

FCA UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE 2022-2023

We want FCA to be an environment where students can develop Christ-like habits and focus on academics. Therefore, our uniform and school attire guidelines are designed to put an emphasis on neatness, appropriateness, and modesty. With these three goals in mind, we have specific expectations and limitations on student attire. When on campus for school as well as when on field trips, students should be dressed in a logoed school uniform purchased through our approved uniform suppliers.

Tommy Hilfiger will be the official uniform supplier for Frederick Christian Academy. Daily uniform polos and dresses, as well as dress uniforms, will be required to be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Classroom approved outerwear will also be available. Uniform pants and skirts may be purchased from Tommy Hilfiger or from other suppliers, such as Land's End or French Toast, as long as they model the colors and styles of the Tommy Hilfiger styles.

For the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, students will be allowed to wear the old uniforms from Land's End or other suppliers as we phase in the new logoed wear and phase out the old. However, **dress uniforms purchased through Tommy Hilfiger will be required for all students for the 2022-2023 school year.** We encourage all new uniform purchases to be made through Tommy Hilfiger to meet our new guidelines. You will notice that our new uniform guidelines introduce new color options as well as slacks for the secondary ladies. We are excited to provide students with a wider variety of mix-and-match options.

In addition, FCA will be opening an online spirit wear store. A link to our spirit store will be available on our website (www.fcamd.org). This is where you will be able to purchase the **new PE uniform required for all students in grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year.** The PE uniform will help ensure our students' safety on and off campus by assisting staff and chaperones in keeping track of students on field trips, as well as making our students easily identifiable to our group. FCA's Spirit Store will also give you year-round access to FCA spirit wear for the entire family. We are excited about this new opportunity to showcase our DEFENDER gear.

Tommy Hilfiger school uniforms offer several advantages to the FCA family:

1. A custom online shop dedicated to FCA's uniform program, unlike the Land's End website which could be confusing.
2. The cost of Tommy Hilfiger uniforms are 25%-30% less than the cost of Land's End or Flynn O'Hara!
3. There is free shipping on returns – something that Land's End did not offer.
4. Durable, top quality clothing (less stretch or shrinkage compared other suppliers) that can be passed down to siblings.
5. Plus, Husky, and Slim sizes available in most options free of charge.
6. Sizes available Pre-K to adult.
7. Devoted experts available to help with sizing.
8. Lifetime guarantee on all Tommy Hilfiger products for defects or quality issues.
9. Tommy Hilfiger offers 5% in school rewards back to FCA and is also a RaiseRight (formerly ShopwithScrip) partner!

Our desire is to make uniform shopping easy and affordable for all families with quality products made to last the entire school year. We want to help our students to develop a professional look that allows them to focus on learning. To ensure you are ordering the correct items for your child's grade, be sure to start at www.globalschoolwear.com and search for Frederick Christian Academy. Please see the FCA Family Handbook for more in-depth information concerning student appearance standards

Lower Elementary Uniform Policy (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

DAILY UNIFORM: All uniform tops, dresses and jumpers MUST be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger and have the FCA logo. Uniform pants, skirts/skorts (below the knee styles) purchased from other suppliers, such as Land's End or French Toast, will also be accepted as long as they meet the color, length and fit requirements. We encourage you to size up to ensure proper fit and length through growth spurts.

BOYS:

- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo Shirt (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Pants
- Belts are optional (solid brown or black only)

GIRLS:

- Navy or Khaki Uniform Jumper (FCA logo required) worn with a polo shirt
- Red Polo Dress (FCA logo required)
- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Skirt/Skort/Pants

NOTES:

- Jumpers, dresses, skorts, and skirts must reach the **crease at the back of the knee or below**. Please size up if needed to get the proper length. Jumpers and polo dresses tend to run short.
- Pants for boys and girls must be **traditional cotton or twill uniform style** and must be **long enough to cover the ankle**. Cargo pants, sweatpants, jogger styles, skinny, knit, or cuffed pants will not be permitted.
- All clothing must be in good condition and fit properly, not overly baggy or too tight.
- Only logoed outerwear from our uniform suppliers may be worn inside the classroom.
- Socks, tights and leggings should be solid matching colors with no designs or logos.
- Only athletic style shoes with non-marking soles should be worn. For safety reasons shoes must be closed-toe and have a back. Sandals, boots, crocs, slippers, etc. are not permitted.

DRESS UNIFORM: Every student is required to have at least 1 set of FCA's dress uniform for chapel and special events. The dress uniform shirt, pants, and jumper MUST be purchased through our uniform supplier.

BOYS:

- White Oxford Shirt with FCA logo
- Navy Flat Front Twill Blend Uniform Pant
- Uniform Tie
- Black Dress Belt
- Black Dress Socks and Black Dress Shoes (loafer or tie-up styles with black soles only)

GIRLS:

- Short Sleeve Pinpoint Oxford Blouse
- Navy Uniform Jumper with FCA logo
- White Dress Ankle Socks or White Tights (no leggings)
- Black Dress Flats or Mary Jane Shoes (black soles only)

NOTES:

- Dress socks & shoes are for special performances only.
- Daily uniform socks and shoes may be worn on chapel days with the dress uniform.
- Boys dress shirts may be long or short sleeve and should be worn tucked in.
- Please size up if necessary to ensure the uniform jumper meets FCA's dress length requirements.
- FCA approved outerwear may be worn with the chapel uniform.

PE UNIFORM: Required for special school events (Class Field Trips, Fun Run, Field Day, etc.) and **MUST** be purchased from our online FCA Spirit Store.

BOYS & GIRLS:

- Black Uniform PE Shorts with FCA Logo
- FCA PE T-Shirt
- FCA sweatpants, sweatshirt or hoodie (optional)
- Tennis Shoes

NOTES:

- PE shorts should **reach the top of the knee** for both boys and girls.
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts, and hoodies should either be purchased from our Spirit Store or be solid black or gray (no designs or logos).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Regular uniform attire must be worn under all outerwear.
- Undershirts/tanks should be worn when appropriate.
- Only white undershirts/tanks with no writing are acceptable.
- Long-sleeved undershirts in the same color are permitted under short sleeve polo shirts. Long sleeve undershirts are NOT permitted under the dress uniform shirts.
- Modesty shorts are required under all skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses.
- Solid color leggings or tights that match the uniform are permitted to be worn under skirts and dresses for warmth. They must be plain with no patterns or cutouts. Exercise leggings are not permitted.
- Leggings and tights may not be worn to compensate for a skirt or dress that is too short.
- Socks should be matching solid colors that coordinate with the uniform.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear a single pair of stud earrings. For safety reasons, no other jewelry is permitted in lower elementary.

Upper Elementary Uniform Policy (Grades 4-6)

DAILY UNIFORM: All uniform tops, jumpers, and dresses MUST be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger and have the FCA logo. Uniform pants, skirts/skort (below the knee styles) purchased from other suppliers, such as Land's End or French Toast, will also be accepted as long as they meet the color, length and fit requirements. We encourage you to size up to ensure proper fit and length through growth spurts.

BOYS:

- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo Shirt (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Pants
- Belts in solid brown or black only (required)

GIRLS:

- Navy or Khaki Uniform Jumper (FCA logo required) worn with a polo shirt
- Red Polo Dress (FCA logo required)
- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Skirt/Skort/Pants

NOTES:

- Jumpers, dresses, skorts, and skirts must reach the **crease at the back of the knee or below**. Please size up if needed to get the proper length. Jumpers and polo dresses tend to run short.
- Pants for boys and girls must be **traditional cotton or twill uniform style** and must be **long enough to cover the ankle**. Cargo pants, sweatpants, jogger styles, skinny, knit, or cuffed pants will not be permitted.
- All clothing must be in good condition and fit properly, not overly baggy or too tight.
- Only logoed outerwear from our uniform suppliers may be worn inside the classroom.
- Only athletic or casual style shoes with non-marking soles are permitted. For safety reasons shoes must be closed-toe and have a back. Sandals, boots, crocs, slippers, etc. are not permitted.
- Socks, tights and leggings should be solid matching colors with no designs or logos.
- Boys should wear their shirts tucked in.

DRESS UNIFORM: Every student is required to have at least 1 set of FCA's dress uniform for chapel and special events. The dress uniform shirt, pants, and skirt MUST be purchased through our uniform supplier.

BOYS:

- White Oxford Shirt with FCA logo
- Charcoal Grey Flat Front Twill Blend Uniform Pant
- Uniform Tie
- Black Dress Belt
- Black Dress Socks & Black Dress Shoes (loafer or tie-up styles with black soles only)

GIRLS:

- White Oxford Blouse with FCA logo
- Charcoal Grey Box Pleat Skirt or Skort
- White Dress Ankle Socks or White Tights (no leggings)
- Black Dress Flats or Mary Jane Shoes (black soles only)

NOTES:

- Dress socks & shoes are for special performances only.
- Daily uniform socks and shoes may be worn on chapel days with the dress uniform.
- Boys & Girls dress shirts may be long or short sleeve and should be worn tucked in.

PE UNIFORM: Required for PE and special school events (Class Field Trips, Fun Run, Field Day, etc.) and MUST be purchased from our online FCA Spirit Store.

BOYS & GIRLS:

- Black Uniform PE Shorts with FCA Logo
- FCA PE T-Shirt
- FCA sweatpants, sweatshirt or hoodie (optional)
- Tennis shoes

NOTES:

- PE shorts should **reach the top of the knee** for both boys and girls.
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts, and hoodies should either be purchased from our Spirit Store or be solid black or gray (no designs or logos).
- All students in grades 4-6 are required to change into the PE uniform for PE class.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Regular uniform attire must be worn under all outerwear.
- Undershirts/tanks should be worn when appropriate.
- Only white undershirts with no writing are acceptable.
- Modesty shorts are required under all skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses.
- Long-sleeved undershirts are not permitted under short sleeve polo or dress shirts.
- Solid color leggings or tights that match the uniform are permitted to be worn under skirts and dresses for warmth. They must be plain with no patterns or cutouts. Exercise leggings are not permitted.
- Leggings and tights may not be worn to compensate for a skirt or dress that is too short.
- Socks should be matching solid colors that coordinate with the uniform.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear a single pair of matching stud earrings. No other jewelry may be worn except a ring on a finger, a wristwatch, and a necklace tucked inside the shirt.

Secondary Uniform Policy (Grades 7-12)

DAILY UNIFORM: All uniform tops MUST be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger and have the FCA logo. Uniform pants, skirts/skorts (below the knee styles) purchased from other suppliers, such as Land's End or French Toast, will also be accepted as long as they meet the color, length and fit requirements. We encourage you to size up to ensure proper fit and length through growth spurts.

BOYS:

- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo Shirt (FCA logo required)
- White Oxford Button Down Shirt (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Pants
- Belts in solid brown or black only (required)
- Shoes that are business casual in style should be worn daily. Shoes should have a professional appearance and should be black, grey, or brown in color. For safety reasons, all shoes should be closed toed and have a back.
- Acceptable Shoe Styles: loafers, boat shoes, casual slip-on or tie shoes, dress shoes, etc.
- Unacceptable Shoe Styles: flip flops, slides, crocs, boots, slippers, athletic or tennis shoes, etc.

GIRLS:

- Red, White, or Heather Grey Polo (FCA logo required)
- White Oxford Button Down or 3/4 Pinpoint Blouse (FCA logo required)
- Khaki, Navy, Black, or Dark Grey Uniform Skirt/Skort/Pants
- Shoes that are business casual in style should be worn daily. Shoes should have a professional appearance and should be black, grey, or brown in color (white soles are acceptable). For safety reasons, all shoes should be closed toed and have a back.
- Acceptable Shoe Styles: ballet flats, loafers, boat shoes, casual slip-on, dressy ankle booties, etc.
- Unacceptable Shoe Styles: flip flops, crocs, outdoor boots, tall boots, blingy/fuzzy footwear, open-toed styles, clogs, slippers, athletic or tennis shoes, etc.

NOTES:

- All skirts and skorts must reach the **crease at the back of the knee or below**. Please sizes up if needed to get the proper length.
- Pants for boys and girls must be **traditional cotton or twill uniform style or dress slacks** and must be **long enough to cover the ankle**. Slacks must be traditional fit and not be tapered at the ankle. Cargo pants, sweatpants, jogger styles, skinny, knit, or cuffed pants, etc. will not be permitted.
- Boys should wear their shirts tucked in. Girls should wear dress shirts tucked in.
- All clothing must be in good condition and fit properly, not overly baggy or too tight.
- Only logoed outerwear from our uniform suppliers may be worn inside the classroom.
- Socks, tights and leggings should be solid matching colors with no designs or logos that coordinate with the uniform.

DRESS UNIFORM: Every student is required to have at least 1 set of FCA's dress uniform for chapel and special events. The dress uniform shirt MUST be purchased through our uniform supplier and have the FCA logo. Students participating in Fine Arts groups will be required to purchase an additional performance uniform through the office.

BOYS:

- White Oxford Shirt with FCA logo
- Black or Dark Grey Uniform Pant
- Uniform Tie or Tie of Choice - Ties should be business professional in style. Cartoon characters or overly loud patterns will not be permitted.
- Black Dress Belt, Black Socks, and Black Dress Shoes (no white soles)

GIRLS:

- White Oxford Button Down or 3/4 Pinpoint Blouse with FCA logo
- Black or Dark Grey Uniform Skirt or Skort
- White ankle socks or nude hose (no leggings) with Black Dress Shoes (no white soles)

NOTES:

- Dress socks & shoes are for special performances only.
- Daily uniform socks and shoes may be worn on chapel days with the dress uniform.
- Boys & Girls dress shirts may be long or short sleeve and should be worn tucked in.

PE UNIFORM: Required for PE and special school events (Class Field Trips, Fun Run, Field Day, etc.) and MUST be purchased from our online FCA Spirit Store.

BOYS & GIRLS:

- Black Uniform PE Shorts with FCA Logo
- FCA PE T-Shirt
- FCA sweatpants, sweatshirt or hoodie (optional)
- Tennis Shoes worn with black or white athletic socks

NOTES:

- PE shorts should reach the top of the knee for both boys and girls.
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts, and hoodies should either be purchased from our Spirit Store or be solid black or gray (no designs or logos).
- All students enrolled in PE will be required to change daily for PE class. It is suggested that students have a minimum of 2 PE uniforms for this purpose.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Regular uniform attire must be worn under all outerwear.
- White undershirts/tanks (with no writing or graphics) should be worn when appropriate.
- Long-sleeved undershirts are not permitted under short sleeve polos or dress shirts.
- Modesty shorts are required under all skirts.
- Solid color leggings or tights that match the uniform are permitted to be worn under skirts and dresses for warmth. They must be plain with no patterns or cutouts. Exercise leggings are not permitted.
- Leggings and tights may not be worn to compensate for a skirt or dress that is too short.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear a maximum of two pairs of matching earrings at a time. For safety reasons, earrings should not exceed more than 1.5 inches in length or diameter. No other jewelry may be worn except a ring on a finger, a wristwatch, and a necklace tucked inside the shirt.