

Dress Code

Forest Lake Academy seeks to educate the whole person; body, mind, and spirit. In an attempt to create an environment where minimal distractions exist, such as fashion competitiveness and statements, Forest Lake Academy has adopted a uniform policy to:

- Reduce superficial competitiveness in dress among the student body
- Encourage a focus on the character of students, rather than fashion
- Maintain a proper academic tone within the school family
- Encourage a collective uniformity and school spirit for the student body

All students, community and dorm, are required to follow the dress code when on campus or when participating in school functions. Administration reserves the right to interpret and/or make changes to the dress code as outlined below.

All clothing must be clean, in good condition, modest, and of appropriate size and fit without being too tight or baggy.

School Wear

The following guidelines indicate appropriate dress during the school day (7:45-5:20):

- ID tag, clipped to the collar or attached to a Forest Lake Academy lanyard worn around the neck
Note: Students arriving at school without an ID tag will be issued a new tag for a \$15.00 replacement fee. The front (picture side) of ID tags must not be altered in any way.
- Uniform shirts with FLA logo
 - Polo
 - Oxford –tucked in during school day
Note: FLA organizational Polo's may be worn on Fridays **Only**. Long sleeved shirts should not be worn under short sleeved polo's. Shirts worn under a collared shirt should not have a collar and should not extend below the bottom of the shirt.
- Uniform shorts/skorts (appropriate length), capri's and pants – **All worn at the natural waistline**
Note: FLA defines a modest length in the shorts/skorts using the measurement of the width of the Student ID Card, 3 ½", from the top of the kneecap. Belts must be worn in belt loops
- Uniform Outerwear with FLA logo:
 - Uniform jacket with or without hoods (hoods are not to be worn inside)
 - Uniform sweater
Note: Organizational hoodies are not considered uniform outerwear and are not to be worn during the school day (7:45-5:20). Non-uniform outerwear will be taken and returned at a later time.
- Closed toed and closed heeled or sling-back style shoes
Note: Bedroom slippers are not to be worn.

Note: On game days, team members may wear the Varsity team uniform

School uniforms may be purchased either from the *Dennis Uniform Company* website - www.dennisuniform.com or from their local store located in Apopka at 7715 Apopka Blvd. (407-292-0395).

The following clothing/styles may **NOT** be worn: **camouflage clothing, off the-shoulder tops, baggies, overalls, jams, leggings, stirrups, tight pants/shorts, pajamas, combat-style boots, hats, bandanas, unnatural hair color, distracting hair styles, visible underwear, any clothing that is offensive (i.e. drug, alcohol, sexual references), immodest, torn, cut, or inappropriate. Jewelry, tattoos, or body/facial piercing (ears, lips, tongues, noses)** should not be visible on any part of the body while on campus or at school sponsored events.

Note: Band-Aids/other coverings cannot be used to cover jewelry.

Banquet Attire

On certain occasion, Forest Lake Academy students have the opportunity to wear more formal attire. Although formal wear is appropriate, church attire is also appropriate and students should not feel pressured to buy expensive formal wear. Whether formal wear or church wear, all clothing should be modest.

Ladies dresses for banquets:

- Must have shoulder straps
- Should cover the back from the waist up to the shoulder blades
- Should not have cutouts or sheer panels
- Should not reveal cleavage
- Should have hems that approach the knee **(No more than the width of the Student ID Card, 3 ½”, from the top of the kneecap)**

Gentlemen's attire should include:

- Dress pants
- Dress shirt
- Dress shoes

Jewelry

Jewelry (metal, plastic, rubber, leather or cloth) of any kind, including rings, earrings, (spacers, studs, or similar items), bracelets, anklets, necklaces, or friendship bands, is not permitted on campus or at any school-sponsored off campus function. Jewelry will be taken from the student. Confiscated items can be picked up from administration by the students' parents/legal guardians.

Recreation Wear

Recreational wear may be worn only when engaged in recreational activities or after 5:20 pm on school days. This includes school-sponsored trips. Recreation wear includes:

- FLA organizational shirts and hooded jackets/sweaters
- FLA logo T-shirts and other types of T-shirts, jeans, and modest shorts

Religious Services

Forest Lake Academy encourages students to help set a sacred and special atmosphere for religious services by wearing clothes which are appropriate for the program. The deans will establish acceptable dress for the residence hall students within the overall guidelines of the school.

Swimwear

Ladies: Only modest, one-piece swimwear is to be worn in the pool area and at any school-sponsored event where swimming is an activity. (Monokinis are not considered appropriate swimwear) Two-piece swimsuits are not allowed, even when covered by a t-shirt.

Gentlemen: Board-shorts type swim-trunks are to be worn in the pool area and at any school-sponsored event where swimming is an activity. (Spandex/Lycra briefs and shorts are not considered appropriate swimwear)

Dress code should not be an issue. Violations of dress code that cannot be corrected on campus will require students to go home and make the correction. Parents/guardians will be contacted. Once the uniform correction has been made, students may return to school. Repeated dress code violations become an insubordination issue and may result in a level two consequence. All classes missed will be unexcused. Citizenship grades will also be affected.