

**The following information is located in the Fellowship Academy Student Handbook.**

## **VII. Dress Code**

### **A. General**

Parents must accept the responsibility for the dress and appearance of their children. Parents are responsible for purchasing clothing that meets the dress code standards and is appropriately sized. It is the responsibility of the parent to be sure their student is in compliance with the Fellowship Academy dress code when leaving home each morning.

Clothing should be clean, modest, and appropriate to a school setting and weather. Any clothing or appearance reflective of a sub-culture that rejects Biblical values is not acceptable. Student dress, hairstyle, and accessories must be in good taste and not be excessive, immodest, or disruptive. **Any appearance which results in more than ordinary attention from staff or students will be considered inappropriate.**

This dress code will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with the dress code may result in the loss of conduct points and/or being sent home, detention, or suspension. If a student is sent home due to inappropriate dress, the student is considered to have an unexcused absence. Fellowship Academy has the right to amend this policy at any time. When there is a question regarding the dress code or appearance of a student, the administration's decision will be final. If there is any confusion regarding the expectations of the following policy, please ask the administration for clarification.

### **B. Guidelines**

1. Fellowship Academy students are expected to be clean and neatly groomed in a manner that will not create a distraction while attending school and all school-sponsored functions.
2. Clothing will be neat, clean, and appropriately sized. The following guidelines are to assist in determining what is "appropriately sized":
  - a. Pants that will not stay up without the use of a belt are inappropriate. **NO SAGGING!**
  - b. Students shall wear their pants appropriately, **the waist at the waist.** **Undergarments must not be visible above the waistband of the pant regardless if it is covered by a shirt tail.**
  - c. Pant leg flares must not extend beyond the end of the shoe.
  - d. Pants must not be too tight.
  - e. Shirts that have a hem that extends below the top of the inseam are inappropriate.
3. All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or cuffed with no rips, tears, cuts, or frays. Clothing should be free of stains such as paint, ink, etc. Clothing should also be free of added embellishments such as patches, pins, etc.
4. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap in length when standing, including slits in skirts. No cut-offs or body suits will be allowed. Spandex or form-fitted bike shorts may only be worn under shorts for athletics. No writing on the rear of the pants, shorts, or skirts. Jeans or pants must be without holes, rips, or tears. Elementary girls should wear shorts under dresses at all times.
5. Girls may not wear tights, jeggings and / or leggings unless the shirt, blouse, or top is the same length as an acceptable dress, short, or skirt – which is no more than 3 inches above the knee.
6. Halter tops, tank tops, racer back tank tops, spaghetti straps, mesh shirts, strapless shirts/dresses of any kind or tops that expose the midriff (including when arms are raised) may not be worn. Any shirt or blouse that is made of lace or see-through material may only be worn with a sleeveless (not spaghetti strap) shirt underneath that meets dress code guidelines. Sleeveless shirts

- must measure 3 inches (approximately 3 fingers width) across the shoulder. Shirts similar to underwear or undergarments, muscle shirts, or half shirts may not be worn. No tight, form fitting, or low cut shirts may be worn. All shirts must be fastened within four inches of the collar.
7. Unacceptable shirts are defined as, but not limited to the following:
    - a. Anything that represents or contains words or images that represent vulgarity, profanity, alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, video games, or of a sexual nature.
    - b. Anything that compromises or goes against a Christian worldview
    - c. Anything deemed inappropriate by the administration
  8. No gang related clothing or colors may be worn.
  9. No clothing or promotional items (buttons, stickers, etc.) relating to or depicting inappropriate or controversial role models may be displayed or worn.
  10. Any items of a sub cultural nature are not allowed at Fellowship Academy.
  11. Good hygiene must be practiced regularly (including, but not limited to bathing, use of deodorant, washing hair).
  12. Girls may wear make-up provided that is be modest and in good taste. However, NO GLITTER. Eye make-up in particular must be modest. Boys may not wear make-up of any kind. Boys or girls may not wear black finger nail polish.
  13. Students may not wear gold or other colored coverings on teeth.
  14. Hats, caps, scarves, sunglasses, and other head coverings are not permitted inside the building.
  15. Tennis shoes must be worn in P.E. All shoes must be appropriately tied. Shoes must not be written or drawn on by the student. Shoes with wheels (Heelies, etc.) are not acceptable. Girl's shoes must not have a heel more than 4". No fishnet stockings. Shoes must be worn at all time.
  16. Students' hair shall be clean, neat, and well-groomed and may not cause a disturbance, interfere with normal classroom activities, or constitute a health or safety hazard. While some trendy hairstyles are permitted that do not violate the hair code, absolutely no bizarre hairstyles or rattails are permitted. (Bizarre hairstyles include, but are not limited to mohawks, shaved in designs, and hair attachments [i.e. feathers, glitter, beads, etc.] or hair color that does not appear to be natural. This includes not only colors that are unnatural, blue, pink, etc., but also other unnatural colors such as two or more colors and "peroxide" or bleached, such as yellow, orange, or white.)
    - a. Boys' hair should be short in back and neat in appearance. A boy's hair must not touch the collar of his button-type shirt; the hair may not touch the eyebrows and may not come below the middle of the ear. Length and style are to be determined by the Administration. Boys are not allowed to wear pony tails or buns.  
No facial hair, including mustaches, goatees, beards, etc., is permitted except for Seniors. Senior facial hair must be kept neat, clean, and close to the face. Sideburns cannot be excessive and can be no lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.
    - b. Girls' hair should be neatly combed, and no bizarre haircuts or styles are permitted.
  17. Tattoos, decals, body painting or body piercings are not allowed by either boys or girls. The wearing of earrings, pierced jewelry or spacers by male students is prohibited. Girls may have pierced ears only – limit three per ear. Earrings must be of a conservative length and size. No other pierced jewelry or spacers may be worn. No spikes, dog collars, large chains, etc.
  18. No chains may hang out of pockets, belt loops, etc.
  19. Outerwear (coats, heavy jackets, rain wear, etc.) must be placed in a student's locker / cubbie or designated location when the student arrives at school and may not be worn during the school day.
  20. No pajamas, house shoes, or slippers.
  21. No contact lenses that alter the shape and extreme color of the eye.
  22. Junior High and High School students must wear the appropriate P.E. uniform at P.E. / Athletics.