

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: General Requirements apply in all cases and at all times.

- **Objectives:** Encourage modesty, decency and propriety, and discourage the use of clothing as a means of gaining attention or status. See 1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9,10; James 2:1-5.
- **Agreement and Attitude:** As an enrolled family/student, you have agreed to abide by and respect policies of the school. If you have suggestions for summer revisions of the Code, please refer those to the Admin Office.
- **Administration Discretion:** In all cases, the Admin Office has full discretion to determine appropriateness and compliance with this Dress Code (and may restrict on a case-by-case basis or grant a limited variance such as for sports, Formal, special dress days, camp, etc.).
- **When in Effect:** 8 a.m. to departure time on all school days. *Standards regarding modesty and decency herein are enforceable at all times and at all school-related events, competitions, in posted photos, games, and other school-sponsored trips.*
- **General Standard:** Neat, washed, clean, appropriately sized (not too loose or too tight), with no tears, fringe, or distractions due to color, pattern, cut, etc.). *Tucked in shirts not required.*
- **Not Permitted:** Hoodies, pocketed Overwear, spandex, nylon, and stretch-type materials, drawings or doodles on any clothing or footwear or bodies, visible tattoos or body piercings other than earrings (see Jewelry), Objectionable, provocative, or revealing (e.g. cleavage, belly, backside, undergarments). *Nothing worn or brought to school can violate Christian sensibilities (e.g., skulls, liquor, tobacco, weapons, symbols of death or witchcraft or evil or immorality and similar).*
- **Length:** At all times, no more than 4 inches above top of kneecap (in both front and back). Slits no longer than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap. *See P.E./Athletics for addtl. rules.*
- **Hygiene:** Keep teeth brushed and prevent body odor when it becomes apparent.
- **Hair:** Well-groomed, clean, a natural color, and gender appropriate. No distracting styling (e.g., no Mohawk styling or designs).
 - **Boys:** Hair may not extend below ear lobes or eyebrows, no “tails” or “man buns.” No facial hair or stubble or sideburns; *failure to do so will require shaving at school with provided products.*
- **All Campus Visitors:** Must follow Code of Conduct and the General Provisions of this Dress Code requiring **modesty** (e.g., no Objectionable tattoos or visible body piercings except earrings, not overly tight or revealing, no attire/accessories). May not be Objectionable (see below). Noncompliance will require immediate remediation or departure from campus.



➤ **“Objectionable” Defined:** *May not depict controversial material or violate Christian sensibilities (e.g., skulls, liquor, tobacco, weapons, representations of death, witchcraft, evil or immorality, or similar, and clothing choices inappropriate to biological gender).*

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

- See Sycamore Calendar for Special Dress Days. Good faith efforts (at least 50% of dress matches theme) required. Hats matching a special dress day (e.g. Hat/ Cap Day) are permitted, unless a teacher requests its removal in the classroom. If not participating, Dress Code is required.

FREE DRESS DAYS

- Free Dress Tickets can be earned as a reward for Fundraiser (or other approved participation to support the school). General Requirements of this Code apply. No tears above the knee allowed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Special Events** (e.g., Capstone, Tournaments, Photo Day, Mock Trial, Recitals, Baccalaureate, Graduation): Dress-up attire is expected. Girls may wear shoes appropriate to formal attire; Length Rule applies (no fishnet/lace hose). Students changing after event must abide by Dress Code.
- **Formal/Homecoming:** See Event Registration Form.
- **Field Trips:** Must wear PCCS-issued “field trip shirt.” Noncompliance results in non-participation or a charge for a new shirt to wear that day (\$20).

JEWELRY, MAKE-UP, POLISH

- **Jewelry/Accessories:** Minimal non-distracting jewelry allowed. Boys may not wear earrings. Not allowed: Any type of watch, “smart” device,” or other adornments. No other body piercings or tattoos shall be visible.
- **Nail polish/Make-up:** Nail polish allowed for girls only. 6th-12th girls may wear simple make-up with a light touch.

OUTERWEAR: COATS/JACKETS, HATS/CAPS (worn to/from)

- Coats, Jackets, Hats/Caps of choice may be worn to/from school AND during recess/lunch only, provided it has no objectionable content.
- Outerwear must be placed on classroom/hall hooks or in lockers. Hoodies, trench coats/dusters not allowed.
- See *School-Day Overwear*, above, for items permitted in the buildings and classrooms.

APPROVED SHIRTS: SHORT OR LONG-SLEEVE

1. **T-Shirt with PCCS logo:** Any **solid** color, standard-cut, crew-collared, plain.
 2. **Polo-style Shirt with or without PCCS logo:** Any **solid** color, standard-cut, with buttons.
 3. **PCCS-Novelties Shirts with a PCCS/Poetry school designation** sold exclusively through PCCS and from PCCS organizations *with PCCS school name or logo visible* (e.g. Retreat, Student Council, NHS, 5K, missions, athletics).
- Allowed: One inconspicuous 1” or less brand logo
 - Seniors: A polo, t-shirt, or crew sweatshirt depicting the college name/logo they have *been accepted to and formally chosen* to attend, provided such shirt meets other Dress Code requirements.



SCHOOL-DAY OVERWEAR (during school day/in classes)

➤ Only These Styles (same as 21-22): Pullover, buttoned, full-zip, or half-zip styles. non-hooded sweatshirts, cardigans, sweaters, PCCS letter jackets.

- 1) **Any solid color WITH PCCS logo** –OR–
- 2) PCCS Novelty Overwear (e.g., sweatshirts) purchased through school offices/Library



➤ Appropriately sized in shoulders, sleeves, at hip or waist in length; no tying around the waist.
➤ Must be worn over any Approved PCCS Shirt.
➤ Not permitted: patterns, stripes, checks, lettering, designs, blankets “worn” over clothing, hoods/hoodies, or **pockets larger than 3”**.

JEANS, PANTS, SHORTS, OVERALLS & CAPRIS

➤ Style: Standard-cut cotton/cotton-blend, walking-style shorts, capris, overalls, or jeans. Must be appropriately sized, belt not required unless they can't stay at natural waistline. Leggings, tights, “jeggings” not allowed.

➤ Color: **Solid Navy, Khaki, Black, Blue-toned**

➤ “Standard cut” at-the-waist only (guide: 5” or more from bottom zipper seam to top of waistband is okay).
➤ Not permitted: Baggy/sagging, excess length, revealing or inappropriately tight, hip-hugger, low-rise, sweat/wind pants, corduroys, soccer/boxer style shorts, streaks, holes, distressed/imitation tears, or adornments (e.g., fringe, beads, bedazzled, distracting embroidery on pockets or elsewhere, overly baggy pockets).

JUMPERS, POLO DRESSES, SKIRTS & SKORTS

➤ Style: V-neck, square neck, round neck, polo collar.
➤ Color: **Only** solid Navy or Khaki, French Toast Green Plaid only, or Land's End Hunter Classic Navy Plaid only, or blue-toned Denim. May have PCCS logo, but not required.
➤ Other dresses not allowed.
➤ Any Approved Shirt, see above, is worn underneath.
➤ Privacy shorts required. Hose or tights are allowed.

SHOES, BOOTS, ATHLETIC SHOES, SOCKS

➤ “Non-marking” soles required to protect the gym floor.
➤ Style: Closed toe & closed heel with no more than 2” heel. Ballet-style shoes are permissible.
➤ Not permitted: Sandals, para-military type, Crocs, lug-soled, house shoes, steel-toed, wheeled, objectionable content, lights, jingles, bells/sounds, mismatched shoes. Shoes fastened (Velcro, shoestrings) as designed.
➤ Socks must be worn; any design or color.

CLOTHING PURCHASES AND LOGOS FYI:

➤ *Items may be purchased (or logos ordered on a family's purchases) must be obtained as follows:*

1. Purchase through the school at the Annual August Parent Meeting or in the Library during the school term (e.g., Novelty shirts, polos, and sweatshirts).
2. Free/Swap-N-Drop at the Annual August Parent Meeting (or thru the Elementary Office); bring clean items you wish to donate to the Elementary Office.
3. Purchase your own **Approved Shirt** from any vendor and order PCCS Logo at the Library with an Embroidery Unlimited Order Form (Sycamore Documents).

4. Order from Land's End (code #900102419).

➤ *No independent logo application is permitted.*

P.E./ATHLETICS DRESS-OUT, PRACTICES & GAMES

➤ **Modest Shorts Required:** At least mid-thigh length; proposed for preapproval by AD to Admin and President before purchased. Rolling up or tucking under to shorten violates modesty rule and results in benching; repeat conduct results in other consequences; coach must be attentive and promote modesty as per this Code.

➤ **P.E. Non-Athletic Classes:**

- Long or short sleeved t-shirt with no objectionable content, athletics program practice shirt, or PCCS Approved Shirt. Non-marking shoes if in gym.
- Sweatpants or shorts (Length Rule applies). Yoga pants require a shirt no shorter than finger-tip length.
- Change back to Dress Code immediately after class.
- Dance and Karate classes must wear approved attire.



➤ **P.E. Athletic Team Classes:** School-issued practice uniforms, except for student-purchased softball or baseball pants. Non-marking athletics shoes. *Shorts: See above.*

➤ **Home & Away Game Attire for Athletes:** PCCS athletes represent our school at ALL games. Must arrive wearing (1) team uniform, team shirt, or athletics practice shirt and (2) slacks, jeans or shorts *meeting the Length Rule*, or other attire as otherwise specified by the Athletic Director. *Such athletes are not permitted to wear casual street clothes before or after games are played.*

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT:

➤ **Grace Week:** To assist students with applying this Code, verbal warnings may be given during the 1st week a student attends in the discretion of Administration. **Note:** *Students who attended the prior year are held to a higher standard in knowing the Code.* Disregard of a warning on Grace Week results in a Violation. *After Grace Week, noncompliance is enforced.*

➤ **Violations and Remediation:**

- **4th-12th Attire:** If attire does not comply, the Office will provide compliant attire “Uniform” (e.g., pants and tucked in polo) worn for rest of school day.
- **P-3rd Attire:** 3 Strikes applies: 1) Verbal Warning (no Fine); 2) Phone call to parent; 3) See above. Fine applies to 2) and 3).
- **All grades:** Noncompliant removable items (e.g., jacket, jewelry, smart watch, head covering) confiscated.
- \$25 Fine (paid to person reporting it; *prior policy*)
- Discipline Log to parent.
- Student's personal attire and accessories returned when: 1) the Fine is paid; and, as applicable, 2) the “Uniform” is returned washed and undamaged to the Office by the following Monday (failure to do so results in a Replacement Charge of \$30).



➤ **Habitual Noncompliance** is a Category 2 or 3 Misconduct (see Code of Conduct) and will result in wearing an approved school uniform daily and more severe consequences in the discretion of Administration.

