

School Policies Student Dress Code:

The Fell Charter School Board recognizes that a clear dress code is one tool to promote an academic environment free of distraction, or disruption while still allowing for an appropriate level of comfort and self-expression.

FCS students are required to follow the designated school dress code each day, whether school is in-session in the traditional classroom or via virtual session. The dress code also applies when posting to the School's social media, using the School's technology, or at any school function or event.

This policy is designed to help us focus on our primary mission of education and to help promote an orderly, safe, and respectful learning environment for everyone. Adherence to this code is the responsibility of the students and parents/guardians. Teachers and administrators share the enforcement of this code. The FCS Principal, with the authority of the School Board, reserves the right to interpret the code and make necessary adjustments. The Principal has final daily administrative discretion to settle disputes or questions relating to the dress code.

Overall, students should exhibit good taste, personal hygiene, and personal pride through good grooming and dress habits. It is the policy of FCS that all students are expected to be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed.

For this dress code's purposes, Gang Paraphernalia follows the definition set by local law enforcement authorities and officials. This definition is ever-changing as the times and conditions identify new paraphernalia. The FCS Board will work closely with law enforcement officials to identify any new paraphernalia and try to keep the FCS a neutral campus. If the student is found wearing any attire or accessory that is currently identified to indicate gang membership, the parents/guardians will be contacted, and the child will no longer be allowed to wear the item in dispute, for the child's safety as well as the safety of the entire student body. Special consideration will be given to students with special or religious needs. In such cases, an agreement will be reached between the FCS and the parents/guardians. T

The following is the FCS student dress code, for all students:

Articles of non-compliance include any attire that materially or substantially disrupts any school operations and functions, infringes on the rights of others, creates a health, safety or other violation, is lewd or offensive, or draws too much focus to a student's anatomy or particular body part.

All clothing must be appropriately sized to the student.

Natural nails only; should be clean and not extend beyond the tip of the finger.

Tops: Shirts should be long enough to be tucked in and should cover the body from the base of the neck to the top of the pants. Tops cannot be sleeveless, cannot have inappropriate logos or pictures, and see-through materials are not permitted.

Bottoms: All bottoms must be appropriately sized for width, and hemmed to a safe length such that cuffs are not stepped on by the student or others. Pants size should not hinder a student's ability to move about easily and safely, and pants must be securely fastened at the waist or with a belt. Underwear should not be visible.

Short bottoms of any type must end no less than 1" above the knee, both when sitting and standing. Short bottoms with any variety of legging-type underneath are prohibited.

Bottoms must not have rips/holes, be made of a mesh material. Pajama bottoms are prohibited. Skin-tight, clinging, or "stretchy" material bottoms are prohibited, regardless of their current name (i.e.: yoga pants, spandex pants, stretch pants, jeggings, tights, etc.).

Exception: Leggings are permitted for students in grades Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd ONLY.

Socks, stockings, or tights must be worn with all types of shoes. Mesh/fishnet stockings, or socks/stockings with holes, are not permitted.

Footwear: All footwear must remain fastened as designed, be it with laces, velcro fasteners, or similar. Open-toed shoes are not permitted, which includes flip-flops, crocs, slippers, and bath shoes. Soles and heels can be no more than (1) inch in height. All shoes must have a back. Footwear with retractable wheels or accessories is prohibited. Sneakers must be worn for gym classes.

Daily Dress Limitations:

- No clothing that is lewd, vulgar, offensive, indecent, sexually suggestive, condoning violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, suicide, double meanings or inappropriate language
- No body piercing is allowed other than the ears. Students who have body piercings (other than the ears) must remove the piercings each day before school.
- No dangling earrings (touching a collared shirt) may be worn and only one earring per ear, rods or other styles are not acceptable. Gauges are not permitted.
- No hats, bandanas, kerchiefs or sweatbands may be worn inside the buildings. Headwear is acceptable outdoors only.
- Non-prescription glasses/sunglasses are prohibited within the school building
- No items that may be considered a weapon, including but not limited to studded jewelry, "hardware chains", or wallet chains are permitted
- No tears or holes in clothing manufactured or created by the student.
- No see-through clothing is permitted .
- Girls of appropriate age and development are to wear proper undergarments.
- No distracting or unusual hair colors or patterns. Hair must be natural colors only. Hair styles,

large hair accessories, and excessive or distracting make-up are all prohibited. Hair in the front must not be covering the eyes. • Male hair styles are to be neatly kept and are to be no longer than the collar of a dress shirt. • No items or articles of clothing which are considered by the school administration to be disruptive to the orderly school environment. • Hoodies/hoods on any attire are to be worn outdoors only and are not permitted within the school building. • Perfume or cologne is not permitted. • Winter jackets, coats, or other outerwear items may not be worn during the instructional day. • Clothing should be safe, healthy and sanitary.

The FCS Principal has discretion to change the dress code on special event days, and these days will be announced in advance. When an administrator, teacher, or staff member observes a student wearing items that are in violation of the dress code, the student will be referred to the Principal's office. Students may be offered appropriate clothing from the school, if it is available.

If the student's clothing is determined to be in violation of the dress code, the student will be given the opportunity to obtain other clothing through a phone call to parents/guardians. The student will not be permitted to attend classes until the proper attire is obtained. If the student refuses to call home for other attire, he/she will be sent home/suspended for the day.

Physical Education Day Allowable Dress Code:

Tops: Sweatshirts or tee shirts (proper length and with sleeves) are acceptable.

Bottoms: All other options for bottoms, as described above, are acceptable. It is recommended that girls not wear a dress, jumper, or skirt on Physical Education Days.

Footwear: Athletic footwear, such as sneakers, is required for Physical Education Days, and must be appropriate for physical activity.

Masks/face coverings: only those necessary for health-related issues. Masking must cover only the nose/mouth area.

Level of Disciplinary Consequences: Any student found violating the dress code more than twice within a quarter will be subject to an in-school suspension and a parent/guardian meeting. Other consequences may apply if the Principal deems necessary, including but not limited to unexcused absences for time out of school, or discipline for insubordination.

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