

TESTIMONY OF SCHOOL DRESS

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It is our desire that the students of FBGS reflect a wholesome Christian testimony in every way including the way in which they dress. We believe that there is a definite relationship between good dress habits, good work habits and proper school behavior. Therefore, as a part of each student's learning of a proper spirit-led testimony of dress, we require each student to come to school dressed in a way that denotes a readiness to learn and not a readiness to play. The following has been established as our guide for determining a proper testimony of dress at FBGS. These uniform clothing items can be purchased at Lands' End, Sears, JC Penny, Old Navy, Walmart, Target, etc. You may shop anywhere you choose, but keep in mind the required styles and colors. *(If you do choose to purchase from Lands' End, please include our school number when placing your order as we earn a small percentage of your sale. 9000-9151-3.)*

In General:

- Students are expected to dress in clothing that is modest, provides decent coverage of the body, is clean, neat, not tight-fitting, and has no holes, tears or ragged edges. All clothing must be size appropriate - the "baggy" look is not allowed.
- Garments bearing a message or that are of a design that is irreverent, vulgar, obscene or promotes unacceptable or questionable products or activities are not permitted.
- Shoes/sneakers with socks/tights must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, crocs, sandals, clogs and jellies are not allowed.
- Jewelry, ornaments, patches and badges that reflect religions other than the Christian and Jewish religions are not allowed.
- Toys, lunch boxes, backpacks, and other articles that reflect an obvious anti-Christian theme are not allowed.
- Belts are required if needed to keep pants securely at the waist. The "droopy" look is not allowed.
- Hair will be neat, clean, and well-groomed. For boys it may not hang below the eyebrows, shirt collar or ear lobes. Mohawks, pony tails, coloring and other faddish styles are unacceptable.
- Earrings are not permitted for boys.
- No head wear is allowed inside the building - this includes baseball caps, bandanas, etc.
- Tops are to be completely buttoned with the exception of the top button. T-shirts, camisoles, etc. worn underneath for warmth must be tucked in.

Preschool:

- Comfortable play clothes with shoes or sneakers and socks/tights.
- Sweatpants or other pants with an elastic waist are preferred (for ease of bathroom use).
- Flip-flops, crocs, clogs, sandals, and jellies are not allowed.
- Preschoolers should have an extra set of clothes on hand in case of accidents.

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Chapel (Wednesdays)

- Boys: Dicker-style pants, fitted and at the natural waistline, in khaki with solid navy blue oxford dress shirt, navy polo shirt or navy turtleneck. Cargo pants with flat exterior pockets allowed.
- Girls: Mid-knee length jumper/skirt/skort in khaki with solid, navy blue collared blouse, navy polo shirt or navy turtleneck. *(For modesty reasons, all girls in kindergarten and 1st grade MUST wear shorts underneath their skirts/jumpers. Shorts are optional for grades 2-8.)*
- Socks/tights: Navy blue, white or khaki
- Sweaters: Solid navy blue cardigan or pullover, school issued fleece vest or sweatshirt

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Kindergarten-Grade 8: Regular - Boys and Girls:

- Pants:** Docker-style pants, fitted and at the natural waistline, in khaki, navy or black; twill or corduroy. Cargo pants with flat exterior pockets allowed.
No jeans allowed.
- Tops:** Any solid color, long or short-sleeved knit polo with collar
(thin stripe on collar and/or sleeve bands allowed)
Any solid color turtleneck or mock turtleneck
Any solid color oxford dress shirt or collared blouse (must be tucked in)
Any striped, long or short-sleeved knit polo/dress shirt with collar (*grades 6-8 only*)
- Sweatshirts:** School issued navy pullover with logo
School issued hooded, pullover or zip front with logo (*grade 6-8 only*)
Must be worn with shirt underneath (as designated above)
- Sweaters:** Any solid color cardigan, v-neck, or crew neck
Must be worn with shirt underneath (as designated above)
- Fleece:** School issued navy vest with embroidered logo
Must be worn with shirt underneath (as designated above)
- Skirts/Jumpers:** Mid-knee length in khaki, navy or black
- Dresses:** Mid-knee length in khaki, navy or black
(*For modesty reasons, all girls in kindergarten and 1st grade MUST wear shorts underneath their skirts/jumpers/dresses. Shorts are optional for grades 2-8.*)

Summer - Boys and Girls (first 12 school days of September and all of June):

- Bottoms:** Khaki, navy or black capri, skorts or docker-style shorts with minimum 5" inseam (no denim). Cargo shorts with flat exterior pockets allowed.
- Tops:** Any solid color, short-sleeved knit polo with collar
(thin stripe on collar and/or sleeve bands allowed)
Any striped, long or short-sleeved knit polo with collar (*grades 6-8 only*)
No t-shirts, sleeveless tops, tank tops, midriff tops, halter tops
- Chapel:** Khaki bottoms with navy polo shirt with collar

Gym:

- Sneakers and school-issued uniform consisting of gray t-shirt with navy knit shorts or sweatpants, and optional sweatshirt.
- Students in all grades remain in their gym uniforms during the day of their gym class.

Chapel dress is required every Wednesday.

School programs/special functions: Students may be required to wear dress clothes (dress, skirt or jumper for girls and shirt/tie/dress pants for boys).

Dress Down Days: We will occasionally have "dress down days" where students will be allowed to wear appropriate jeans, t-shirts and sweatshirts. No head wear allowed.

Birthdays: Students may "dress down" on their birthday. Birthdays that fall over the weekend, vacations or holidays may be celebrated either the Friday before or the Monday after. Students with birthdays that occur during the summer may celebrate their corresponding half birthday in December, January or February.

Field trips: As determined by the type of trip and announced by the classroom teacher.