

215: 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.
 - a. Button-down shirts must be tucked into bottoms with a belt.
 - 2. Dresses must be polo-style.
 - 3. A collared shirt must be worn with jumpers.
- 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, partial-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, brown, or khaki.
 - 1. No designs, patterns, or prominent logos (no larger than 2in by 2in).
- ii. Must be twill, cotton blend, corduroy, or comparable dress pants 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. Skorts, skirts, polo dresses, and jumpers of the aforementioned colors and materials are permitted.
 - 1. Stockings, tights, or leggings must be worn under skorts, skirts, polo dresses, and jumpers from Thanksgiving Break until Spring Break.
 - a. Stockings, tights, or leggings must be solid black, white, navy blue, tan, or brown.
 - i. No designs or patterns.
 - b. 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. Sandals, including rubber slip-ons (e.g., 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.
 - 2. Small sock brand logo is 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. Nose rings, eyebrow 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 on each wrist and no more than two necklaces may be worn.
- iv. Belts must 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 must only be analog or standard digital (with no games, communication/network connection, etc.)
- viii. Any other accessories (e.g., bandanas, wallet chains, lanyards hanging out of pockets, pins/buttons, other attachments to garments, etc.) are not permitted.
 - 1. Pins/buttons and stickers provided by staff may be worn with staff permission.
 - 2. Lanyards with PCA badges may be worn with staff permission.
- 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.
 - 2. Additional facial decoration is not permitted.
 - a. Bandages and acne patches on the face should be clear or skin tone.

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 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.
 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 bring clothes for their child and/or pick-up non-dress code approved items.
- iv. Exceptions to the dress code (e.g., religious/cultural, medical) 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, requests for exceptions, 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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