

# Finger Lakes Christian School

## Student Handbook



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## **INTRODUCTION TO PARENTS**

A basic responsibility of Christian parents is to "train up a child in the way he should go..." that "when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Successful Christian living hinges on three areas: the home, the church, and the school. The home and the church cannot be teaching one way while the school is teaching another, without confusion and strife reigning in the minds of our young people. At the same time, parents should not give their responsibility to the church and the Christian school and let them train the child alone. The home, the church, and the school should share this responsibility together. Finger Lakes Christian School seeks to mold your child's life after God's fashion. Therefore, we pledge to you to present Jesus Christ and the highest quality education possible and we ask you to pledge to do your part.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; the knowledge of the holy is understanding." (Proverbs 9:10)

Christian education is, by definition, the developing of the knowledge, character and work of Jesus Christ through teaching. Therefore, in Christian education we strive to develop each individual's academic potential and talents, but, most importantly, we teach of God and His wisdom. (Ephesians 4:11-16 and 6:4, Romans 8:29, II Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:9-10)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect; thoroughly furnished unto all good works."  
(II Timothy 3: 16-17)

The Bible is the basis for all Christian education because it is the Word of God, revealing to us the Person and will of God. Therefore, all teaching and all training are done from a Godly and Biblical perspective.

We want our children to become mature, well-rounded Christ-like individuals. The child's education must begin in the home with his parents and the primary responsibility of that education remains with the parents even outside the home. A Christian school is not a substitute for the Christian home or the church, but an extension of both. (Ephesians 6:1-4, Proverbs 22:6)

As such, the Christian school must be committed to believing that a practical knowledge of the Word of God is the very essence of a productive Christian life; to training its students to be productive, responsible members of the church and society; and to providing a learning environment in which this training may be obtained. Not to provide practical knowledge of the Word is to fail to present the basis for a successful Christian life. Therefore, this institution, in all its curriculum and activities, will base, relate and enhance its students' understanding of the Bible in relation to all matters of knowledge, academic achievement and practical living.

## **OUR INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE IS:**

- 1) To produce a graduate with a God-honoring self-image whose conduct, convictions and character are growing in conformity to God's Word and the image of Christ, and who is motivated to pursue a life consistent with his spiritual gifts, training and calling.
- 2) To maintain a commitment to a high academic standard, which is demonstrated by the student's mastery of the skills and knowledge necessary for life and work. Our goal is to see that each child's accomplishments bring honor and glory to Christ.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe...

There is only one God, and He is a Trinity of three persons: the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. He has existed, and will exist, forever. There are no other gods besides Him, not on other planets or in other universes. He alone is God.

Death entered the world through the sin of Adam, the first man. That sin has been inherited thereafter by every person ever born, with the exception of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, every person is a sinner in need of salvation. God has provided that means of salvation through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity. There is no other means of salvation available to mankind.

Jesus came to earth, leaving his glory behind, and took on the form of a man, having real flesh and blood. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross, a substitutionary death for our sins. He was physically resurrected from the grave and ascended physically into heaven.

Jesus will return again physically to the earth to establish his kingdom on earth. He will reign for 1000 years, after which he will resurrect all of mankind in order to be judged.

Those who accept Jesus as their only means of salvation will, upon their death, go immediately into his presence and spend eternity with him in heaven. Those who reject Him will go to hell when they die, and eventually spend eternity in the lake of burning fire;

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, perfect in its original autographs, and preserved for us by God for our use and his glory. It is wholly sufficient for instructing us in the doctrines of the faith, and is completely true in all its pronouncements. Anything that purports to be true, yet contradicts the Bible, is - by definition - false. That includes church traditions, teaching and doctrines that are not grounded in the Scriptures.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

Great strength comes from the unity we experience between parents and staff. It is vitally important that all parents attend conferences and other school related activities. In addition, parents are called upon to help at home in the education of their children and to support FLCS both prayerfully and by the volunteering of their time.

## **PARENTAL SUPPORT**

We recognize that, as parents, we are fully responsible for our child at FLCS. We place him under the authority of the school and will support the goals and standards of the school.

We, as parents, agree to:

Pray for the ministry of the school, the staff, and the children.

Support the school with our time and abilities as needed and available.

By our own conversation and attitude, encourage our child in positive attitudes toward the school.

Encourage our child in habits of promptness, neatness and cooperation.

Follow through on any work assignments or slips to be signed. Send written excuses for absences.

Cooperate in training our child to respect school property and pay for the abuse of the same.

Attend all parent functions.

Send our child to school dressed and groomed according to the dress code.

Contact the school immediately concerning any problem. We will not discuss a school problem with friends, other parents, or church members until it has been dealt with through the proper channels.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND STANDARDS**

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** The High Honor Roll is made up of all students who have achieved an overall average of A / 92.00 or better.

**HONOR ROLL** The Honor Roll is made up of all students who have achieved an overall average of B / 84.00 or better.

**RESTRICTION** Any student failing one or more courses is placed on Academic Restriction for the next marking period. Any student on Restriction may not participate in any extra-curricular activities, i.e.: sports, cheer leading, clubs, etc. Students on Restriction are urged to seek extra help from teachers, are required to meet weekly with the administrator, and parents are encouraged to help improve their child's study habits by taking appropriate actions at home.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

### **GRADING FOR PRE-K, K AND GRADE 1**

Due to the developmental nature of students in grade Pre-K -1, teachers will, at their discretion, utilize one of the following grading systems:

1. Successful, Partially Successful, or Needs Improvement.
2. Letter (i.e., A-F)
3. Numeric grades.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled in the fall and spring of each school year. The fall conference is a mandatory meeting. Spring conferences will be scheduled at the request of either the teacher or the parent. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher at any point in the school year if they have any questions or concerns.

## **REPORT CARDS**

The school year is divided into four marking periods. Generally, report cards are issued on the Friday after the marking period ends.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

A - 92-100 Superior Achievement

B - 84-91 Above Average Achievement

C - 75-83 Average Achievement

D - 70-74 Below Average Achievement

F - 69 and below - Failing

If a student is unable to fulfill the required course work due to lack of attendance, an incomplete will be issued instead of a grade (i.e., extended illness, surgery or family difficulties).

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

Credit: A student must earn a minimum of 22 credits to graduate. The following credits are mandatory requirements for a student to graduate in NYS.

Bible - 3 credit (FLCS req.)	Foreign Language -1 credit
History - 4 credits	Art or Music -1 credit
English - 4 credits	Physical Education - 2 credits
Science - 3 credits	Health -1/2 credit
Math - 3 credits	

The remainder of the course work may be chosen through electives.

## **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

A student transferring into FLCS is responsible for the standards toward graduation only for the years he/she attends FLCS. (For example, a student transferring to the twelfth grade who has not taken Bible would only have to take one year of Bible plus the requirements that apply to all seniors.) The transferring student also must have successfully met the requirements of the school last attended.

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

It is the student's responsibility to obtain missed homework assignments. If there is a situation in which your child will be absent from school for a prolonged period of time, please make the necessary arrangements needed to prevent him/her from falling behind. There will be no excuses for incomplete assignments except in extenuating circumstances. Students with more than 3 incomplete assignments per marking period will lose points off of their grade-point average. In the case of a planned absence (e.g., vacation, doctor appt. etc.) students are required to turn in all work and take any necessary tests or quizzes prior to the scheduled absence.

## **CHEATING**

Ephesians 4:21-25

"Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

If a situation occurs where a student cheats on class work or a test, the following steps will be taken:

First offense will result in a '0' and parents will be informed of the violation.

Second offense will result in a conference with both parents and the student.

If this situation cannot be resolved, the student may receive a failing grade in this subject, expulsion from the class, or expulsion from school.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The FLCS year consists of 180 days. Therefore, our policy stands as follows:

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A student will be excused for one of the following reasons if a written note accompanies the child explaining the absence when the child returns to school:

Personal illness, injury or doctor's appointment.

Illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence.

Death in the family.

Absence with prior approval from the administration.

Please note: The Compulsory Education Law requires that a student not miss more than 85% of scheduled school days. Any student with absences, excused or otherwise, exceeding this amount will not receive credit for that school year or the courses missed.

## ILLNESS

Please call the office if your child has a communicable disease. Illness of five days or more requires a doctor's excuse. The Health department assumes that an illness resulting in 5 or more consecutive days of absence requires the attention of your physician. All excuses must be submitted the day your child returns to school. If your child will be unable to participate in gym classes, he/she must also submit a written excuse from a physician. You must then provide a physician's release in order for your child to return to classes.

## UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Examples of unexcused absences are shopping, haircuts, baby-sitting, needed at home, too tired, out late etc. If a child has 10 or more days of unexcused absences, the principal and the child's teacher will consider the absence as truancy. The child's grades and attitude will be reviewed to see if he/she is able to maintain a passing grade academically, and/or can be permitted to continue as a student at FLCS.

## TUITION & REGISTRATION FEES

A registration fee is charged for each student each year. It's due by June 20th of each school year, unless your student is a new enrollee applying after that date. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Tuition, combined with gifts and fundraising, covers 100% of the school budget and is established at a level that is equal to staff salaries and operating expenses. Tuition includes curriculum materials - there is no extra cost for books and normal classroom materials - but does not cover costs that may be associated with field trips, student trips, etc.

Tuition generally changes from year to year. For current rates please call the office or check a current Student Application Packet.

Tuition discounts are applied under the following conditions:

1. Multiple Student Enrollment. If you enroll more than one student living the same household, discounts are as follows:  
1st child (determined by highest grade level), no discount  
2nd child, 30%  
3rd child, 60%  
4th child, etc., 100% discount  
  
This applies to K-12 students only; Pre-K is never discounted.  
Registration fees are not discounted.
2. Church Member. If you are a regularly attending member of the body at Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls, the church pays 10% of your tuition. This is applied at the end of the school year.
3. Volunteer. This discount is available for those who have faithfully and consistently fulfilled their volunteer commitment for one full school year. Beginning in the 2nd year of volunteering, discounts are applied as follows:  
- 20% discount for a minimum of 5 volunteer hours/week  
- 4% additional discount for every weekly volunteer hour, up to a maximum total of 48%

This discount is available based on their being volunteer work that needs to be done.

## REFUNDS

Registration fees are not refundable.

Tuition refunds are made only in the case of a student leaving FLCS before the end of the school year, and are calculated as follows:

- Leaving on or before the 15th of the month, a refund of 1/2 month's tuition will be paid.
- Leaving after the 15th of the month, no refund will be made.
- If tuition has been paid in advance, the full amount beyond the current month will be refunded.

All books are the property of Finger Lakes Christian School and must be returned to the office in good condition before any refunds are paid.

Tuition may be paid annually in advance for a 2% discount, semi-annually for a 1% discount, or in 10 monthly installments beginning in August, for which there is no discount. We do not charge interest or carrying charges for monthly installments.

Monthly tuition payments are due on the 20th of the month, and are paying for the following month's schooling. For example, your first payment is due August 20th and is paying in advance for September.

Late tuition payments: In order to maintain the school's solvency, and in fairness to those who pay their bills faithfully every month, this is the policy governing late payments:

1. If a payment is 10 days overdue, a note will be sent home notifying the parent.
2. If a payment goes to 30 days overdue, the student or students will be suspended until the account is paid up.
3. If an account is repeatedly more than 10 days over due, the student(s) may be suspended after any payment is only 10 days overdue, and until the account is paid up.
4. Exceptions to 2 & 3 may be made at the Principal's discretion, if prior arrangements have been made. However, it is the responsibility of the parents to contact the school to discuss those arrangements.

## **GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES**

### **STUDY HALLS**

Study halls are for studying and working on class assignments. A study hall is not a free period for students to visit or talk to other students. Students will be expected to utilize this time wisely. Students who have permission may use the computers, music practice rooms, or go to see another teacher.

### **TELEPHONE CALLS**

All telephone calls and messages to students or teachers will be directed through the school office. No student or teacher will be called out of class except in the case of an emergency. Messages for students will be put in the teacher's mailbox, and the teacher will give the message to the student. If you wish to contact any of your child's teachers, please leave a message with the school secretary, and the teacher will contact you at his/her convenience.

### **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS**

In the event of severe inclement weather, FLCS may be closed, but because we have students coming in from 11 school districts, FLCS never delays the start of a school day.

In other words, FLCS is either closed completely or open at the regular time.

However, your children may arrive at FLCS late - without being counted tardy - under these conditions:

- There is a weather-related delay in your home school district. For example, if your district delays school by one hour, your children can arrive at FLCS by 8:55 instead of 7:55; if your district delays by two hours, they may be two hours late, etc.
- There is a weather-related delay in the Seneca Falls public schools. Since you would have to drive through potentially dangerous weather to get to FLCS, your children can arrive at FLCS late, based on the length of the Seneca Falls district's official delay.
- They arrive on a delayed bus (or a bus that is late for any reason). You do not need to drive your children to school to ensure they are on time.

Also, if your home district closes for the day but FLCS is still open, you may keep your children home from FLCS. It's your option.

#### If FLCS is closing...

Please do not call the school, your child's teacher or the Principal to see if school is closed. Closings will be announced solely on the following web site and radio and TV stations (if you see an FLCS announcement anywhere else, and you can't confirm through the following sources, ignore it):

1. The FLCS web site: [www.ccsenecafalls.com/flcs](http://www.ccsenecafalls.com/flcs)

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## 2. Radio stations

WALL 99.3 FM  
WNYR 98.5 FM  
WSFW 1110 AM  
WGVA 1240 AM  
WCGR 1550 AM  
WAUB 1590 AM  
WFLR 1570 AM  
WFLR 95.9 FM

## 3. TV Stations

Channel 13 in Rochester  
Channel 9 in Syracuse

If you happen to see or hear an announcement other than from these sources, verify it through one of the stations or the web site listed above. If you don't find the closing announcement there, ignore it.

Even though FLCS is in the Seneca Falls School District, we do not necessarily close because the Seneca Falls schools do.

## **VISITORS**

Prior arrangements must be made with the school in order for a student to invite a visitor. To avoid any embarrassment for all parties involved, please do not bring a guest unannounced. All visitors are asked to report to the school office. Visitors are also expected to abide by the school dress code and other school policies.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Parents are responsible for contacting their own school district for bus transportation by April 1 of each school year.

## **STUDENT DRIVERS**

Students who wish to drive to and from school must register their car with the main office. Drivers must obey all rules and procedures determined by the school as well as the state and local authorities. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the privilege. Student drivers who are tardy more than twice in any marking period will lose the privilege of driving to school for the remainder of that marking period. Student drivers who are tardy more than five times during the course of the school year will lose any exam exemptions that they might have qualified for.

## **MORNING ARRIVAL**

Students are to report to their classrooms immediately upon arrival. Once a student arrives at school, he is legally under the jurisdiction of the school and is not to leave the school property without permission.

## **TARDY STUDENTS**

Students are expected to be in school by 7:55 AM and are considered tardy after that time. Students who are tardy must have a written excuse.

## **LUNCH PROCEDURES**

The teacher or monitor on duty will be responsible for all conduct and cleanliness during the lunch period.

Students are to remain in their seats. They will be allowed to talk quietly, but boisterousness, loud noises, and horsing-around will not be allowed.

Students at each table are responsible to clean up their food and trash on and around the table.

Students must remain in the lunchroom until they are dismissed.

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **MEDICATIONS**

Medical permission forms are required for all medication given your child. Whether over-the-counter (OTC) or prescription, we must have a form signed by your physician in order to dispense medication. Those forms are included in the Student Application Packet, and extra are available in the office.

OTC includes aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, etc.

Students are prohibited from

- Having medications of any kind, whether OTC or prescription, on their person, in their book bags or purses or in their lockers or desks.
- Giving medication to another student. All medications must be brought to the office where they may then be dispensed as needed by designated members of the staff.

FLCS will keep on hand the common OTC medications mentioned above.

All medications are to be in the original container labeled with the student's name, name of medication, dosage, and the time which it should be administered. Specific written instructions from the parent must accompany the medication. Non-prescription medicines must be accompanied with written parental permission for a designated authority to give the medication during school hours.

**ILLNESS:** If a child becomes ill during the school day, parents will be notified and expected to transport their child home. Students who are running a fever or vomiting should not be sent to school.

**ACCIDENTS:** All serious injuries or accidents should be reported to the school office immediately. Students will be given first aid for any minor accidents. Parents will be notified when a child is seriously injured and be advised to seek medical treatment by their private physician. In the event that a parent or relative cannot be reached in a reasonable amount of time, an ambulance will be called, and the child will be transported to the nearest medical facility for treatment.

## Personal Electronic Devices in School

**Electronic Devices** - personal video games (like gameboys), portable CD players, MP3 players, cell phones

None of these devices may be used during school hours. Between the 8:00 and 1:54 bells students may keep games, phones and players in their lockers, but not in their backpacks nor on their persons. Younger students, who do not have lockers, must give these items to their home-room teacher for keeping during the day. If older students are concerned about the security of their locker, they can give the device(s) to the school secretary for safekeeping.

At the first violation, games and music devices will be confiscated for a month. The second violation will result in confiscation until the end of the year. Cell phone violations will result in one week confiscations.

## STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

Christians must clearly understand that certain conduct will bring reproach upon the name of Christ. Some of the actions the Word of God condemns in principle are as follows:

Disrespect	Fighting	Complaining	Vulgarity
Profanity			
Gambling	Hatred	Cheating	Envious
Rivalry			
Gossiping	Lying	Immorality	Offensive Slang
Unkindness			

It is expected that students will use self-discipline to prevent negative actions from becoming a habit.

For an atmosphere conducive to learning, student conduct must reflect positive Biblical principles. The Word of God commands:

Respect, Positive Attitudes, Patience, Responsibility, Purity, Integrity, Pure Speech, Kindness, Cooperation, Unity, Honesty, A Joyful Heart, Humility, Encouragement, Love.

FLCS expects parents, students and staff to uphold all Biblical standards in school and in their personal lives.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Weekly chapel services are designed to help the student develop a deeper relationship with Christ.

Attendance is required of all students.  
There will be no unnecessary talking or disturbances.  
Students will not be allowed to study during the Chapel period.  
Each student is required to bring his/her Bible.

## **GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT**

Students are to be orderly when lining up in the hallways.

Running, loud talking, rowdiness, or any inappropriate behavior is prohibited.

Students will be respectful of others' rights and property. Students will not enter another student's desk or handle another student's personal property.

Students will show respect for school property. If damage occurs, the student will be held responsible.

Students will, at all times, respect the authority of all teachers and staff.

Gum chewing is not permitted on school grounds.

All students are required to abstain from alcohol, tobacco of any kind, illegal drugs, and sexual activity, both at school and outside of school. Violation of any of these will result in suspension or expulsion.

Social dancing is not sponsored nor allowed at any school-related functions.

No knives or weapons of any kind are allowed on school property.

## **GUIDELINES FOR COUPLES**

FLCS provides opportunities for boys and girls to cultivate friendships with the opposite sex. In some instances associations will deepen into more than passing friendships. This is both natural and expected. However, all such friendships must be handled in a Biblical manner. Public displays of affection, including holding hands, are prohibited during school hours.

## **MANNER OF DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Dress Code - In a day of changing style, it is difficult to keep up with the latest fashion or fads. As Christians, we must concern ourselves with our appearance, both positively and negatively. By our dress we represent the feelings and thoughts of our hearts. This being the case, our clothing and the way we wear it should represent our desire to please God and honor Him. That which repulses or seduces has no place in the lives of God's children. We represent and so want to call attention to His person and not His people. We realize the difficulty facing many students today in this matter of dress and have, therefore, outlined the dress code for our school. We know that by keeping all of the dress code one does not become a Christian. However, disciplined effort in keeping all rules does have a maturing effect upon the Christian if his attitude remains proper and pride does not develop. God wants us to obey those who rule over us.

The items following do not necessarily comprise the entire list of inappropriate dress practices. Key items to the FLCS dress code are: neatness, modesty, and not drawing attention to one's self. On occasion, there could be situations not listed that may have to be brought to the attention of the students. In case of gray areas or disagreements over the propriety of a student's attire, the final decision rests with the FLCS staff and administration.

## BIBILICAL PRINCIPLES OF DRESS

Our desire at FLCS is to do all things so as to honor Jesus Christ and uphold HIS testimony. We recognize that true Christianity is a matter of the heart and not the outward appearance. We do believe that our appearance is important in light of God's word.

1. **1 Samuel 16:7:** "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.' The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

God warns against judging by appearance alone. When people judge by outward appearance, they may overlook quality individuals who lack the particular physical qualities society currently admires. Appearance doesn't reveal what people are really like or what their true value is. Fortunately, God judges by faith and character, not appearances. And because only God can see on the inside, only He can accurately judge people. Most people spend hours each week maintaining their outward appearance; they should do even more to develop their inner character. While everyone can see your face, only you and God know what your heart really looks like.

2. **Galatians 2:6:** "As for those who seemed to be important - whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance - those men added nothing to my message."

3. **1 Thessalonians 5:22:** "Avoid every kind of evil."

4. **1 Timothy 2:9:** "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God."

5. **Colossians 3:12:** "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Peter puts his finger on the real issue when he states that our attractiveness should not be based on what we wear but on the "hidden man of the heart - even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit."

## DRESS CODE

### THE FOLLOWING GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL

Attire should not be too tight and clothing should be neat and clean.

Clothing should not draw attention to one's self.

There are no restrictions on logos, pictures, numbers or words, as long as they do not promote ungodly groups, personalities or concepts. This is an area open to widely varying interpretation, so judgment calls will rest with the FLCS staff.

From time to time certain brands of clothing will be banned if they display their logo or name on the clothing. At this time Abercrombie and Fitch clothing is not allowed because of their overt sexually explicit and alcohol-encouraging advertising and catalogs.

## GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS

Hair must be neat and cut in a manner that is feminine (in other words, not closely cropped in a manner that would be considered—pardon the term—a "butch" haircut). Hair may be dyed as long as it is not an unnatural color; highlighting is allowed as long as it is only one color (i.e, two-tone is OK, three or more tones is not) and not in an unnatural color. Hair styles should not be worn that draw undue attention to oneself. As tastes and judgments will differ on the exact definition of

“feminine”, “unnatural” and “draw undue attention,” the final call will be made by the school Principal.

Dresses, shirts and blouses must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Modest in the neckline
- Must have sleeves (sleeveless dresses can be worn over a shirt or blouse)

Skirt hemlines must be knee length or longer. Split skirts or culottes are appropriate as long as they meet the knee length requirements. Slits in skirts must not come above the knee.

No skin is to be showing between the shirt and pants/skirt at any time, not just when you are standing in front of the mirror, but also when you are bending over, stretching up or over to reach something, or doing any kind of gym activity.

“Spandex” or elastic tops that conform to the bosom are not allowed, unless they are worn under a looser fitting garment that covers the bosom.

Camisoles which are made of traditional camisole material (clingy, see-through), scoop-necked or trimmed with underwear-like frills and lace, are not allowed. Those made of shirt-like material are allowed, if the neckline is not too low and they are not too tight or short.

Chapel Day Dress consists of dress pants, dresses or skirts and blouses.

Capris may be worn any time other than Chapel Days.

Cosmetics that alter the natural appearance, such as excessive eye shadow, excessive blush, false eyelashes, etc. are not to be worn. All cosmetics should be used with discretion and in moderation. Girls in grades K-6 will not be allowed to wear makeup.

Jewelry, if worn, must be worn in moderation.

All clothing, hair styles, cosmetics and jewelry worn by the girls must be neat, discreet, feminine, modest, and should not draw attention to one’s self.

## GUIDELINES FOR BOYS

Hair must be neatly trimmed above the collar and above the eyebrows, not multi-colored and not dyed an unnatural color, and not cut in a manner that draws undue attention. Exceptions for hair length are made for the “Locks of Love” (or similar) programs, or preparing for a dramatic part in a school production. As tastes and judgments will differ on the exact definition of “unnatural” and “a manner that draws undue attention,” the final call will be made by the school Principal.

Faces will be clean-shaven with sideburns neatly trimmed above earlobes. SENIORS ONLY may wear neatly trimmed mustaches.

Chapel Day Dress should consist of shirt and tie or turtlenecks and vests.

Boy’s boxers are not to be worn as outergarments or to be exposed in any way.

Boys are required to wear a shirt at all times, including during gym. No bare chests are allowed.

## GUIDELINES FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS

Shorts must be knee length and without holes or stains. No denim cut-off shorts will be allowed.

Sweatshirts and T-shirts may be worn during the school day.

Blue jeans are allowed. Wind pants and sweatpants are also allowed. Pants must be without holes or patches, stains or bleach spots. All pants must not be wide or baggy and must fit properly to the body, including length.

Sneakers must be clean, laced, not open or wild looking.

Heeleys (sneakers with built-in wheels in the heel) can be worn only with the wheels removed. In other words, no "heeleying" allowed in school.

Hairstyles must compliment, but not draw attention to the individual. The bizarre is unacceptable. Modest highlighting is permissible. However "wild" colors are not.

The items above do not comprise the entire list of inappropriate dress practices. Key items to the FLCS dress code are NEATNESS, MODESTY, and NOT DRAWING ATTENTION TO ONE'S SELF. On occasion, there could be situations not listed that may have to be brought to the attention of the students.

In case of gray areas or disagreements over the propriety of a student's attire, the final decision rests with the FLCS staff and administration.

### Dress Code Violation Consequences

1st Offense: Warning, but no consequences, except that a Codebuster shirt will be required if the violation could cause a brother or sister to stumble.

2nd Offense: The student will be given a Codebuster shirt and sent to the principal's office. Parents will be sent a letter detailing the violation and the consequences.

3rd Offense: The student will be given a Codebuster shirt and sent to the Principal's office, and the parents will be called to bring in to school appropriate clothing. In addition, a meeting with the student, parents and the Principal will be required.

4th Offense: Same as 3rd Offense, and the result may be suspension or expulsion.

## HOME SCHOOLERS ATTENDING FLCS

Home schooled children in grades 1-12 may take any of the academic courses offered at FLCS. Classes not open to part-time enrollment include gym, lunch and after school programs (chorus, the school play, sports).

The primary enrollment criteria is the same as full-time FLCS students: at least one parent living with the student must be a born again Christian and actively attending a Bible-believing church, and any student entering 6th grade or above must have also made a profession of faith in Christ.

Grades 1-6, \$33/class/month (\$330/yr.)

Grades 7-12, \$40/class/month (\$400/yr.)

For example, if you signed up your child for Algebra 1, which is one period/day, 5 days/week, your cost would be \$40/mo., or 400/yr.

Payments may be made monthly, but enrollment is for a semester (1/2 year) at a time. Students may enter the program only at the beginning of semesters, which fall in September and around the end of January.

There is no registration fee (normally \$150/yr./student), but books, workbooks, etc. must be purchased separately. The amount will vary depending on the course. Some of the textbook costs may be recovered by selling them to another family the next year. Book/materials costs are non-refundable, but we will try to find a buyer for you.

Students will be tested prior to enrollment to determine proper placement. Placement is made according to academic ability, not age.

Students and parents must sign and abide by the Parent and Student Agreements and the Parent/Student handbook, copies of which are available at the school office. That includes the dress code, which, at this time, does not require uniforms, but if that were to change, uniforms would need to be purchased

Transportation is the responsibility of the parents.

An area will be provided for students waiting for class to begin or be picked up, but even so, students must arrive no more than 15 minutes before their class begins and leave within 15 minutes of the end of class. Students may not "hang out" at the school during non-class times. Students who are unable to arrive in time for class and leave when class is over may be asked to withdraw from the program to minimize the disruption to the rest of the students.

Part-time students will not graduate from, nor earn an FLCS diploma, nor a NYS Regents diploma.