

DANCING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

FCA is committed to providing opportunity for social interaction that is full of delight and rightly forms the affections of our students. As an extension of our commitment to this kind of social interaction for our students and their holistic development, we have established this “Dancing Policy” to guide and encourage social interaction that reflects the teachings of Christ and edifies one another.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that dancing is a part of FCA and is enjoyed rightly according to the principles found in God’s Word.

DANCING AT FCA

FCA is committed to providing all students - grammar school and secondary - opportunities throughout the school year that foster friendship, community, and fellowship around the practice of etiquette and dancing.

When done rightly, dancing is beautiful and orderly and done “with” another, not “at” another. It is the occupation of the whole person. It requires discipline, rhythm, grace, inclusivity, and focus. It displays harmony, order, reason, variation, and belonging. It offers contact with others which is respectful, structured, mannered, and lively, and is an example of friendship in community when the dance is over.

Thus, FCA desires that dancing and etiquette training rightly be a regular part of our culture and be yet another conduit to bring glory to God in this community. In addition to FCA’s veracity questions, the planning of any events that may include dancing should involve these five (5) considerations:

1. When possible, dancing should be accompanied by live music.
2. All music played for FCA dances should be appropriate and approved by FCA administration.
3. Dancing should involve formal steps, which must be learned so that participants can move together in a coordinated way.
4. Dancing should involve rotating partners or groups and be inclusive of everyone.
5. Dancing should include those dances that may be enjoyed without any element of provocativeness that would be contrary to the principles found in God’s Word.