

FIRST BAPTIST CLASSICAL ACADEMY



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UNIFORM GUIDE

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Uniform Philosophy

Establishing a school uniform is driven by the desire to promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process, based upon the following principles:

1. Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
2. All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, communicate the disposition of the heart. It is our desire to address these heart issues in one uniform dress policy, rather than seeking to anticipate and curb its numerous manifestations throughout the year that surface with a looser dress code.
3. Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the uniform dress code is a desire to create an environment where no undue attention is drawn to specific students. The neat appearance created by a uniformly dressed student body enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
4. Uniformity helps engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are uniformly dressed, it aesthetically communicates that they are part of the same team, working toward the same goals. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence, and the code establishes a tradition toward that end.
5. Neither parents nor students will experience the temptation to constantly be adding to their wardrobe throughout the year in order to meet constantly shifting cultural standards. The uniform dress code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues.
6. Most importantly, the uniform dress code addresses **security**. On field trips, students who are dressed similarly aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, especially within a downtown setting, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

Students are expected to comply with the uniform policy while at the school unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy. The enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Labeling of Items

Due to the number of similar items, we ask that each be labeled with the student's name. If you are interested in purchasing labels, FBCA is registered with Mable's Labels, which provides high-quality custom labels which are washing machine and dishwasher safe. This also serves as a fundraiser for the Academy. Visit mabelslabels.com, select "Support a Fundraiser" and search for "First Baptist Classical Academy."

Uniform Basics

The Uniform Charts list what is required and what is optional for each gender and grade. Each Friday, and other designated special occasions as announced, are considered a “Formal Day,” requiring the Formal Uniform. All other days are “Non-Formal” and have a wider selection of options.

Select formal items are recommended to be purchased in the brand French Toast (abbreviated in chart as F.T.) for quality purposes.

The school will not be doing a bulk order directly from French Toast. All French Toast uniform pieces can be purchased on Amazon.ca and you will find this to be a cheaper option. If you wish to order directly from French Toast, be sure to change the shipping flag to Canada, so that all prices are set to Canadian dollars. Duties and taxes are calculated at the checkout and include landed costs (no additional charges at delivery). As French Toast is located in the US, orders may take quite a while to come in therefore, it is best to order early in the summer for the following school year.

Garments that require the school crest can have the crest embroidered by the school at the cost of \$7.00 per item. Please contact Elysha Patterson our school secretary to have your embroidery completed. Please note that she requires a one-week turn around for all embroidery jobs.

For items not specifically designated in the Uniform Charts as French Toast, feel free to shop other stores as is most convenient and economical for your family. Please shop from the “school uniform” sections, not general merchandise, to ensure modesty and quality. Walmart, Old Navy, and Children’s Place all offer uniform options for these supplemental items.

Selected crested items are kept on hand at the school; please inquire with our secretary, Elysha Patterson as to the items available. Parents are encouraged to sell or exchange non-crested items among themselves. Any additional questions regarding the school uniforms can be directed to the Secretary or Headmaster.

FBCA t-shirts are given to each student the first week of school, after enrollment fees are paid. These t-shirts serve as PE shirts for grades 4 and up.

The medium blue tie for our logic and rhetoric students can be purchased locally at McAllister & Howard in downtown Kamloops. When you arrive at the store, you can ask an associate for a medium blue (color F), Lugano brand tie. This is a men’s tie that should be worn tied in a Windsor knot.

Grammar (K-6) Girls' Uniform

	Formal Days	Non-Formal Days
Jumper	F.T. V-neck Navy Jumper w/ Crest (Must meet the crease at the back of knee)	Navy Jumper (Must meet the crease at the back of knee)
Pants/Shorts	NONE	Navy uniform pants or shorts (no jeggings, sweats, or "skinny" pants) Navy Knee-Length Uniform/Dress Shorts, (not athletic or biker)
Shirt	Long or Short Sleeve White Polo <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)	Long or Short Sleeve White or Light-Blue Polo <i>(at least one w/Crest)</i> <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)
Outerwear	Navy Button-Up Cardigan	
Socks	White or Navy, Plain or Cable Knit Tights <u>OR</u> Knee-High Socks	
Shoes	Black Dress Shoe or Ankle Boot (Must be close toed, not a slipper, no more than 1' heel, no canvas)	Black Dress Shoe or Ankle Boot. Black or Blue Athletic Shoe. (Athletic shoes may contain small traces of white or color.)
Accessories	Adjustable Navy Cross Tie Biker/kick shorts under Jumper (Navy or Black, modest in length, not to exceed length of jumper)	Black or Brown Belt with pants or shorts
Hair & Jewelry	<p>Hair must be kept out of the face. Hair dye is limited to natural colors. All hair accessories & jewelry must be modest and not distracting visually or likely to be played with. Hair accessories, bands, and clips may be navy, white, black, or metal tones.</p> <p>Temporary tattoos must not be visible. Piercings are limited to ear lobes and earrings should not be large. Smart watches or other electronics that can be worn and include calculator, photo, or communications capabilities are not to be worn during class time.</p>	
P.E.	N/A	<p>Conservative Athletic Shoes (No neon colors, lights, or character shoes) <u>Grade 4-6:</u> School T-shirt; athletic shorts to knee <u>OR</u> athletic sweatpants (no leggings or tights, no writing on backside) <u>Swimming Days:</u> Bathing suits must be modest and cover the midsection.</p>

Grammar (K-6) Girls' Uniform Recommended Checklist

**3 Short Sleeve
Polos or Oxfords**



**2 Long Sleeve
Polos or Oxfords**



1 Cardigan



1-3 Jumpers



1-2 Pair Pants



1 Pair of Shorts



**1 Pair Athletic
Shorts (Gr 4-6)**



**1 Pair of Kick
Shorts**



**Several Pairs of
Tights/Socks**



**1 Pair Dress
Shoes**



**1 Pair Athletic
Shoes**



1 Cross Tie



1 Belt



Grammar (K-6) Boys' Uniform

	Formal Days	Non-Formal Days
Shirts	Long or Short Sleeve White Polo <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)	Long or Short Sleeve White or Light-Blue Polo (<i>at least one w/Crest</i>) <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)
Pants/Shorts	Navy Blue Uniform Pants or Chinos	Navy Blue Uniform Pants or Chinos <u>OR</u> Navy Knee-Length Uniform/Dress Shorts (not athletic or cargo)
Outerwear	Navy F.T. V-Neck Sweater Vest w/crest	Navy long-sleeve pull over or button-up sweater
Socks	Neutral Color Socks	
Shoes	Neutral Color Dress Shoes	Neutral Color Dress Shoe. Black or Blue Athletic Shoe. (Athletic shoes may contain small traces of white or color.)
Accessories	Black or Brown Belt Adjustable Navy Blue Tie	Black or Brown Belt
P.E.	N/A	Conservative Athletic Shoes (No neon colors, lights, or character shoes) <u>Grade 4-6:</u> School T-shirt; athletic shorts to knee <u>OR</u> athletic sweatpants <u>Swimming Days:</u> Swim trunks (no speedos)
Hair & Misc.	Hair must be above the ears, out of the eyes, and not touching the shirt's collar. Hair dye is limited to natural colors. Boys must also remain clean shaven. Temporary tattoos must not be visible. Piercings are not allowed at school.	

Grammar (K-6) Boys' Recommended Checklist

**2-3 Short-Sleeve
Polos or Oxfords**



**2 Long Sleeve
Polos or Oxfords**



1 Vest w/Crest



2-4 Pairs of Pants



1-2 Pairs of Shorts



1 Cardigan



1 Pair Dress Shoes



1 Pair Athletic Shoes



**1 Pair Athletic
Shorts (Gr. 4-6 only)**



Several Pairs of Socks



1 Tie



1 Belt



Logic & Rhetoric (7-12) Ladies' Uniform

	Formal Days	Non-Formal Days
Skirt	F.T. Navy Blue Pleated Knee-Length Skirt	Navy Blue Pleated Knee-Length Skirt
Pants	NONE	Navy Dress Slacks (non-stretch material)
Shirt	Short or Long Sleeve White button-down Oxford	Long or Short Sleeve White or Light-Blue Polo <i>(at least one w/Crest)</i> OR White Oxford (button-down)
Outerwear	F.T. Navy Sweater Vest w/ Crest	Navy button-down cardigan
Socks	Nude, Grey, or Black Nylons OR White Knee-High Socks	Nude, Grey, or Black Nylons OR White or Navy Knee-High Socks <i>With pants: neutral color socks</i>
Shoes	Black Dress Shoe or Ankle Boot <i>(Must be close toed, not a slipper, no more than 1' heel, no canvas)</i>	Black Dress Shoe or Ankle Boot. Black or Blue Athletic Shoe. <i>(Athletic shoes may contain small traces of white or color.)</i>
Hair, Jewelry & Makeup	<p style="text-align: center;">Hair must be kept off the face. Hair dye is limited to natural colors. All hair accessories & jewelry should be modest, not distracting visually or likely to be played with. Hair accessories, bands, and clips may be navy, white, black, or metal tones. Piercings are limited to ear lobes and earrings should not be large. Smart watches or other electronics that can be worn and include calculator, photo, or communications capabilities are not to be worn during class time. Make-up should be subtle and not bright in nature. Temporary tattoos must not be visible.</p>	
P.E.	NONE	<p style="text-align: center;">Conservative Athletic Shoes (No neon colors, lights, or character shoes) School T-shirt; athletic shorts to knee OR athletic sweatpants (no leggings or tights, no writing on backside)</p> <p><u>Swimming Days:</u> Bathing suits must be modest and cover the midsection.</p>
Accessories	Medium Blue Tie tied in a Windsor Knot <i>(purchased from McAllister & Howard in Kamloops)</i>	

Logic & Rhetoric (7-12) Ladies' Recommended Checklist

**3 Short Sleeve
Polos or Button-
Down Blouses**



**2 Long Sleeve Polos or
Button-Down Blouses**



1 Vest w/crest



**1-2 Navy Pleated
Skirts**



**1-2 Pairs Dress
Pants**



1 Cardigan



1 Pair Dress Shoes



**1 Pair Athletic
Shoes**



**1 Pair Athletic
Shorts**



**1 Medium Blue
Tie**



**Several Pairs Knee-Highs
or Nylons and Socks**



Logic & Rhetoric (7-12) Men's Uniform

	Formal Days	Non-Formal Days
Shirt	Long or Short Sleeve White Polo <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)	Long or Short Sleeve White or Light-Blue Polo <i>(at least one w/Crest)</i> <u>OR</u> White Oxford (button-down)
Pants	Khaki Slacks or Chinos (not cargo pants)	Khaki Slacks or Chinos <u>OR</u> Knee-Length Uniform/Dress Shorts (not athletic or cargo)
Outerwear	F.T. Navy V-Neck Sweater Vest w/ Crest	Navy long-sleeve cardigan
Socks	Neutral Color Socks	
Shoes	Neutral Color Dress Shoes	Neutral Color Dress Shoe. Black or Blue Athletic Shoe. (Athletic shoes may contain small traces of white or color.)
Accessories	Black or Brown Belt Medium Blue Tie tied in a Windsor Knot (purchased from McAllister & Howard in Kamloops)	Black or Brown Belt
P.E.	NONE	Conservative Athletic Shoes (No neon colors, lights, or character shoes) School T-shirt; athletic shorts to knee <u>OR</u> athletic sweatpants <u>Swimming Days:</u> Swim trunks (no speedos)
Hair & Misc.	Hair must be above ears, out of eyes, and not touching the collar. Hair dye is limited to natural colors. Must also remain clean shaven. Temporary tattoos must not be visible. Piercings are not allowed at school.	

Logic & Rhetoric (7-12) Men's Recommended Checklist

**2 Short Sleeve Oxford
(button-down) or Polos**



**2 Long Sleeve Oxford
(button-down) or Polos**



1 Vest w/Crest



2-3 Pair Khaki Slacks



1-2 Pairs of Shorts



1 Cardigan



**1 Pair Athletic
Shorts**



1 Pair Dress Shoes



1 Pair Athletic Shoes



Several Pairs Socks



1 Tie



1 Belt



Clarifications and Additional Notes

1. Monday through Thursday will be assumed to be “non-formal.” Fridays are always Formal Days. Other than Fridays, the scheduling of formal days will be clearly communicated in advance.
2. All field trips will require a Formal Uniform, however, on occasion, the non-formal uniform will be allowed, so long as a school crest is present and visible.
3. Non-crested Cardigans may be worn with formal uniform.
4. All shorts, jumpers, and skirts **must** be knee-length. This means they must reach the line at the back of the knee. Uniforms will be considered out of dress code when they are above the kneecap in order to allow time to purchase a new size when a child grows.
5. All shirts must be buttoned to the top button.
6. Other than Logic & Rhetoric Ladies, all shirts must be worn tucked in.
7. Other than Logic & Rhetoric Ladies, all pants and shorts must be worn with a belt.
8. Students should not come to school with torn clothing. Particularly on formal uniform day, your child’s clothing needs to be well-fitting (no “high-waters”).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. Must I order all uniform items through French Toast?
 - A. Only the items designated in the above charts with F.T. are required to be French Toast brand and can be ordered from their website or Amazon. All other items may be purchased from the place of your choosing.
2. Q. When will my child receive their School T-Shirt for PE?
 - A. All students will receive a school t-shirt during the first week of class. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are not required to change clothes for PE.
3. Q. Are camisoles or undershirts acceptable?
 - A. Camisoles, bras, undershirts and kick shorts are considered undergarments. All undergarments should be worn as needed and must be out of sight at all times.
4. Q. Are leggings acceptable?
 - A. Leggings are **NOT** acceptable. Only footed tights, or knee-high socks are acceptable for girls. Logic & Rhetoric ladies may also wear nylons.
5. Q. What is the school’s approach to makeup and hair dye?
 - A. God has created each of us unique. Make-up and hair dye can be used to accent that natural beauty but should not be used to cover it up or cause a person to be the focus of others attention. Therefore, if make-up is worn at FBCA it should be subtle and not bright in nature. Hair dye is limited to natural colors.

