

K-8 Dress Code (Updated March 2021)

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” I Timothy 4: 12

We recognize that each student’s mode of dress is an expression of personal style and individual preference. These guidelines are designed to provide a variety of choices and options for both students and parents as they make decisions regarding school clothing. The Bible often refers to modesty as being the rule of thumb to be used in the area of dress. (*When one goes to the beach, he/she dresses appropriately; when one goes for a workout he/she dresses appropriately; when one goes to school, he/she dresses appropriately. There are “normal standards” for each activity.*) On special days, such as spirit week, there will be exceptions, but special information for such occasions will be given. The principal, in consultation with staff members, will determine what is appropriate as current fads and styles may be introduced throughout the school year. The following are given as standards, with the staff and ultimately the school administration having the discretion to decide on anything not addressed below:

1. School logo polo shirts are required for Monday through Thursday. Shirts are to be purchased online. The link to purchase uniforms on-line can be found on school website.
2. PCS t-shirts may be worn on Fridays.
3. Footwear is to be enclosed in the back or have straps on the heels (flip flops are not appropriate for school). Athletic shoes are to be worn for PE.
4. Students may wear any color of jeans, chinos, shorts, skirts to school including florals, stripes, and patterns. Elastic waistbands are permitted for dress code appropriate jeans, chinos, shorts, etc.
5. Clothing styles designed specifically for athletics and leisure (for example: basketball shorts, soccer shorts, yoga pants, joggers, and sweat pants) are not to be worn to school with PCS polo shirts or PCS t-shirts.
6. Shorts and skirts are required to be at least fingertip length.
7. Clothing is required to be clean and without holes or rips. Clothing, including face masks and sweatshirts, may not have any wording or images other than clothing brand names (i.e. Quicksilver, Old Navy, etc.) PCS spirit shirts and theme shirts are exempt for this requirement. Clothing brand names and logos are to be appropriate and are not to draw excessive attention to the student’s bottom.
8. Students may wear sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets to school as long as there is a PCS uniform shirt underneath. When temperatures are above 90 degrees, sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets are not permitted to be worn outdoors by students due to health concerns and a desire to keep students active at recess and breaks.
9. Clothing is to be appropriately sized (not too baggy and not too tight), and underwear is not to be visible.
10. Leggings/jeggings are appropriate for elementary (grades K-4) as long as the student’s bottom is covered with shorts, a skirt, or a shirt. Leggings/jeggings or other excessively tight pants/shorts are not appropriate for middle school (grades 5-8).
11. For PE: Students in middle school are required to wear the school approved uniform for PE. If the PCS PE uniform shorts do not fit well, students are to wear other similar royal blue athletic shorts with the approved PCS PE t-shirt.

12. For Game Days: PCS athletes are encouraged to wear their jerseys to school on game days. Blue, black, gray, or khaki pants/ shorts/ jeans/ skirts are to be worn with PCS jerseys for the school day.
13. For Special Events: clothing that exposes cleavage, midriff, underwear, or bra straps are unacceptable for school events. Straps are required to be at least two inches wide.
14. For Concert and Graduation Attire:
 - a. Boys – dress pants, collared shirt, dress shoes with socks.
 - b. Girls – dresses must have straps, just above the kneecap is acceptable, dress shoes or sandals with a back strap.
15. Hair is to be neat and natural with the emphasis on cleanliness and moderation. Extreme haircuts and unnatural hair colors are not permitted for any grade level.
16. Jewelry placed into parts of the body other than a girl's ears is not permitted for any student (boys are not permitted to wear earrings to school or any school events).
17. Students in elementary may not wear make up to school. Girls in middle school may wear make-up to school with moderation.
18. Hats, beanies, or scarves are not to be worn indoors or at any public gathering, except for medical purposes. Hats are welcomed for outside for recess. Hats are required to be worn as intended (for example: brims of hats should be forward and not inside-out).
19. Backpacks, jewelry, buttons, stickers, etc. that advertise, promote, or picture alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sexual, or violent behavior are not acceptable.
20. Items related to any gang logos, pictures, gestures, symbols or emblems or related language that may suggest intimidation or threat are not acceptable.
21. If a student has a tattoo it must be kept out of sight for school and school events.
22. Chains (*except delicate chain jewelry*) are not permitted at school.
23. The School Student Dress Code will be in effect for all school-related activities such as field trips, special events, programs, etc. The only exceptions are members of music, drama, or athletic teams who would be wearing attire that reflects the activity.

Consequences for Dress Code Violation:

- If a student violates the dress code, he or she will be referred to the office. The office will keep track of students who come to the office for dress code. The first or second time to the office may be a recorded warning depending on the seriousness of the dress code infraction.
- Repeat trips to the office or a more serious dress code infraction will result in the student needing to change clothes. At this point, a set of clothing (PE uniform or used school shirt,) will be given to the student, and he/she will be asked to change into that clothing and bring it back to school cleaned for the following day. Obviously, we will make every attempt to protect the child's dignity and respect in this exchange, but also expect the parent's cooperation for such action. Parents may need to drive to school to provide a change of clothing, if necessary. Part of the correction will be in the child's requirement to change into clothing provided by the school or clothing provided by the parents depending on the situation.
- Continued dress code infractions will result in further disciplinary action depending on the severity of the issues involved.
- Parents are urged to be consistently aware of what their child is wearing or taking to school.