



All-School Dress Code Guidelines

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Dress Code Guidelines

The dress code reflects our respect for the traditions and mission of the school. Our Quaker mission asks that we honor the equality and dignity of every community member. Our dress code provides both flexibility and choice in what students can wear on a typical school day. All clothing items worn should be neat, clean, and whole. Any student wearing clothing with holes or frayed material will be asked to change. We partner with Lands' End in order to make purchasing necessary clothing items seamless.

Daily Dress Code, Grades 1-12

Bottoms:

All students can choose to wear pants, shorts, skorts, skirts (with shorts worn underneath) in the following approved solid colors:

- Navy
- Khaki
- Black
- Gray
- White

Cotton, polyester or wool blends are acceptable. Students may wear solid colored, non-patterned tights or leggings under any skort or skirt. *Students may NOT wear denim, sweatpants or leggings as their pant option.*



Tops/ Dresses:

All students may wear polo shirts (short-sleeved or long-sleeved) in any solid color, collared button-down shirts (short-sleeved or long-sleeved) in any solid color or pin-stripe or collared dresses in solid colors. All tops should fit students properly and midriffs should not be exposed. No logos of any kind, with the exception of the Friends Academy logo, are permitted.

Warm Dress for Cold Weather:

All students may wear any of the following **over their collared shirts:**

- ¼ zip pullover (fleece is acceptable) - (any solid color) - no logos or non-FA lettering permitted
- Cardigan sweater (any solid color) - no logos or non-FA lettering permitted
- Pullover crew neck sweater (any solid color) - no logos or non-FA lettering permitted
- Friends Academy crew neck sweatshirt

Students may NOT wear hooded sweatshirts. Coats must be removed upon entry inside any buildings. Students are welcome to wear warm dress options any time of the year, and no logos or non-FA lettering are permitted on warm weather dress options.

Shoes:

Students may wear:

- Closed toe, Fully backed (no sling, strap back) shoes, Sneakers are acceptable
Students may NOT wear high heels, flip-flops, slippers, crocs or any partially backed shoe.

Required FA Polo Shirt – Community Wear

Every student must purchase a required red, black, or white polo with our FA logo.

[Upper School Dress Options from Lands' End](#)

'First Friday' Dress Down Days:

Every first Friday of the month (and additional Fridays that will be announced at later points), students may dress down in a style that they choose.

- Not permitted: Ripped clothing, such as frayed, torn jeans, or shirts that intentionally (crop tops) expose the midriff; pajama pants; tank tops or spaghetti straps; flip flops or slippers.
- Permitted: Shirts with sleeves; other casual wear, including jeans and sweatpants.

We ask that parents check their children's style choices in the morning before they arrive at school. Students should be dressed for school, even in dress-down clothing.

On the following Fridays, all students and colleagues will be invited to participate in a dress-down day:

- September 20, 2024
- October 11, 2024
- November 8, 2024
- December 6, 2024
- January 10, 2025
- February 7, 2025
- March 14, 2025
- April 4, 2025
- May 2, 2025
- June 6, 2025

Note: For months when the first Friday was unavailable, another date has been identified

Red & Black, FA 'Spirit' Dress Days

The purpose of Spirit Days is to collectively create school spirit and distinguish Friends Academy students. The preference is clothing with the Friends Academy logo and/or name. If that is not an option, Red and Black worn together to represent our school colors is preferred. If you do not have an FA T-shirt and would like one, please see your advisor or Divisional Dean. *If you do not want to participate in Spirit Day, you must be in the regular school dress code.*

Red & Black Spirit days have been pre-designated this year based on programs/events that unite us across our three-divisional community and emphasize joy and connection!

Note: Students who do not choose to dress down should come to school according to their division's specific dress code.

On the following dates, all students and colleagues will be invited to participate in Red & Black spirit dress days:

Red/Black, FA Spirit Dress Days	
October 1, 2024	Peace Vigil
October 16, 2024	Community Groups



October 18, 2024	Fall Fair Weekend
November 19, 2024	Community Groups
December 11, 2024	Community Groups
January 22, 2025	Community Groups
February 27, 2025	Peace Vigil
March 26, 2025	Community Groups
April 25, 2025	Founder's Day/Community Groups
May 1, 2025	Belonging Day
May 20, 2025	Peace Vigil

Traditional Dress Days:

There are traditional dress days, particularly for seniors that will remain a cherished tradition at Friends Academy, including first day of school special clothing – traditionally white dresses and patterned suits.

First Day Dress/ Formal Dress:

There are special events that require students to dress in formal attire. This can include jackets, ties, semi-formal dresses, and dress shoes. Students will be informed in advance of these events when First Day Dress is expected.

