

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE GUIDELINES**

FFCHS student dress and grooming standards are based on safety, modesty, good hygiene and maintaining a non-distracting learning environment.

Fast Forward students should always be neat and clean in their dress and appearance. It is expected that each student will maintain a proper mode of dress, both during the school day and at all school activities. If in the judgment of the administration, a student is dressed inappropriately, the student will be required to change clothes or cover up inappropriate clothing before returning to classes. Time out of class will be regarded as unexcused. Additional measures may be taken if deemed necessary by the administration. The administration has the final authority on all matters relating to the dress code.

### **Dress, Grooming and Safety Standards:**

- Student dress and grooming should be in good taste and appropriate for the occasion.
- Sunglasses may only be worn outdoors (indoors only with a doctor's written medical permission).
- Students may not wear any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, or other insignia that advocates or encourages the use or abuse of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol.
- Clothing and accessories that display profanity, nudity, violence, discriminatory messages or sexually suggestive phrases are not to be worn at school or school functions.
- Gang-related clothing on school premises or during school-sponsored activities threatens the health and safety of the students and impairs the school environment accordingly. Students may not wear, possess, use, distribute, or display any clothing, color, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, colored bandana, or sash which represents membership or affiliation with any gang or promotes gang-related activity.
- Wearing perfumed personal care products may cause an allergic reaction in students or staff. Therefore, wearing perfumed personal care products is discouraged.
- The main torso of the body should not be visible. The wearing of garments considered as tank tops or tops with spaghetti straps is inappropriate. See-through shirts, sheer shirts, tank tops (sleeveless shirts), shirts that fall off the shoulder, or lace-like clothing are considered to be inappropriate and should not be worn at school. Shirts are not to be worn that expose cleavage. No skin may show on any portion of the midriff between the pants and shirt in any position.

- Any article of clothing or accessories, such as jewelry with spikes, dog collars, wallet chains, chains worn as belts, that may cause injury to another student may not be worn at school or school functions.
- Clothing that displays advertisements for any alcohol, tobacco, or drug product is not to be worn at school or school functions.
- Waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments must be worn above the hips. If belts, suspenders, or straps are worn, they must be worn in place and fastened. Undergarments shall not be visible. Any article of clothing that is excessively torn may not be worn.
- Leggings, jeggings, or Yoga pants may be worn only if the top worn is no more than 5” above the knee measured from the shortest area of the garment.
- The length of dresses, skirts, and shorts may not be more than 3” above the knee measured from the top of the knee to the shortest area of the garment.
- Shoes must be worn at all times to ensure personal safety and hygiene.

The hair styles of students are to be determined by the student and their parents. However, the style must not be distracting to the teaching or learning environment.

If the principal or administrative support staff determines that an individual student’s dress is inappropriate because it violates safety, modesty, good hygiene, or learning environment standards, they may create may create individually tailored dress-codes for that student. Students who do not abide by the dress code may be sent home, or asked to change into appropriate clothing to remain at school. Refusal to follow dress code rules could result in suspension from school.

Exceptions to these rules may be permitted by the administration for special school events and only for a short period of time. The administration and staff at Fast Forward are responsible for each individual case.

## **INAPPROPRIATE DISPLAY OF AFFECTION**

Inappropriate display of affection in the school building, on the campus, or surrounding areas, or at any school sponsored function is not acceptable and may lead to administrative action.