

Frederick Classical Charter School

Uniform Dress Code Philosophy

Frederick Classical Charter School maintains an official standard of dress that includes a school uniform. All students are required to be in uniform whenever they are at school or at most school-related activities.

Our school uniform was chosen to achieve an attractive, business-like appearance for our students while also eliminating the problems associated with fashion trends and peer pressure. Our Founders decided to utilize a dress code for several reasons:

1. To highlight the school's seriousness of purpose by encouraging students to think of their uniform as an aspect of their work.
2. To eliminate the self-consciousness and social competition that fashion tends to promote.
3. To promote a sense of identity with the school and among the students.

It is our hope that parents will see the benefits of limiting their children's school clothing needs. Through our dress code we are striving to place an emphasis on learning, not clothing.

The dress code and uniform details are explained in the following order:

1. General requirements and expectations
2. Uniform details for both girls and boys
3. Uniform details for boys grades K-8
4. Uniform details for girls grades K-8
5. PE uniform grades 5-8
6. Uniform Providers

1. General Requirements and Expectations

- a. All coats and bags are parents'/students' choice.
- b. For student comfort in cooler weather only uniform cardigan or sweater vest may be worn inside the school. Non-uniform sweaters or sweatshirts are not permitted. This includes Spirit Wear.
- c. No hats or sunglasses of any kind will be worn inside the school.
*Head of School may grant exceptions to the dress code for disabilities or sincerely held religious beliefs if such accommodations are reasonable and do not pose a hardship for the school per FCPS policy.
- d. Rain boots and snow boots may be worn to and from school. Students are to change into appropriate footwear upon entering the classroom.
- e. Neatness, grooming, and proper hair care will be monitored as well as student dress. Overall health is promoted through general cleanliness and students should demonstrate an understanding of this principle through overall neatness in appearance, good grooming habits, and proper hair care.
- f. See each section for specific uniform description and details. If you have any questions, please contact the office prior to making your purchases.
- g. Plaid jumpers, plaid skirts, and ties (both boys and girls) must be purchased from our suppliers Academy Uniforms or Flynn and O'Hara. We plan on having a uniform fitting each year with times to

be announced in late spring. Uniform components other than those specifically listed above can be purchased at any location the parent wishes. However, it will be the responsibility of the parents to ensure that the crest is added to all items as listed in the uniform specifications. Items not purchased through the above vendors should fall closely within the item descriptions. Major differences in uniform appearance will not be allowed.

- h. Vendors that carry school uniform items other than those required from the above specified vendors include Lands' End online, JC Penny's, Boscovs and Sears (Lands End). Lands' End online has the FCCS crest on file for embroidery.
- i. Items purchased locally that require a crest may be taken to Custom Imprints at 407 North Market St. in downtown Frederick. 301-694-0000
- j. We strongly encourage parents to label all clothing items with your child's name. When an item is lost, it makes it easy for the office to identify the owner.
- k. Please see FCPS Board of Education Policy 439 Dress code for Students.

2. Uniform Details for both Boys and Girls

In order to achieve our goal of having a uniform which promotes the identity of our school and a distraction-free environment, we ask that the following general guidelines be followed:

- a. All uniform pieces should be worn neatly with shirts tucked in and buttons buttoned.
- b. All skirts/jumpers are to be hemmed to knee length at the beginning of the year and no more than one to two inches above the knee as the year progresses. Waistbands are not to be rolled over.
- c. Pants will fit at the hips and will be appropriately hemmed.
- d. Only inconspicuous articles of clothing may be worn under the uniform pieces; please no colors, prints, or designs. Undergarments will not be visible.
- e. Girls K-8:
 - a. Jewelry (necklaces, bracelets) should be discreet and simple. Use the one-inch rule as a guide: if it is bigger than one inch, it is not discreet.
 - b. One pair of small earrings nickel size or smaller only. No jewelry in other piercings is allowed.
 - c. Make up, nail polish, and unnatural colored hair dyes are discouraged.
- f. Boys K-8
 - a. No jewelry other than watches and items of a religious nature may be worn. If worn, they should be discreet and simple and one inch or under in size.
 - b. No earrings.
 - c. Hair should be neatly groomed.
- g. All shoes should be one colored only (either black or navy) with an enclosed toe and full back. Boots, sandals, and flip flops are not permitted. Non-skid soles and laces, if applicable, must be dark in color. Girls: Heels are discouraged: please no higher than 1 inch.
- h. Separate athletic shoes are encouraged for P.E. classes and should be worn to school on the assigned P.E. class days (grades K-4). P.E. uniforms are outlined for grades 5-8 in the uniform code portion of this guide.
- i. Starting in year two of the school, students may choose to wear uniform pieces remaining from previous years. Items must be in good condition. Please do not purchase new items below grade level.

3. Uniform Details for Boys

Grades K-2

- a. Navy pants
- b. White polo with FCCS crest (long or short sleeves)
- c. Navy or black socks
Socks must extend past the ankle, i.e. “no show” socks are not allowed
- d. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described.
- e. Black or navy belt
- f. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 3 and 4

- a. Navy pants
- b. Gray polo with FCCS crest (long or short sleeves)
- c. Navy or black socks
Socks must extend past the ankle, i.e. “no show” socks are not allowed.
- d. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described.
- e. Black or navy belt
- f. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 5 and 6

- a. Navy pants
- b. White oxford shirt with FCCS crest (long or short sleeves)
- c. Plaid tie
- d. Navy or black socks
Socks must extend past the ankle, i.e. “no show” socks are not allowed.
- e. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described.
- f. Black or navy belt
- g. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 7 and 8

- a. Navy pants
- b. White oxford shirt with FCCS crest (long or short sleeves)
- c. Plaid Tie
- d. Navy or black socks
Socks must extend past the ankle, i.e. “no show” socks are not allowed.
- e. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described.
- f. Black or navy belt
- g. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

4. Uniform Details for Girls

Grades K-2**

- a. FCCS plaid jumper *
- b. White blouse with Peter Pan collar – no piping or additional decoration (short or long sleeves)
- c. Navy or black modesty shorts
- d. Socks – navy or black ankle socks, knee socks, or tights
- e. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described
- f. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 3 and 4**

- a. FCCS plaid pleat skirt *
- b. Navy or black modesty shorts
- c. White blouse with Peter Pan collar with FCCS crest – no piping or additional decorations (short or long sleeves)
- d. Socks – navy or black ankle socks, knee socks, or tights
- e. Black or navy shoes of one color (navy or black) as previously described
- f. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 5 and 6**

- a. FCCS plaid pleat skirt *
- b. White oxford shirt with FCCS crest (short or long sleeve)
- c. Tab cross tie or boys tie
- d. Navy or black modesty shorts
- e. Socks – navy or black ankle socks, knee socks, or tights
- f. Black or navy shoes of one color) as previously described
- g. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

Grades 7 and 8**

- a. FCCS plaid pleat skirt*
- b. White oxford shirt with FCCS crest (short or long sleeve)
- c. Tab cross tie or boys tie
- d. Navy or black modesty shorts
- e. Socks- navy or black shoes of one color as previously described
- f. Navy cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest with crest

*Navy or black leggings may be worn under all skirts for extra warmth when entering and exiting the building and when participating in outside activities.

**Girls may choose to wear pants in lieu of the jumper or skirt. Pants will be Navy in color. Girls will wear the appropriate shirt or blouse style (with crest) and tie as specified above for each grade level.

5. PE Uniforms (grades 5-8) Girls and Boys

- a. Navy or black closed leg sweat pants or knee length mesh style shorts*
*shorts are permitted until October 15 and again after April 15.
- b. White or black socks ankle length or longer
- c. Grey polo shirts with logo (same as boy's grades 3 and 4 shirts)
- d. Grey sweatshirts with logo on top left shoulder are permitted during the day inside the school
**Please note that PE shirts are not spirit wear t-shirts or sweatshirts. Hoodies and t-shirts are not permitted in school.

6. Uniform Providers

Frederick Classical Charter School will have our uniforms listed on Flynn and O'Hara, Lands' End, and Academy Uniforms websites.

Contact information:

Academy Uniforms

www.academyuniforms.com 1-888-297-5243

**Academy Uniforms is contracted through October 1, 2014.

Flynn and O'Hara

Loehmann's Plaza

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www.flynnohara.com

Phone orders 800-441-4122

Lands' End

www.landsend.com

800-963-4816