
High School	Standards for all TFCA Male/Female Students

Standards for all TFCA Male and Female Students

- Students should dress and groom themselves in a manner that is neat, modest, and respectful to themselves and the school. (1 Tim. 2:9)
- Students are expected to dress according to their birth-assigned gender. (Deut. 22:5)
 - Males are not permitted to wear make-up or nail polish.
- Students should NOT wear extreme hairstyles or facial hair.
 - Dyed hair should only be natural colors.
 - Hair should not hang in students' eyes.
 - Male's hair should not exceed the top of their shirt collar.
 - Facial hair should be trimmed and groomed.
 - Female's hair should not be shaved, except in extenuating circumstances.
- Students should not wear any clothing that displays messages inconsistent with the Christian lifestyle. All clothes must be free of questionable language and phrases, and include no derogatory statements about people groups.
- Garments that are tight fitting, clinging, semi-transparent or "see-through", are not permitted.
- Appropriate undergarments are required but should not be visible. This includes but is not limited to: underwear, bras, sports bras, compression shorts.
- Hats and hoods are not to be worn during school hours.
- Clothing that is "shredded" to look ripped or torn is not acceptable.
- Low necklines, enlarged armholes, bare shoulders/back/midribs, or crop tops that show bare midsection are not allowed. This includes when a student raises their hands above their head or bends over.
- No sleeveless shirts/tank top straps. No strapless, spaghetti strap, halter, skinny strap tops or dresses will be permitted.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times and should be properly tied or fastened.
- Pants are to be worn at the waist at all times, this means the belt line will be above the hip-bone. Sweat pants, jogging suits, athletic suits are acceptable as long as they meet the dress code for individual pieces.
- Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- No fleece pants, pajama pants, yoga pants, spandex, jeggings or leggings. Leggings may be worn under skirts and dresses as long as the skirt or dress is no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- No body piercings are permitted, except those in female students' ears.
- Students with pre-existing tattoos should make a reasonable effort to cover tattoos during school hours and school-related functions. We respectfully ask that students refrain from getting new tattoos while enrolled at TFCA.

Specific questions concerning applications of the dress code should be addressed to the Administration.

Standards Dress Code for Preschool

- Preschool students should wear neat, comfortable clothes and shoes that allow them to participate in all school activities.
- Dresses should be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Please wear shorts or leggings under dresses.
- All shirts should completely cover the stomach.
- Students should wear shoes with a back strap (no flip flops). Tennis shoes are preferred.
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts without sweaters.
- Boys and girls should exemplify Christ in their clothing.

Standard Uniform for Male and Female Students (K-8th)

- Uniform items that meet TFCA established guidelines, may be purchased from any store that carries a uniform vendor line.
- All uniform items must be of an appropriate size. Clothing items may not be overly loose/“baggy” or overly tight.
- No brand labels, logos, or ornamentations are permitted on the outside of any uniform item.
- Undergarments should be worn but not be visible at any time. This includes but is not limited to: underwear, bras, sports bras, compression shorts.

Pants and Shorts

- Navy blue or khaki are acceptable colors for pants and shorts (cargo style/flat front/pleated front style pants)
- Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Uniform pants/shorts/skirts may not be colored jeans, knit, jeggings, or leggings.
- Pants must fit at the student’s waist. No low-rise pants or sagging will be permitted.
- Female students may additionally choose to wear jumpers and skirts or skorts. The following criteria apply:
 - Must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
 - Jumpers should be worn with a polo or blouse under them
 - Must be blue, khaki, or approved plaid
 - Recommend wearing shorts or leggings under skirts/dresses for modesty

Shirts/Tops

- Polo Shirts— **any solid color**—long sleeve or short sleeve.
 - Students may not layer polos or wear long sleeve shirts of any kind under a short-sleeved polo.
- Oxford Shirts—**light blue or white**— long sleeve or short sleeve.
- Undershirts— **white only**— short sleeves only.
 - The sleeves of the undershirts may not extend beyond the shirtsleeve. The undershirt must be tucked in at all times.
- TFCA shirts – All school approved logo apparel may be worn on school days as part of the “uniform”.
- Cardigans or v-neck sweaters— **any solid color**— worn over a uniform shirt.
- Sweatshirts/Hoodies/Pullovers— **any solid color or any TFCA spirit wear**— worn over a uniform shirt.

Shoes

- All shoes are acceptable as long as they have a back strap that holds them securely on the student’s foot. (This means no flip flops/slides. Sandals/Crocs with strap are permitted)
- Tennis shoes **MUST** be worn on PE days for PE class.
- No helis/shoes with rollers on them.

Socks/Tights/Hose

- Socks—any **SOLID color**— all sock styles are permissible.
- Tights/Hose/Leggings— **white, navy blue, black, any natural tone**—only permitted when worn under dresses/jumpers/skirts that are mid-thigh length or longer

Dress Down Day Guidelines for K-8th

- Students may wear jeans, athletic shorts/pants, non-TFCA shirts, sweatshirts, dresses, etc. that are not “uniform” on dress down days.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants, but may be worn under skirts/dresses of approved length.
- No sleeveless/tank top/spaghetti strap shirts may be worn.

- Please also see the standards above for all TFCA Male and Female students regarding grooming, dress and hygiene.
- All shoes are acceptable as long as they have a back strap that holds them securely on the student's foot. (This means no flip flops/slides. Sandals/Crocs with strap are permitted)
- Tennis shoes MUST be worn on PE days for PE class.
- No helis/shoes with rollers on them.