

**FREDERICKSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE
9TH – 12TH Grades**

Please read carefully the following information pertaining to dress code. Even though you may not fully agree with our standards and rules, we need your full support in this area.

Attending Fredericksburg Christian is a choice that we are grateful you and your student have made. Any time we align ourselves with a particular organization or group of people there are certain behavior modifications that are expected and often the style of dress is one such modification. In our lower levels we have elected to have our students wear wardrobe attire. However, at the upper campus level our desire is to create a balance between individual freedom and a neat, well-groomed, modest look.

It is our desire to try to keep our attention focused on the spirit and attitude of our young people. Most important is the willingness of each student to work with us, to accept authority even in the little areas and to accept correction when necessary. We especially need all of our students and their families to work with us and to be supportive in this area.

We are asking you to please read carefully the following dress code information for our upper campus students. This information is taken from the Student Handbook.

What are the reasons behind the dress code? What is it designed to do?

1. It is designed to meet certain biblical requirements:
 - a. For women: Dress modestly and do not overdo the outward appearance. (I Timothy 2:9, I Peter 3:3-4)
 - b. Maintain a good Christian testimony. (Rom. 12:12, Acts 24:16)
 - c. Do not offend other Christians. (Rom. 14:15-21)
 - d. Do everything in a fitting and orderly way. (I Corinthians 14:40)
 - e. Submit to authorities God has placed over you. (Rom. 13:1-5)

2. It is designed to teach certain things:
 - a. All believers need to learn, accept and conform to the biblical principles above.
 - b. Christian students should look "sharp" in the sense of being neat and dressy. The goal is dressy casual.
 - c. God's children should maintain high standards. How you dress says a lot about your personal standards.
 - d. Certain occasions and situations call for certain ways of dressing.
 - e. Learning to comply with our dress code prepares you for other life situations such as an after school job, college, and on-the-job requirements of certain careers, etc.

3. Some dress regulations are for suitability:
 - a. Some items are considered too casual or out of place in the classroom.
 - b. In this case the regulations are not moral issues. We expect students to demonstrate their spiritual maturity by submitting to these principles.

Our male students are expected to be neatly groomed. Their clothing should consist of collared or turtleneck shirts (even when wearing a sweater or sweatshirt) that are tucked in at all times (this includes from the time they enter the building until they depart), casual slacks, a belt and shoes.

Our female students are expected to be modestly and neatly dressed. Their clothing should consist of skirts and dresses (the guidelines for appropriate length and style are given below) to be worn on chapel days. Slacks/pants may be worn the rest of the week.

General Guidelines: These rules apply during school hours, while on campus, or at a school sponsored events.

1. The following are NOT permitted:
 - a. Wide-leg pants that cover your shoes
 - b. Over-sized clothing
 - c. Tight clothing (undergarment lines should not be visible)
 - d. Fad styles, like extreme hair colors
 - e. T-shirts with large imprinted logos, pictures, or writing
 - f. Camouflage, military, tie-dyed clothing, overalls
 - g. Jeans, of ANY COLOR, except on approved days (no holes, ragged hems, decorations, form fitted, or skinny jeans).
 - h. Sports sandals, beach shoes (flip flops that are plastic, rubber, foam, bamboo, or straw material) Leather sandals are acceptable. Bedroom slippers or mesh mule type shoes or shoes that resemble that casual look should not be worn.
 - i. Leather skirts or pants
 - j. Warm-up suits (nylon or other material) that are athletic/casual pants
2. No hats for boys or girls should ever be worn in the building.
3. Midriffs must be covered at all times.
4. No visible body piercing except for earrings on girls, no spacers are to be worn.
5. No tattoos should be visible.
6. Sweatshirts/hoodies may be worn if they have appropriate writing or pictures but dress code shirts must be worn underneath and remain tucked in at all times.
7. No clothing should be worn inside out and clothing that is ripped or has ragged hems should not be worn.

Young Ladies

1. Skirts or dresses are to be worn on chapel days.
 - a. All skirts should be no shorter than to the top of the knee
 - b. Slits in skirts should not be above the top of the knee

2. Slacks or pants
 - a. May wear capri pants that come to the mid-calf.
 - b. No jeans of ANY COLOR, except on “Jean Day”
 - c. No stirrup, jersey, form fitting knit pants, or leggings
3. Blouses or shirts
 - a. No sleeveless, tank tops or cap/half sleeve (sleeve must make a complete circle around the arm)
 - b. No low cut or immodest shirt that shows ANY cleavage.
4. Skirts should be worn on field trips unless otherwise specified.

Young Men

1. Dress, casual slacks or cargo pants (all pants must have belt loops unless approved by the principal)
 - a. No jeans of ANY COLOR , except on “Jean Day”
 - b. Baggy or excessively long pants or those worn low on the hips are not permitted
2. Belts need to be worn if belt loops are visible.
3. All shirts must have collars or turtlenecks.
 - a. All button down shirts and t-shirts under polo’s must be tucked in.
 - b. No T-shirts, tank tops, zippered or buttoned necklines without collars.
 - c. Polo’s may be worn without being tucked in.
4. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be worn with a collared shirt underneath.
5. Hair should be neatly groomed.
 - a. No longer than the top of the collar in the back
 - b. No longer than half way down the ear
 - c. No longer than the top of the eye brows
 - d. No extreme hair styles are acceptable. (Please check with the principal if you have any questions prior to getting your hair cut as well.)
 - e. No facial hair, unless approved by the principal
6. Chains hanging from pockets are not to be worn
7. Earrings or spacers of any kind on young men are not permitted at any school function
8. Young men must wear ties, dress shirts and belts on chapel days. They are to be tied appropriately and visible. Ties with polo’s or other types of shirts are not to be worn. Sandals and hoodies are not allowed on chapel days.

After School Activities

All students participating in after school activities or on campus at any time should dress modestly. This includes no short shorts, tank tops, or shirts which are low cut or reveal a bare midriff.

“Jean Days”

Jean Days are held every Friday as long as a student has not received a Dress Code demerit that week.

Immodest, overly tight jeans or excessively baggy jeans will not be permitted on either young men or women. No holes, ragged hems, or decorations. Overalls are not permitted. Colored denim is allowed as long as it meets the same criteria.

We are trying to allow students to make choices within certain parameters so that they can realize that school is their workplace and dress accordingly. Students will be issued a demerit for dress code violations. Each demerit is sent home for a parent signature and returned the next day. Students who accumulate four dress code violations will be issued an after school detention. From thereafter, the student will be assigned an after school detention for each dress code violation and if the student accumulates six, an in-school suspension will be assigned. A parent meeting will be held and the student will be put on dress code probation requiring special dress.