

Dress Code Philosophy

One of the fundamental purposes of school is to provide the foundation for the creation and development of a proper attitude toward education. In order to further this purpose, it is essential to create and maintain an effective teaching and learning environment. Student attire impacts the teaching and learning environment. It can either promote a more effective educational environment, or it can disrupt the educational climate and process. Student attire that is acceptable for some social settings may not be acceptable for the educational environment of school.

Students are reminded that their appearance, clothing, and grooming, significantly affect the way others respond to them. Matters of dress remain primarily the responsibility of students, in consultation with their parents/legal guardians. Nevertheless, since it is the duty of the Forrest M. Bird Charter School to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning; minimizing disruptions or distractions; and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, all students will adhere to the following standards of dress when the student is on school premises or at any School sponsored activity, regardless of location.

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building principal has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specially scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day (Policy 3255).

Overview

The dress code applies to all students, grades 6-12. If a student chooses not to abide by the dress code, the following are the consequences of that decision:

Staff may deny class entrance to any student not in approved FBCS dress code. Families will be notified if the student is out of dress code and asked to bring their student appropriate clothing. Families will also be notified if the student has a consistent issue with being in dress code. FBCS will work with families to ensure the dress code is fulfilled by the student. Students who are insubordinate and refuse to either change their clothes or call home for appropriate clothing will be subject to immediate consequences (possibilities include but are not limited to In School Suspension (ISS) to being sent home). Students who chronically violate the dress code agreement may be suspended and/or required to meet with the FBCS board.

Acceptable clothing

Tops

- Have sleeves
- Cover midriff area

Bottoms

- No shorter than the top of the knee when standing
 - Bottoms that are shorter than the knee must be worn with leggings
- No pajama pants/ pajama shorts

Shoes

- Student may not be barefoot or only wear socks.
- Footwear must have a back strap to them.
- No flip-flops

Unacceptable clothing

- Clothing that has holes
- Showing of any underwear
- Garments that are see-through or transparent
- Word, terms, pictures, cartoons, slogans, symbols or references to illegal items for people under 18, such as cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, and pornography.
- Word, terms, pictures, cartoons, slogans, symbols or references to any type of weapon, profanity, or bullying.
- Spikes
- Hoodies may be worn; however, the hoods of the hoodies may not be up on heads.
- Sunglasses in the classroom unless prescribed by a doctor.

Physical Activity Dress Code

<u>Appropriate Dress Code</u>	<u>Inappropriate</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short and long sleeve t-shirts• Sweatshirts, Sweatpants• Gym shorts, no shorter than a hand width above the knee• Sweatpants• Appropriate gym shoes with socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clothing that has holes• Clothing that is excessively baggy• Clothing that is excessively tight or revealing• Showing of any underwear