

###: Student Dress Code

I. Purpose:

- a. PCA students are required to follow the Student Dress Code Policy for all school related activities and functions unless otherwise specified.

II. Policy Statement:

a. Tops:

- i. Must be solid white, black, navy blue, or dark purple.
 1. No designs, patterns, or prominent logos (no larger than 2in by 2in).
- ii. Must be collared (unless sweaters/vests).
 1. May be polo-style or button-down
 2. Button-down shirts must be tucked into bottoms with a belt
- iii. Must be appropriately fitting and extend to the waistline.
 1. Cannot be excessively loose or skin-tight.
- iv. Undergarments and skin of midriff/waist/chest/shoulders cannot be visible.
 1. No tank tops or belly shirts.
- v. Undershirts must be of the aforementioned colors and cannot have visible logos or designs.
 1. Turtlenecks may be worn under the required shirt.
- vi. Crew neck/V-neck/half-zip pullover/cardigan sweaters and vests of the aforementioned solid colors may be worn over the required collared shirt.
 1. Must be of wool, knit, nylon, or fleece material.
- vii. Outerwear (e.g., sweatshirts, coats/jackets, parkas) can only be worn outside and in the school building when transitioning in or out of the building.
 1. Outerwear cannot have inappropriate images or words (e.g., profanity, weapons, messages or depictions of violence/hate).
 2. No sweatshirts with or without hoods (“hoodies”) and coats/jackets can be worn in school (except when transitioning in or out of the building).
- viii. Kangaroo pockets and hoods are not permitted on any tops.
- ix. Must be clean and intact (no excessive stains, no rips/tears/holes).

b. Bottoms:

- i. Must be solid black, navy blue, khaki.
 1. No designs, patterns, or prominent logos (no larger than 2in by 2in).
- ii. Must be twill, cotton blend, corduroy, or comparable material.
 1. No jean denim, athletic, spandex, sweatpants, fleece, jersey cotton, terry cloth, or comparable material.
- iii. Pants and capris must be straight leg or cuffed at calf/ankle.
- iv. Shorts are only permitted before Thanksgiving Break and after Spring Break.
- v. Stockings, tights, or leggings must be worn under skorts, skirts, polo dresses, and jumpers from Thanksgiving Break until Spring Break.
 1. Stockings, tights, or leggings must be solid black, white, navy blue, or tan.
 - a. No designs, patterns, or prominent logos (only small brand emblem permitted).
 2. Thigh highs are not permitted.
- vi. Must be below finger tips when arms extended at sides while standing and no higher than mid-length between knee and hip when seated based on visual inspection.
- vii. Must be clean and intact (no excessive stains, no rips/tears/holes).
- viii. Must be appropriately fitting and worn at the waistline.
 1. Cannot be excessively loose or skin-tight (leggings are not acceptable as pants).
- ix. Undergarments and skin of midriff/waist/buttocks cannot be visible.

c. Shoes and Socks:

- i. Sneakers are encouraged for daily wear.
 1. Sneakers must be worn for Physical Education (PE) class (students are responsible for bringing a change of shoes if other shoes are worn on the day of PE class).
- ii. Slip-on shoes (e.g., sandals, clogs, Crocs) must have a strap worn on the back at all times.
 1. Flip flops are not permitted.
- iii. Shoes must be clean and intact (not excessively dirty, no rips/tears/holes).
- iv. No slippers can be worn.
- v. Socks must be solid white, navy blue, or black.
 1. No designs or patterns are permitted.

d. Accessories and Jewelry:

- i. Earrings must be no larger than a quarter or 1 inch in length.
 - 1. No more than two earrings per ear are allowed.
- ii. Ear clips, nose rings, or any other body piercings are not allowed.
- iii. Bracelets, necklaces, and rings may be worn if they do not cause disruptions or distractions.
 - 1. Necklaces should not hang below mid-chest.
 - 2. No more than two bracelets and no more than two necklaces may be worn.
- iv. Belts may only be solid black, navy blue, or brown.
 - 1. Belts must be worn with tucked in shirts.
- v. Sunglasses (on eyes or head) are only permitted to be worn outside.
- vi. Hats, scarves, and gloves are only permitted to be worn outside.
- vii. Watches may only be analog or standard digital (not Smart watches).
- viii. Any other accessories (e.g., bandanas, wallet chains, lanyards hanging out of pockets, pins/buttons, other attachments to garments, etc.) are not permitted.
- ix. Electronics (e.g., headphones, ear pods/buds, Smart watches, etc.) are not permitted to be worn from 7:45am-3:30pm (or earlier if in Café for breakfast) unless given explicit permission from staff.
 - 1. Electronics must be stored in a locker.

e. Hair and Make-Up:

- i. Students must keep their hair neat and out of their eyes.
- ii. Hair must only be a color that is naturally grown out of a person's head.
 - 1. No bright colors or unnatural shades (e.g., pink, purple, blue, bright red, etc.) of hair, hair highlights, or add-ins within hair; dyed or added (real/synthetic/decorative, such as tinsel).
- iii. Hair accessories should be minimal (e.g., barrettes, head bands, hair ties, bobby pins, few beads) and must not cause disruptions or distractions.
 - 1. Hair accessories should not extend more than 1in above head.
- iv. Modest make-up is allowed if it does not cause disruptions or distractions.
 - 1. No bright colors or excessive glitter.

f. Non-Uniform Days (N.U.T. Days):

- i. There are days throughout the school year that students are permitted to wear alternate apparel (e.g., NUT days, PCA pride days, picture day, field trips, field day).
- ii. Students should adhere to the expectations communicated by teachers (approved by administration).
- iii. The following expectations must be adhered to (in addition to teacher communicated expectations specific to the day/event):

1. Bottoms cannot be more than 4 inches above the knee when seated and standing
2. Undergarments and skin of midriff/waist/buttocks/chest/shoulders cannot be visible.
3. Apparel must be clean and intact (no excessive stains, no rips/tears/holes).
4. Apparel/accessories cannot have inappropriate images or words (e.g., profanity, weapons, messages or depictions of violence/hate).

g. Important Notes:

- i. All apparel and accessories worn and/or brought to school are at one's own risk
 1. PCA is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items, or injuries that occur due to apparel/accessories worn
- ii. Violating the dress code is a PCA Code of Conduct offense. PCA staff are expected to enforce the dress code and reserve the right to direct students to remove or change non-dress code approved apparel/accessories, or those causing a disruption or distraction.
- iii. Parent/guardian may be expected to come to school to correctly dress/bring clothes to their child and/or pick-up non-dress code approved items.
- iv. Exceptions to the dress code may be made at the discretion of PCA Administration. PCA Administration may require documentation (e.g., medical note) to verify the need for dress code exceptions.
- v. Students with earned Leadership Licenses may be given dress code exemptions/allowances.
- vi. Any questions or needs associated with adherence to the Dress Code may be directed to the Dean of Students.

III. Responsibility:

- a. It is the responsibility of PCA students and families to ensure that his/her student adheres to the PCA Student Dress Code.
- b. It is the responsibility of the Dean of Students, with instructional and support staff, to ensure that the Student Dress Code is implemented daily.

IV. Related Policies: None

V. Related Procedures and Documents:

- a. Student Code of Conduct

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Student Dress Code

Pants

Regular straight leg, ankle length, docker, chino, or cargo style khaki, navy blue, or black dress pants must be worn. Pants need to fit the student; they cannot be skin-tight or excessively loose fitting.

Skinny, denim, wide-legged, yoga, logos, or designs of any kind are not allowed. Pants are to be worn at the waistline. Loose fitting, those hanging off the waistline and pants that are excessively tight are not acceptable. Undergarments cannot be visible. Midriff or bottoms cannot be exposed. Leggings are not accepted as pants. Any rips, tears, and/or excessive stains in pants are not acceptable. Pants may not be tucked into footwear unless it is during inclement weather.

Shorts

Shorts may be worn in khaki, navy blue or black and must be 2 inches above or below the knee. Shorts are worn only from August to Thanksgiving break and again after spring break. Any rips, tears, and/or excessive stains in shorts are not acceptable.

Shirts

Collared short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo shirts in solid white, dark purple, navy, or black may be worn un-tucked with school pants. Button-up dress shirts may be worn in the above colors, but must be tucked into pants. Shirt logos are not to be any larger than 1 inch by 1 inch (stamp size). **LIGHT BLUE IS NO LONGER PERMITTED.**

Undershirts

Students are allowed to wear an undershirt, turtleneck, or tank top but only with the above option of collared shirts and cannot be visible. Undershirts, turtlenecks, or tank tops may be solid white only or solid black. Undershirts, turtlenecks, or tank tops cannot have logos or designs that can be seen through the top shirt or down the sleeves. Any rips, tears, and/or excessive stains in shirts are not acceptable.

Sweaters

Solid-colored sweaters can be worn over the required shirt in navy blue, white, black, or purple. Crew-neck, V-neck, cardigan sweaters, or vests are acceptable for wearing. No sweatshirts with or without hoods (hoodies) may be worn in class. Any rips, tears, and/or excessive stains in sweaters are not acceptable.

PCA Classroom Wear

Students may wear PCA sportswear inside the classroom during instruction time under the following conditions: sportswear must be made of either fleece or nylon material. No other material is permitted. Sportswear may be half-zip or full-zip in the front, pullovers are permitted; the only logos permitted must be PCA approved; iron-on logos are available at no cost. White, Navy Blue, Purple and Black are the only approved colors, no kangaroo pockets are allowed, thumb holes are permitted, school shirts must be worn under the outerwear, no hoodie of any kind is allowed in the classroom.

Skorts/Skirts/Capris/Jumpers/Polo Dresses

Skorts, skirts, jumpers/polo dresses, or capris must be khaki, navy, or black in color and must be 2 inches above or below the knee. Stockings must be worn with skorts, skirts, jumpers, and/or polo dresses from Thanksgiving Break until Spring Break. No denim, stripes, logos, designs of any kind are allowed. Any rips, tears, and/or excessive stains in skirts, skorts, jumpers/polo dresses, or capris are not acceptable.

Shoes

The type/style of shoes is optional. Sneakers are permitted but must be in clean and in good condition. Dress shoes are permitted, however students are responsible for bringing a change of shoes on the days of PE. Sandals are permitted, but must have a strap on the back. NO FLIP FLOPS or slides are allowed. Slippers are not acceptable footwear. Pants may not be tucked into footwear unless inclement weather occurs.

Socks

Socks must be solid white, navy, or black. *Socks with bold colors and designs are not permitted.

Stockings

Stockings, tights, or leggings may be navy, white, black, or tan. They must be plain, without designs, stripes, or logos. Leggings may be worn but only under a skirt.

Thigh highs are not acceptable. Stockings must be worn from Thanksgiving Break until Spring Break.

Belts

For grades K-3rd: Solid black or brown belts are optional.

Grades 4th-8th: Solid black or brown belts are to be worn when shirts are tucked into pants. Button down shirts must be tucked into pants.

Jewelry

The only jewelry permitted will be simple studs or small hoop earrings no larger than a quarter or 1 inch in length. No more than two earrings per ear are allowed. Ear clips, nose rings, or any other body piercings are not allowed. Necklaces may be worn, but cannot cause disruptions or distractions during the school day.

Hair/Make-up

Students must keep their hair neat and out of their eyes. Students may only dye their hair in a color that is naturally grown out of a person's head. Bright colors and unnatural shades of hair dye (pink, purple, blue, etc...) are not acceptable. Make-up is allowed but cannot be distracting to the learning environment. Hair accessories need to be minimal and cannot be other than barrettes, head bands, hair ties, or bobby pins.

Accessories

Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in the buildings (on eyes or head). Electronics are not permitted to be worn on the student or to be in their possession from 7:45am-3:30pm and must be stored in a locker. Any additions to Providence Creek Academy's dress code standards above are not allowed. This includes scarves, hats, bandanas, wallet chains, outerwear, and extreme hair accessories.

Providence Creek Academy may offer additional dress code appropriate items throughout the school year for purchase.

*Violating these dress codes rules will result in a disciplinary referral. 1st offense, level one; 2nd offense, level 2, 3rd offense, level 3, and a parent will need to come to school to correctly dress/bring clothes to his/her child.

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