

Fredericksburg Academy Dress Code

Lower School

The dress code for our youngest children is based on our concern for safety, independence, and modesty.

Prekindergarten and Junior Kindergarten

- Pull-up pants or shorts, rather than pants with belts, should be worn to facilitate bathroom use.
- Girls should wear shorts or tights under dresses and skirts so they can play actively.
- Camouflaged clothing may not be worn.
- Tennis shoes are recommended. Students should not wear sandals, clogs, croc-style shoes, shoes with wheels, or flip-flops.
- Socks should be worn and shoes should stay securely on feet during active play.
- Hanging straps on clothes should be removed.
- In prekindergarten and junior kindergarten, denim may be worn any day; our youngest children engage in active and messy play both in and out of doors.
- Jewelry should not be worn to school. Necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets, and dangling and hoop earrings can be dangerous on the playground and during active play. Post earrings are acceptable.

In order for prekindergarten and junior kindergarten children to participate in P.E. activities, they MUST wear exercise attire and non-marking athletic sneakers on P.E. days.

Grades Kindergarten - 5

Students are to always have a neat, clean appearance and to observe the following guidelines:

- Clothing with logos is permitted provided the logo is appropriate for school.
- Bare midriffs and low necklines are not permitted.
- Crop, tank, or halter-tops may not be worn.
- Form-fitting pants may not be worn unless an over-shirt covers the hips.
- Camouflaged clothing may not be worn.
- Opened-toed footwear, Croc-style shoes, shoes with wheels, or clogs should not be worn, for reasons of safety.
- Dresses, shorts, or skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- On physical education days, students must wear shorts or sweat suits and non-marking athletic sneakers. There will be no dressing out except for swimming.
- Fridays are denim days. Clothing made of denim may be worn on these days only.

Middle and Upper School Dress Code Grades 6 - 12

Students May Wear

- DRESS OR CASUAL STYLE PANTS OR SHORTS (season appropriate)
 - can be solid colored or patterned and made of fabric other than blue denim. Colored denim is acceptable, providing it meets the standards below.
 - Female students may wear shorts, skirts, or dresses of appropriate length (must extend below mid-thigh). Any slits on skirts, shorts, or dresses must not extend above mid-thigh. Female students may wear leggings provided an appropriate length skirt or dress is worn over them.
- A DRESS STYLE OR CASUAL SHIRT
 - can be solid or patterned, with collar or without, a Fredericksburg Academy logo tee shirt, or a logo tee shirt of a college or university.
 - Shirts are expected to have sleeves, however, for female students, sleeveless shirts or dresses are permitted provided the straps are 2 inches wide and undergarments are not visible. Spaghetti or halter strap and racer-back shirts or dresses may not be worn unless a dress-code appropriate shirt is also worn.
 - Shirts and dresses must not be revealing and appropriately cover the chest.
 - Shirts designed to be tucked in must be so. Shirts that hang below the hips must be tucked in.
 - Whether students are standing or sitting, shirts must meet the top of pants, shorts, or skirts.
- OUTERWEAR
 - Sweaters, sweatshirts (hoodie or other), coats and jackets (season appropriate); See-through or transparent tops or other outerwear are allowed, provided an appropriate garment is worn underneath.
 - While inside school buildings, hooded sweatshirts must be worn with the hood down.
- FOOTWEAR
 - Dress or casual style shoes, sneakers, leather sandals, dress style or other appropriate style boots (especially during winter season).
 - For Upper School students, leather flip-flops may be worn with dressy attire only (collared shirt and dressy shorts or pants for boys; dressy shorts, pants, skirts, or dresses for girls).

Students May Not Wear

- BLUE DENIM CLOTHING—Any clothing made of blue denim or blue jean material, except on denim days.
- EXCESSIVELY WORN CLOTHING—Clothing that is ripped, frayed, dirty, drags on the floor, or has hanging straps.
- ILL-FITTING CLOTHING —Clothing that does not meet acceptable community norms for fit. Very short, form fitting, midriff- or back-baring, or otherwise revealing clothing may not be worn. Likewise, clothing that is excessively large, baggy or loose may not be worn. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn in a fashion such that undergarments are not visible.
- GRAPHICS OR SLOGANS—In general, graphics and slogans on clothing are permissible, however any graphic or slogan must not be bigger than a credit card (on front or back of

clothing) and may only appear once. Graphics or slogans must not be violent or offensive. Note: Middle and Upper School students may wear clothing with commercial logos, graphics, or slogans larger than a credit card on Fridays only.

- ATHLETIC STYLE OR SPORTS CLOTHING —Athletic-style clothing may not be worn.
- MILITARY STYLE CLOTHING—Military-style clothing of any kind may not be worn, including clothing colored in any style camouflage decoration.
- FOOTWEAR—Athletic sandals, flip-flops (other than noted above), Crocs, or shoes with wheels.

Special Considerations

- Students are permitted to wear jewelry and other accessories in good taste and not in excess.
 - Chains may not be worn to attach wallets to pants or for any other reason.
 - Hats may not be worn in the building at any time, excepting where permission is granted by the Dean of Students or during special dress days where hats are specifically allowed.

Special Occasions and Exceptions

- On most Fridays, the Fredericksburg Academy community will enjoy a Denim Day. On these days, students may wear blue jeans and other clothing made of blue denim material. Clothing with larger school-appropriate logos is also acceptable. All other expectations described in the dress code remain intact.
- On athletic game days, team members, with the permission of the Athletic Department, may wear approved athletic uniform attire. All attire must be approved by the Athletic Director and the Dean of Students.
- On occasion, the school community will enjoy a non-dress-code day. On non-dress-code days, typical restrictions on allowable clothing are eased:
 - Students may wear blue denim clothing
 - Students may wear athletic style clothing
 - Students may wear clothing with larger though appropriate (inoffensive) logos or slogans
 - Students may wear flip flops or athletic sandals
- Special dress may be required for certain field trips. The field trip sponsor or coach will notify students and parents which of the following is appropriate:
 - Dressy: For males, solid colored dressy slacks, shirts, shoes, socks, sport coats, and tie; for females, dressy slacks, skirts, dresses, and shoes.
 - School dress: Normal school attire. All dress-code guidelines apply.
 - Casual: As determined by the trip sponsor.

Adherence to Dress Code Policy

The Dress Code is considered a fundamental aspect of the Fredericksburg Academy community, and students are expected to abide by its guidelines and expectations. Violations of the Dress Code will be recorded, reviewed periodically, and referred as needed for disciplinary action.

- **Initial violation(s)** —Initial Dress Code violations in the Middle and Upper School will typically be noted by a member of the Discipline Committee or faculty. With the intent of

helping the student to avoid future violations, a reminder discussion/warning about the dress code expectations and notification of the Dean of Students will take place. A second violation may result in a request that the student call a parent to obtain appropriate school attire from home, if possible, and/or a loss of denim day or non-dress-code day privileges.

- **Additional Violations (three or more)** —If a Middle School student should receive additional dress code violations, he or she will receive a lunch detention for each violation and the Dean of Students will inform the student's parents. Additional violations for an Upper School student may result in a hearing of the Discipline Committee. Though the ultimate authorities on matters pertaining to the Dress Code are the Dean of Students and the Division Head, the Discipline Committee maintains the responsibility of day-to-day student adherence to the dress code. Possible consequences include loss of privileges (non-dress-code days), detention, or more significant actions in the case of excessive dress code violations.