

2023-2024 UNIFORM POLICY

FCA aims to lead our students to appreciate that the various practices, arrangements, standards, and etiquettes that make up the life of the school collectively reveal the school as a place set apart as a lived-out expression of a unified people in, but not of, the world.

School uniforms demonstrate a common telos, that is, a common purpose or goal. This is the case with all uniforms – whether in sports or military or the clergy – all uniforms embody a shared identity, a shared purpose, and thus our students are encouraged to exercise their individual gifts for the benefit of the whole community to the glory of God.

Uniforms typically signify a calling (such as clergy) or a commitment to a community (such as a team). The FCA uniform identifies our students as being part of a community which upholds our beliefs and signifies our united commitment to each other and the school.

Specifications		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCA's Land's End school purchase number is 900150798. It's Sew Altering is the locally approved vendor for FCA-logoed items if not logoed by Land's End. All logoed items must have the current, official FCA logo. All jumpers, skirts, and shorts, whether uniform, spirit wear, or casual wear must be worn within 2" of the top of the knee except for shorts worn under jumpers and skirts. Specified clothing that can be purchased from other vendors must match in color, cut, and style to those on FCA's Land's End page. All clothing should be worn as intended (i.e., tucked in, not rolled at the waist or the ankle and not tucked into boots, girls' clothing worn by girls only, etc.), should be neat, clean, and appropriately sized (i.e., not tight-fitting, baggy, low-cut, etc.), and should be clearly marked with child's name or initials. White, black, or navy undershirts may be worn but should not extend beyond the sleeve or cuff of the uniform shirt. PE shorts and t-shirts are only necessary for fourth and fifth grade and middle school students and are provided through the academic fee. PE uniforms should be washed regularly. House shorts and t-shirts are provided for secondary students (6th-12th grade) through the academic fee. Socks must match each other. Tights, leggings, and cartwheel-style shorts are only to be worn under skirts and jumpers. Only non-marking shoes are to be worn when on the gym floor (i.e., not a wedged heel or a cowboy boot). <p><i>*Full-zip fleece jackets are no longer an acceptable part of the FCA uniform beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.</i></p>		
Spirit Wear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students may wear spirit wear. Secondary students may wear House attire or other spirit wear. Spirit wear should only be worn on designated all-school spirit days. Uniform pants, jeans without holes or tears, athletic-style sweatpants (not legging-style), or skirts and shorts (worn within 2" of the top of the knee) are permitted. Student-athletes or performers may wear their FCA warm-ups, jackets, or other spirit wear associated with their sport or discipline. Shoes must comply with uniform specifications. 	
Casual Wear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing must be appropriate for a Christian environment relative to words, pictures, branding, and fit. Uniform pants, jeans without holes or tears, athletic-style sweatpants (not legging-style), or skirts and shorts worn within 2" of the top of the knee are permitted. Upper body wear must have sleeves and may be untucked. Low-cut or midriff-exposing tops are not permitted. Shoes must comply with uniform specifications. 	
Hair, Grooming, and Accessories	<p style="text-align: center;">All Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair should be well groomed and clean with only natural colors, and no distracting cuts or styles (no man buns, design shaving, mohawks, etc.). Hats or head coverings are not permitted in the building during school hours. Visible tattoos are not permitted. 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Ladies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makeup, jewelry, and accessories should be tasteful, moderate, and appropriate. Ladies may wear up to two earrings per ear; no other pierced jewelry is permitted. Nail length and color should be modest and appropriate for an active setting. Animal-ear headbands are not permitted. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Gentlemen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair must be cut so that it is above the eyebrows, above the middle of ear, and above the shirt collar. Sideburns should be neatly trimmed and above the bottom of the ears. Young men should be clean shaven. Piercings, makeup, or nail polish are not permitted. Excessive accessories are not permitted.

	Style	Color	Specifications	PK-K	1 st - 5 th	6 th - 12 th
Jumpers	Girls' plaid	Classic FCA plaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumpers and skirts must be Land's End. • Jumpers and skirts must be worn within 2" of the top of the knee. • Custom ordering may be necessary for taller girls. 	✓	✓	✗
Skirts	Girls' flat front or pleated	Classic FCA plaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or navy cartwheel-style shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts and should not extend below the hem. 	✗	✗ (1 st -4 th) ✓ (5 th)	✓
Land's End Outerwear	Blazer, pullover sweater, cardigan, zippered cardigan quarter-zip fleece	Navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outerwear must have the FCA logo. • Outerwear must be Land's End. • Outerwear must be worn over a collared uniform shirt. 	✓	✓	✓
Outerwear	Sweatshirt	Navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outerwear must have the FCA logo. • Outerwear may be purchased from other vendors but must be identical in style, color, cut, and fit to Land's End. • Outerwear must be worn over a collared uniform shirt. 	✓	✓	✓
	Letter Jacket			✗	✗	✓
Ties	Necktie	Navy	• Ties may only be worn with Oxford shirts.	✗	✓	✓
		Classic FCA plaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ties must be Land's End. • Ties may only be worn with Oxford shirts. 			
Shirts	Girls' Peter Pan-style collar Long or short sleeved	White, navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirts may be purchased from other vendors but must be identical in style, color, cut, and fit to Land's End. • Shirts may be half-placket or button down. 	✓	✓	✓
	Polo style Long or short sleeved	White, navy		✓	✓	✓
	Non-logoed Oxford Long sleeved	White		✓	✓	✓
Pants and Shorts	Flat front, pleated, or elastic	Navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts and pants may be purchased from other vendors but must be identical in style, color, cut, and fit to Land's End. • Shorts must be worn within 2" of the top of the knee. • All pants and shorts must have belt loops. 	✓	✓	✗
		Beige or khaki (not gold)		✓	✓	✓
Socks and Leggings	Socks	Solid white, black, navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks may have a small, discreet logo. • Socks are required. • Leggings or tights should not be worn under uniform shorts. 	✓	✓	✓
	Girls' leggings (ankle length) or tights	Black, navy		✓	✓	✓
Belts	Traditional or magnetic	Tan, brown, black, navy	• Pants and shorts must be worn with a belt.	✗ (PK)	✓ (K)	✓
Shoes	Closed toe, closed heel Dress or non-marking athletic	Neutral, non-patterned (no light-up, neon, character, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls may wear ankle dress boots with skirts or jumpers. • Snow boots or cowboy boots must not be worn in the building during school hours. 	✓	✓	✓
	Ladies' heels – 2" or less			✗	✗	✓
Spirit wear	FCA or Knights' spirit wear (i.e., long/short sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit wear must be from FCA-approved vendors only. 	✓	✓	✓
	House t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies			✗	✗	✓