

## Dress Code

### Expectations

The dress code is applicable to all PCA Upper School students and their guests whenever they are on school property or in a school-related activity during school hours. Students who are at school functions after school hours, i.e., athletic events, and who are dressed immodestly or inappropriately, e.g., wearing an offensive t-shirt, may be asked by any school personnel to change or leave the event. The principal may grant exceptions to the dress code because of medical or religious reasons. The principal and staff are the sole arbiters of the dress code. The principal may announce jeans days or jeans and t-shirts days as appropriate.

### Enforcement

Any student/parent wanting clarification on any item is encouraged to ask before the student wears the garment. Students out of dress code will be permitted to call home for appropriate clothing and may be asked to remain out of class until they are in compliance with the dress code.

## Male Dress Code

**Uppers:** Short/long sleeved polo or Oxford dress shirt. Shirts must have collars and be tucked in so that the belt is visible. Crew, cardigan, or V-necked sweaters or sweatshirts (with or without hoods) may be worn.

**Bottoms:** Dockers/cargo style pants or shorts. Belts are required and must be worn at waist level. Back welt and/or front slash pockets are permitted. Patch pockets (in khaki and black only) are permitted. Blue jeans may only be worn on designated jeans days. Pants are to be worn so that undergarments cannot be seen. Athletic pants, sweatpants, parachute pants, skinny pants, sports pants, leather and imitation leather are not part of the dress code. Shorts need to be knee length.

**Shoes:** Sneakers, dress shoes, boots, sandals or flip flops.

## Female Dress Code

**Uppers:** Short/long sleeved polo shirt, Oxford dress shirt, blouse, or turtleneck. Shirts must be constructed from an opaque fabric, have collars and buttons (exception turtleneck), and be tucked in or neatly hemmed. Only the top two buttons may be left unbuttoned, i.e., the collar button and the one below it. Crew, cardigan, or V-necked sweaters or sweatshirts (with or without hoods) may be worn. Sheer/lace/eyelet fabrics are not part of the dress code. Undergarments are not to be visible. Spaghetti straps/strapless tops are not permitted without a sweater.

**Bottoms:** Dockers/cargo style pants, shorts or dress pants. Back welt and/or front slash pockets are permitted. Patch pockets (in khaki or black only) are permitted. Blue jeans may only be worn on designated jeans days. Skirts may be worn but must be worn at the waist and constructed from an opaque fabric (no lace, eyelet, sheer fabric); shorts and skirt length must be to the kneecap. Dresses & skirts may be worn with or without collar and length must be to the kneecap. Yoga pants, leggings (worn as pants)/jeggings, skinny pants, sweatpants, sports pants, leather, and imitation leather are not part of the dress code.

**Shoes:** Sneakers, dress shoes, boots, sandals, or flip flops.

## Grooming, Accessories, and General Requirements

**Belts:** Belts are required for male students, must be in good repair, and worn with the belt tip tucked into the belt retainer. Belts should complement clothing; ostentatious belt buckles are not permitted.

**Coats:** Unless otherwise instructed, coats, jackets, and outer garments must be removed upon entering the classroom.

**Facial Hair:** Male students may wear sideburns, neatly trimmed and no longer than the lower ear lobe. Neatly trimmed beards and mustaches are permitted.

- Piercing:** Female students are allowed to wear earrings (ears only). Male students may not wear any piercings, to include “invisible” earrings.
- Hair:** Hair needs to be neatly combed; excessive styles, i.e., Mohawks, excessive gelling or spiking is not permitted. Hair must be of a natural color. Male students may not wear their hair past the collar or the eyebrows or in tails. Students whose hair requires cutting will be given one week to get a haircut, and their parents will be contacted. Students who do not get a haircut within one week may be asked to stay home from school until they get a haircut.
- Hats:** Hats/hoods will be removed upon entering the building and may not be worn inside.
- Jewelry:** Students must exercise taste and modesty when wearing jewelry. Staff members will determine whether necklaces and bracelets are being worn in a tasteful manner.
- Logos:** PCA logos are preferred. Appropriate manufacturer’s logos may appear on clothing.
- Tattoos:** Tattoos are not permitted for either gender.