

PCA DRESS CODE

Research shows that the educational atmosphere of a school is enhanced when students' appearance is "uniform." The PCA dress code is based on a "menu" format. Students may choose from the clothing items indicated below for their normal school dress every day of the week. Please select clothes for comfort and freedom of movement. Denim fabrics are not appropriate. Shirts must be tucked in. Belts are required if the garments have belt loops (with the exception of Pre-K students). Clothing required by the PCA dress code can be purchased at most department stores including Target, Walmart, Kohl's, etc.

PreK-6 boys must wear solid navy or khaki slacks or shorts; and solid white, red, hunter green, yellow, or navy collared long- or short-sleeved knit shirts or collared white oxford style shirts long enough to be tucked in.

PreK-6 girls must wear solid navy or khaki slacks, shorts, jumpers, skirts, or culottes / capri pants; and solid white, red, hunter green, yellow, or navy collared long- or short-sleeved shirts long enough to be tucked in, or collared blouses. Sleeveless tops are inappropriate. Shorts, skirts, etc., must be below mid-thigh. Shirts must be buttoned appropriately without showing undershirt, tank-top, or bodice.

***Upper School Dress Code Exception**

Students in 7th-9th grades may wear short- or long-sleeved polo style or collared shirts of any solid color (no stripes, patterns, checks, or polka-dots) as part of their regular uniform. Brand logos should be minimal.

Winter Wear

Solid white, red, dark green, yellow, or navy turtlenecks and solid colored navy or khaki corduroy slacks, skirts, and jumpers are acceptable during cold weather. Leggings may only be worn under shorts or skirts which meet the length requirements; jeggings, skinny jeans, and/or yoga pants are not to be worn. The only acceptable outerwear to be worn in class is PCA logo outerwear, such as a PCA sweatshirt, PCA hoodie, or other PCA logo outerwear. **Students are expected to wear required shirts underneath winter wear (i.e. students may not wear just a t-shirt under their sweatshirt).** Non-logoed coats are for outside wear only.

Footwear

Proper footwear, fully laced or fastened securely on the feet, is necessary for safety. Sandals, Croc-style shoes, high heels, platforms, open-toed or open-backed shoes are not acceptable.

Hair and Jewelry

Boys' hair must be neatly groomed and out of the eyes and must not touch the collar. Girls' hair must be neatly groomed and out of the eyes and face. Students must have no fad cuts or fad coloring. Students may not wear jewelry to school that pierces the body with the exception of girls wearing earrings.

Required Chapel & Field Trip Attire

Monogrammed hunter green shirts and khaki bottoms must be worn on Chapel days (Thursdays) and on field trips, unless otherwise indicated. *PreK students may wear their Little Knights t-shirt for Chapel and field trips.*

Physical Education Attire

A P.E. uniform for kindergarten through ninth grade students is mandatory on P.E. days. The P.E. uniform consists of a PCA Knights t-shirt (purchased from the school) or other official Knights spirit wear, and solid black or hunter green athletic shorts (which may be purchased at any store). All shorts must conform to normal dress code length: mid-thigh. Spandex or leggings may be worn underneath shorts, but shorts must still meet length requirement. Solid colored sweats may be worn for P.E. only in the winter for warmth. Socks and supportive athletic shoes are to be worn during P.E.

Kindergarten through third grade students may wear their P.E. uniforms to school on the day they are scheduled for P.E. Fourth through ninth grade students must bring their P.E. uniforms and change at school on the days they are scheduled for P.E.

Dress Down Days

There are special times when students may have *Dress Down* privileges. Students who have *Dress Down Day* cards are permitted to use those on Fridays. Also, all students may dress down every other Wednesday (“Hump Dayz”) with a \$3 contribution to end-of-year activities fund.

Guidelines for clothing that may be worn on *Dress Down Days* are as follows:

- For safety reasons, shoes and socks will be the same as on regular school days. No sandals, Crocs, high heels, platforms, open-toed or open-backed shoes.
- Shirts may be untucked if designed for this, although the length may not pass the fingertips. Shirts must be long enough to cover the stomach when arms are raised. Shirts that are sheer or embroidered may be worn only with an appropriate layer underneath. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops may be worn. Shirts should not display inappropriate slogans, images, or language.
- Denim pants are acceptable; Leggings, skinny jeans, jeggings, and/or yoga pants may only be worn ***with shorts or skirts which meet the length requirements.***
- Pants/shorts must be worn securely around the waist and must not drag on the ground.
- Ripped clothing is not acceptable.
- Hats are not acceptable.

Dress Down Day cards are only transferrable among immediate family members and **NOT** transferrable among other students.

Attire for Extracurricular Activities

Clothing worn for extracurricular activities should be modest and appropriate for the activity.

Dress Code Non-Compliance

Parents are responsible to send their children to school wearing clothing that conforms to the spirit and guidelines of the dress code. While we recognize that families have different convictions about the specific interpretation of neatness and modesty, the school reserves the right to make judgment calls regarding dress code compliance and expects support from students and parents.

If a student's attire does not adhere to Dress Code guidelines, the student's teacher will document the infraction in *Blackbaud* as a discipline incident; students will not be sent out of class for dress code violations. **After three non-compliance incidents in one semester, the student will be referred to the administration for disciplinary action.**