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DRESS CODE

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 and at most school-related activities.

Rationale

Our school uniform was chosen to achieve an attractive, disciplined 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.

Uniform Providers and Contact Information

Frederick Classical Charter School lists its uniforms on FlynnO'Hara and Lands' End websites. Plaid uniform pieces are only available from FlynnO'Hara.

FlynnO'Hara Uniforms

Loehmann's Plaza
5210 Randolph Rd, Rockville, MD
20852
www.flynnohara.com
Store Phone 301-838-8958
Phone orders 800-441-4122

Lands' End

www.landsend.com
Preferred school #900158932
Please use school # since LE donates a small portion of your purchase back to FCCS.
800-963-4816

Parents may choose from two local vendors to add a crest to uniform items (prices may vary):

Custom Imprints
407 North Market St.
Frederick, MD
301-694-0000

Anything Printed
Hagerstown, MD
AP offers a pickup/dropoff service to/from school during certain times of the year.
301-573-4630

General Requirements and Expectations

1. All coats and bags are parents'/students' choice. Classical recommendations caution against items that are overly busy or distracting and items that are heavily influenced by pop culture.
2. For student comfort in cooler weather, the uniform cardigan, pullover or sweater vest may be worn inside the school. Non-uniform sweaters or sweatshirts, including Spirit Wear, are not permitted.
3. Hats and sunglasses of any kind may not be worn inside the school.
4. Rain boots and snow boots may be worn to and from school. Students will change into appropriate footwear upon entering the classroom.
5. Students will go outside for recess if the 'feel-like' temperature is at or above 25 degrees. Please be sure to bring appropriate winter outerwear.
6. 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.

7. Plaid jumpers, plaid skirts, and ties (both boys and girls) must be purchased from our supplier, FlynnO'Hara Uniforms.
8. Uniform components other than those specifically listed in Item 7 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 vendor should fall closely within the item descriptions. Major differences in uniform appearance will not be allowed. Other vendors that may carry school uniform items include: Lands' End online, JCPenney, Boscov's and Sears (Lands' End). Lands' End online has the FCCS crest on file for embroidery.
9. We strongly encourage parents to label all clothing items with your child's name. Items that are most frequently lost are sweaters and winter accessories.

Note: The 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.

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:

1. All uniform pieces should be worn neatly with shirts tucked in and buttons buttoned (top button of polo at student/parent discretion).
2. 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.
3. Navy blue dress pants will fit at the hips and will be appropriately hemmed. Black or blue jeans, cargo pants, jeggings, and leggings are not permitted as uniform pants.
4. Navy blue dress shorts are permitted through October 15 and again on April 15. Shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, which can be measured by the short side of a credit card.
5. A black or navy belt will be worn with dress pants and dress shorts.
6. Only inconspicuous articles of clothing may be worn under the uniform pieces; please no colors, prints, or designs. Undergarments will not be visible.
7. Uniform shoes should be all one color, either black or navy (without a pattern or contrasting color logo). Shoes must have 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. For girls, heels are discouraged and should be no higher than 1 inch.
8. Separate athletic shoes are encouraged for P.E. classes and should be worn to school on the assigned P.E. class days. Sneakers that light up or are overtly distracting are discouraged.
9. Uniform socks should be solid navy or black, without a pattern or logo, and extend over the ankle. White socks and 'no show' socks are not permitted.
10. At least one shirt with the crest is required of all students (except girls wearing a jumper in Grades K-2). Crests are strongly encouraged for all shirts and sweaters, if possible. Uniforms with crest must be worn on field trips, picture days and for special events as deemed necessary by the staff.

11. Uniform cardigan, pullover or sweater vest may be worn and must be navy in color. A crest is required on any sweater worn with a dress uniform.
12. Students may wear uniform pieces remaining from previous years as long as they are in good condition and fit appropriately. Please do not purchase new items below grade level.
13. Hair should be neatly groomed; unnatural colored hair dyes are discouraged.

Uniform Details for All Boys:

1. No jewelry other than watches and items of a religious nature may be worn. Permitted jewelry should be discreet and simple.
2. No earrings.
3. Uniform socks are required at all times.

Uniform Details for Boys by Grade:

Grades K-4:

1. Navy uniform pants
2. Gray polo shirt (at least one with FCCS crest), long or short sleeves – Grades K-2 may wear white through 2017-2018 school year

Grades 5-8:

1. Navy uniform pants
2. White oxford shirt (at least one with FCCS crest), long or short sleeves
3. Plaid tie

Uniform Details for All Girls:

1. Jewelry (i.e., necklaces, bracelets, watches) should be discreet and simple.
2. Small stud-style earrings that touch the ear and do not dangle or hoop are permitted. No jewelry in other piercings is allowed.
3. Make up and nail polish are discouraged. Hair accessories should be no wider than 1.5 inches, modest, and consistent with the uniform colors. Lipstick is not permitted for any grade level.
4. Girls will wear navy or black over-the-ankle socks, knee-socks or tights (no patterns).
5. Navy or black leggings may be worn under all skirts for extra warmth during colder weather.
6. Girls may choose to wear navy uniform pants in lieu of the jumper or skirt; however, the plaid jumper or skirt should remain the primary dress uniform.

Uniform Details for Girls by Grade:

Grades K-2:

1. FCCS plaid jumper
2. White blouse with Peter Pan collar (no piping or additional decoration), short or long sleeves
3. Navy or black modesty shorts

Grades 3-4

1. FCCS plaid pleat skirt
2. White blouse with Peter Pan collar (no piping or additional decoration; at least one with FCCS crest), short or long sleeves
3. Navy or black modesty shorts

Grades 5-8

1. FCCS plaid pleat skirt
2. White oxford shirt (at least one with FCCS crest), short or long sleeve
3. Tab cross tie or boys tie
4. Navy or black modesty shorts

PE Uniform Details for Girls and Boys, Grades 5-8

1. Solid navy or black sweat pants or knee length mesh-style shorts, both without striping, pattern or logo. (Shorts are permitted through October 15 and again on April 15.)
2. White or black socks ankle length or longer.
3. Gray polo shirts (same as boy's Grades K-4 shirts).
4. Appropriate PE sneakers of the students' choice. Sneakers that light up or are overly distracting are discouraged.
5. Solid gray sweatshirts are permitted during the day inside the school on PE days. They may be embroidered with FCCS crest on top left shoulder.

Please note that PE shirts are not spirit wear t-shirts or sweatshirts. Hoodies and t-shirts are not permitted in school.

Casual Dress Code

Occasionally, a "casual dress code" may be indicated on a particular day as an expression of celebration or for a particular school event or field trip. While this designation allows a wide interpretation, certain items are always prohibited:

- Clothing that is torn or tattered;
- Clothing that does not cover the back, mid-section or stomach;
- Spaghetti strap shirts;
- Pajamas;
- Offensive slogans or images, or references to drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

LOST and FOUND

Clothing and unmarked personal items found on school property will be placed inside the student entrance/exit of the school building. All unclaimed, unmarked items will occasionally be displayed for reclaiming. Periodically, the unclaimed items will be made available for resale or they will be discarded.

Questions

Students and parents should first direct all questions and concerns about the dress code to the homeroom teacher. If a question or concern persists, please contact the school principal.