

## **DRESS CODE POLICY**

*First Presbyterian Academy (FPA) desires our students' appearance to display modesty, professionalism and respect for themselves and others. The following dress code rules and guidelines are established to foster an environment of learning and respect, in alignment with Biblical principles. FPA understands dress code is a behavior procedure, but it can be a path to the heart. The dress code is a filter to the heart of all students and another way in which we partner with parents.*

Clothing must always be neat and modest; not a source of distraction or disruption based on the opinion of the administration.

The dress code applies to all FPA students during the school day. Additional dress code guidelines may be issued for field trips, class trips, dances, prom, or other school functions, and athletic events.

As new styles and clothing patterns develop, administration will make modifications consistent with the intent of this policy.

### **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

It is important for the parents to ensure their child is dressed in compliance with the published FPA Dress Code. The school administration views this as a parental commitment and responsibility and believes that dress code issues should be addressed and corrected at home rather than school.

### **ATHLETICS**

Appropriate standards of dress should be exercised in the selection of apparel worn during athletic practices or physical education classes. Shorts must be modest in length and fit. Athletic shoes must be worn, unless activities demand otherwise. Midriffs should not be exposed at any time. Upper School students enrolled in P.E. classes must adhere to a specific dress code issued by the teacher.

### **UPPER SCHOOL 6TH - 12TH GRADE SHIRTS/TOPS/OUTERWEAR**

The following shirts/tops are considered acceptable:

- Collared shirts
- Button-down shirts
- T-shirts with appropriate graphic designs
- Sweatshirts and hoodies (Hoods may not be worn in the buildings)

- FPA Spirit Wear appropriate

Dress Code at Athletic Events:

- Tops that represent college teams or professional athletic teams

The following shirts/tops are considered unacceptable:

- Shirts that are too tight or overly baggy
- Shirts that have holes or frays
- Tank tops, tube tops, or halter tops
- Tops that display inappropriate phrases, symbols, or graphics
- Tops that represent other schools, either public or private
- Blankets are not allowed to be worn as jackets
- Tops that are sheer or see-through
- Tops that have an open back
- Tops that reveal the midriff

### **PANTS/SHORTS/DRESSES AND SKIRTS (FEMALE STUDENTS) and PANTS/SHORTS (MALE STUDENTS)**

The following pants/shorts/dresses/skirts are considered acceptable:

- Neat and modest in fit
- No more than three inches above the top of the knee (for clarification – shorts must have a 7” to 9” inseam)
- Jeans
- Khakis

The following pants/shorts/dresses/skirts are considered unacceptable:

- Leggings or jeggings
- Pants that are frayed, torn, or have holes
- Yoga pants
- Pajama pants or night clothes
- Sweatpants, joggers, or athletic warm-up pants
- Athletic or gym shorts
- Beachwear (including board shorts)

### **SHOES**

- Athletic shoes must be worn during P.E. classes.

- 6th - 12th Grade students may wear flat-footed sandals as long as the sandal has a back strap. Flip flops or other beach-style or open-backed sandals may not be worn.
- Slippers or plastic pool-style shoes are not permitted.
- Shoes with heels exceeding 2 inches are not recommended.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Makeup is not permitted on male students.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Hats or hoodies pulled over your head and sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in the building.
- Earbuds and headphones may not be worn during the school day (this includes lunch, break, and class changing time).
- Extreme hairstyles and non-human hair color are not permitted.
- Hair should be neatly trimmed and well kept; students' eyes should not be covered
- Facial hair is permitted but must be well-groomed and maintained.
- Female students may have their ears pierced. Male students may not wear jewelry in a visible body piercing.
- Visible body tattoos are not permitted.

### **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS FOR UPPER SCHOOL**

The Violations of Dress Code are as follows:

- 1st Offense - Verbal Warning and disciplinary email communications to parent
- 2nd Offense - Disciplinary email communication to parent
- 3rd Offense - Disciplinary email communication to parent and detention assigned

### **K5 - 5TH GRADE STUDENTS**

- Hemmed khaki or navy pants/shorts/skirts/skorts (no more than 3 in. above the knee)
- Collared tops that are solid white, forest green, or navy. Tops can be short or long sleeved
- Girls may also wear dresses (white, forest green, or navy), or navy or khaki jumpers. All tights and leggings worn under items need to be solid school colors
- Students must wear closed toed shoes or boots at all times

- Coats and sweaters intended to be worn in the classroom should be in school colors
- Jackets and coats for outside play do not need to be in school colors
- Clothing that conforms to the school dress code can be found at Target, Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Sears, J.C. Penney or Lands' End
- No hats may be worn during the day, unless for special dress occasions.
- Fridays are "Spirit Wear" days (school t-shirts and sweatshirts are acceptable)
- Jeans may be worn on Fridays and should be free of rips, tears, and holes

### **PRESCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Preschool students are permitted to wear age appropriate, modest clothing. Student clothing should be casual, comfortable and in good taste. It is very important that clothing be "bathroom friendly," including bottoms with elastic waists, no belts, etc. Students are required to wear closed-toe, closed-heel shoes every day; please do not dress your student in jellies, flip flops, sandals, platform shoes or cowboy boots. These requests are made for the safety of your child. (See FPA Downtown Addendum p. 63 for K2 - K6 information.)

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Students should be dressed in campus appropriate attire, as determined for student safety, even when participating in off-site field trips. Variations may be made at the discretion of the administration. Students must understand that even on field trips they are "in" school and must adhere to all the guidelines of the school.