

Pre-K
**DRESS
CODE &**
APPEARANCE
POLICY



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Dress Code and Appearance Policy

The administration's guidelines for student appearance encourage adherence to biblical principles of modesty. The Providence Christian Academy Dress Code promotes unity and modesty by requiring official school uniforms. Core elements must be purchased from Lands' End, identified by an item number and style description (e.g., Lands' End Girls Plaid Jumper in Classic Navy Plaid - Item #527959BP1). The school provides an online purchasing portal with Lands' End for convenience.

Other uniform elements can be bought from any store, provided they match the style, cut, and color of the Lands' End pieces and are labeled "Lands' End or equivalent style." The Dress Code includes guidelines for pants, skirts, and other apparel. Photo examples and purchasing links can be found on the school website. For specific details, refer to the online PCA Style Guide.

Parent Responsibility

Parents/guardians are responsible to ensure that their student's attire conforms to the following standards. If a child comes to school in violation of the dress code, the parent/guardian will be notified. On a second violation, the parent/guardian will be expected to bring proper attire to school. The student may be removed from class until his/her apparel meets school standards. Students demonstrating non-conformity to the PCA dress code will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Standard School Attire for Pre-K

Grade Pre-K follows the following uniform guidelines. Refer to the grade level boys/girls section, our Lands' End school portal, and the photos below for more details.:

Pre-K Uniform Expectations

Monday: Standard school uniform attire

Tuesday: *No school*

Wednesday: Standard school uniform attire

Thursday: *No School*

Friday: Standard school uniform attire



Pre-K students will wear a daily uniform, adapted to their age, consisting of:

- Navy blue or khaki pants/joggers/shorts with an elastic waist.
- Plain white, navy blue, or gray tops (no cartoon characters or large inscriptions)
- Solid color navy cardigan, navy sweater, or PCA navy crew neck sweatshirt
- Girls may also wear a navy jumper with shorts underneath or an elastic-waist khaki or navy skort.

Pre-K does not have additional gym or formal uniform attire.



**WHITE, NAVY,
OR GRAY
POLO SHIRT**
(SHORT OR LONG
SLEEVED)



**ELASTIC-WAIST
SKORT**
(NAVY OR KHAKI)



**ELASTIC-WAIST
PANTS**
(NAVY OR KHAKI)



**SOLID COLOR
NAVY JUMPER**
(OPTIONAL)



**NAVY SWEATER,
SWEATER VEST,
OR CARDIGAN**
(SOLID COLOR - NO
PATTERNS)



SOCKS
(WHITE OR NAVY)



**PLAIN VELCRO/
NO-TIE SHOES
OR SNEAKERS**
(NO CARTOON
CHARACTERS, FLASHING
LIGHTS, ETC)



**WHITE, NAVY,
OR GRAY
POLO SHIRT**
(SHORT OR LONG
SLEEVED)



**ELASTIC-WAIST
PANTS**
(NAVY OR KHAKI)



**ELASTIC-WAIST
SHORTS**
(NAVY OR KHAKI)



JOGGERS
(NAVY OR KHAKI)



**NAVY SWEATER,
SWEATER VEST,
OR CARDIGAN**
(SOLID COLOR - NO
PATTERNS)



SOCKS
(WHITE OR NAVY)



**PLAIN VELCRO/
NO-TIE SHOES
OR SNEAKERS**
(NO CARTOON
CHARACTERS, FLASHING
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All-School Dress Code Policy Details

This section provides clarity on acceptable clothing and accessories, ensuring students maintain a neat and professional appearance at all times. We outline specific regulations regarding colors, styles, and permissible items, aiming to foster a respectful and distraction-free learning environment.

PCA GIRLS Dress Code Details

Shirts

- **Grade Pre-K:** White, Navy Blue, or Gray Polo Shirts
- **Grade K5 to Grade 8** - White or Navy Blue Polo/Dress Shirts
- **Grade 9 to Grade 12** - White or Light Blue Polo/Dress Shirts

Polo Shirts – Polo shirts may be long or short sleeved. Polo shirts may be untucked, but may not be excessively long.

Button Down Dress Shirt – The dress shirts may be long or short sleeve, must be tucked in, they must be buttoned. Dress shirts are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.

Tie - Girls Lands' End tie in Classic Navy cross tie to be worn with a dress shirt (Lands End Item #438994BP7) on Chapel/Formal Attire days.

Pants

- **(Pre-K)**– Uniform pants must be **elastic-waisted pants** in khaki or navy blue.
- **(K5 to Grade 5)** – Uniform pants must be **khaki chino straight** style. Pants that are rolled, tight fitting, cargo, skinny, or baggy are not allowed.
- **(Grades 6 to 12)** – Uniform pants must be **navy chino straight style**. Pants that are rolled, tight fitting, cargo, skinny, or baggy are not allowed.

Uniform Skirts/Jumper

- **(Pre-K)**
 - Uniform skorts must be **elastic-waisted** in khaki or navy blue
 - Uniform skirts (khaki or navy blue) must be worn with black or navy blue cartwheel/cyclist shorts underneath
 - Navy blue jumpers must be worn with black or navy blue cartwheel/cyclist shorts underneath

- **(K5 to Grade 5)**
 - Khaki color skirts, must be knee/below knee length
 - **Required** Lands' End Girls Plaid Jumper in Classic Navy Plaid (Item #527959BP1)
 - with black or navy cartwheel or cycling shorts, if not wearing tights
 - Navy Blue Jumpers with white top under or navy blue polo dresses
- **(Grades 6 to 8)**
 - **Required** Lands' End Classic Navy Plaid skirt
 - A-line skirt (Item # 528013) or Pleated (Item # 527963)
 - No substitutes allowed
 - Worn with black or navy cartwheel or cycling shorts, if not wearing tights
- **(Grades 9-12)**
 - **Required** Lands' End Below-the-Knee skirt in Classic Navy
 - A-line (Item # 528009) or Pleated (Item # 527962)
 - No substitutions allowed
 - Worn with black or navy cartwheel or cycling shorts, if not wearing tights

Socks and Stockings

- Skirts, dresses, and jumpers are to be worn with white or navy-blue knee length or ankle socks
 - Socks with inappropriate wording, logos, cartoon characters, or pictures are not permitted.
- Girls may wear white or navy full-length tights
 - leggings are permitted to be worn under skirts, but never as pants.
- “Fishnet” or patterned style socks, stockings or tights are not permitted.
- The waistbands of skirts are not allowed to be rolled and unrolled during the school day.
- If, in a staff member’s opinion, the skirt is shorter than knee length, the student will be issued a dress code violation. It will not be considered necessary to measure a girl’s skirt to make this assessment.

Sweaters

- Solid navy blue cardigan, V-neck or crew-neck, vest or sweater, **hoodies are not allowed on standard dress days.**
- The only hoodies allowed are PCA logo hoodies for Gym days (Tuesday and Thursday) for grades K5-5.

Hair

- Hair should be neat, clean, and a natural hair color.
- Hairstyle should not be distracting to the individual or those around her. This includes drastic changes in hair color or style.
- No extreme hairstyles/accessories are allowed, and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

Jewelry Guidelines:

- Earrings if already wearing are allowed, only one stud per ear, no hoops or dangly earrings allowed.
- Girls may wear only one necklace, no layering, only minimal charms allowed.
- “Choker” necklaces are prohibited.
- Chains protruding from pants pockets are not permitted.
- Any other “body jewelry” is never appropriate and is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, nose rings. Enforcement is at the discretion of the administration

Nails & Make Up

- Nails must be short, no artificial nails, only clear or natural color polish is allowed.
- As a rule, full or obvious makeup is not allowed. Middle school and high school girls may wear a light coating of natural-colored mascara, but no eyeliner or full face makeup. Coverage of “spot” blemishes is allowed. Girls in grades K5-5 should not wear makeup.

Shoes

- Closed toe shoes only such as loafers, sneakers, dress shoes, no sandals, flip-flops, or crocs. Approved colors are brown, black, navy blue for dress shoes. If wearing sneakers, no cartoon characters, bright colors or flashing lights.

PCA BOYS Dress Code Details

Shirts

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- **Grade K5 to Grade 8** - White or Navy Blue Polo/Dress Shirts
- **Grade 9 to Grade 12** - White or Light Blue Polo/Dress Shirts

Polo Shirts – Polo shirts may be long or short sleeve, may be untucked, but may not be excessively long.

Button Down Dress Shirt –The dress shirts may be long or short sleeve, must be tucked in, must be buttoned, excluding the top button. Dress shirts are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.

Tie - *Boy’s Lands End tie in Classic Navy Plaid color to be worn with a dress shirt (Lands End Item #426743BP4)

Pants

(Pre-K) – Uniform pants, shorts, and joggers must be **elastic-waisted** in khaki or navy blue. No belts, buckles, buttons, or zippers.

(K5-12)

Uniform Pants – Boys uniform pants must be khaki chino straight style. Pants that are rolled, tight fitting, cargo, skinny or baggy are not allowed.

Uniform Shorts – Uniform shorts must be khaki. Please note that shorts are not allowed during the winter quarter (November through end of March).

- Boys may only wear a plain brown or black belt with pants or shorts.
- No oversized belt buckles for belts with logos are allowed.
- Belts must be brown or black and worn with the dress shirt but are not required for polo shirts
- No undergarments are to be visible at any time. Sagging is not allowed.
- Shorts are to be worn with white or navy-blue socks
- Socks with inappropriate wording, logos, or pictures are not permitted.

Sweaters

- Solid navy blue cardigan, V-neck or crew-neck, vest or sweater, **hoodies not allowed on regular dress days.**
- The only hoodies allowed are PCA logo hoodies for Gym days (Tuesday and Thursday) for grades K5-5.

Hair

- Hair should be neat, clean, and a natural hair color. Hair length should conform to the following guidelines: above the eyes, above the earlobes, and above the middle of the collar of a dress shirt.
- No facial hair, boys should be clean-shaven.
- No extreme hairstyles are allowed (e.g., man-buns, mohawks, etc.), and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

Accessories

- Boys can wear an analogue watch, (no smartwatches allowed). No necklaces, earrings, piercings, or bracelets, or rings.

Shoes

- Closed toe shoes only such as loafers, sneakers, dress shoes, no sandals, flip-flops, or crocs. Approved colors are brown or black dress shoes, and white sneakers. If wearing sneakers, keep them plain. No cartoon characters, bright colors, or flashing lights.

Note: Boys may not wear makeup of any kind. No permanent or temporary tattoos, either. Hats and caps are not permitted indoors, outdoor use only. Wearing bandanas is prohibited.

No modifications of uniform are permitted.

Boys and Girls Outerwear

When it comes to outerwear, both boys and girls must follow specific guidelines. Outerwear options include sweaters, vests, cardigans, crewnecks, or jackets, in colors of gray, navy, or white. It's important to remember that outerwear should not display any advertising, writing, animations, or logos, with the exception of the PCA logo. Hoodies (even with PCA logos) are **not** allowed with regular school dress. A selection of outerwear is available for optional purchase on our Lands' End school page.