

Dress Code

Student Appearance

When a student's appearance does not conform to PCS policy, parents shall be contacted. Cooperation of the parents is expected in the encouragement of the students to present a neat, clean, and modest appearance at all times. All questions in regard to student appearance will be at the discretion of the school administrator.

Health and safety standards will be maintained at all times for the protection of the students. NO HOLES will be permitted in any clothing item. A "hole" is defined as an area where the fabric is worn through or has been cut. Students must follow dress code policy at all school sponsored events. The school has a dress code visual packet available through the office at your request.

Policy

Shirts

Students will wear polo shirts with 2 to 5 buttons of a solid color at all times. The polo shirt must be long enough to be comfortably tucked in and should be tucked in at all times. There should be no gap between the shirt and pants when students raise their arms. Polo shirts must be buttoned to an acceptable degree as to promote modesty. Polo shirt may have a small pocket embroidered emblem that is appropriate for a Christian school setting. No fluorescent colored polo or dress shirts are permitted. Students in grades 7-12 are permitted to wear a button-up dress shirt of a solid color.

On jeans days or in warmer weather, students are not permitted to wear 'spaghetti strap' shirts, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts. In other words, shoulders must be covered for both boys and girls. Sleeveless polo shirts are not permitted.

In colder weather, students may wear a solid colored turtleneck, solid color T-shirt, or a solid colored long-sleeved-shirt under the polo shirt. Sweatshirts with the PCS emblem or any solid colored sweatshirt or sweater are permitted to be worn over their polo shirts with the collar visible. Students are permitted to wear a cardigan (which may or may not have buttons) over their polo or dress shirt. Students are not permitted to wear any type of top that has a hood while in school. Gloves, coats, scarves, and jackets are not permitted to be worn in the school building. Students may also wear the dress code approved polar fleece which is available to be purchased through the school.

Pants/skirts

Students will wear pants, capris, skorts, culottes, skirts, jumpers, or dress shorts that are navy blue, tan, gray, or black in color. No denim, no yoga pants, baggy pants, or sweatpants are permitted. Straight legs are acceptable provided that they are NOT low rise and they are not so tight as to be immodest. Leggings/"jeggings", "skinny pants" are **NOT** considered dress code appropriate. **Solid color leggings may only be worn under a skirt or jumper.** All of the above (except pants) may not be shorter than two inches above the knee. Dress code issues will be handled at the discretion of the administrator, who will consult the board if further clarification is required.



Shoes

Students will wear appropriate shoes at all times. High heels (over 1” in height), sandals, or other open-toed shoes are not to be worn. Clogs with straps may be worn if the strap is fastened appropriately. Images on shoes must be appropriate to be worn in a Christian school setting. Sneakers with flashing

lights, wheels, or any other modification to the shoe which would cause a distraction to learning or a threat to student safety are not permitted. For safety reasons, shoes must be tied, buckled, or latched at all times.

Accessories for girls

Girls who choose to wear earrings are permitted to wear studs only. For safety reasons, earrings that dangle are not permitted. If girls choose to have their ears pierced, they may only be pierced twice and, again for safety reasons, no cartilage piercings will be permitted. If a student enrolls at PCS and already has multiple ear piercings, earrings will only be permitted to be worn in the first two piercings, on the ear lobe. No body piercings or tattoos are permitted. No fake tattoos are permitted.

Girls in grades 7 to 12 should use natural colors when wearing face and eye make-up. Use discretion and be modest in the application of the make-up. Girls in younger grades should limit make-up to clear lip-gloss. Girls are asked to keep fingernails manicured at an appropriate length and use light or neutral colored polish.

Girls are permitted to wear solid-colored headbands, barrettes, and/or hair ties as long as they are not a fluorescent color and do not call undue attention to the hair accessory. They must not be a distraction or present a threat to student safety. Trendy styles or hair extensions are not permitted. Girls may highlight their hair using only natural colors. Mohawks, Afros, shapes shaved into the hair, hair of an unnatural color or strips of hair of an unnatural color are not permitted for either boys or girls. No hats or bandannas are permitted in the building (unless it is an approved “spirit day” by the administrator).

Solid colored tights, hosiery, or shorts must be worn under skirts and/or jumpers at all times. Solid colored socks must be worn under pants at all times. Boys and girls both may wear solid-color fabric or leather belts, but the buckle cannot be a distraction or a threat to student safety.

Back packs must have school appropriate art designs.

Accessories for boys

Boys must wear their hair short enough so it is off the collar. Hair that is shaved to the scalp is not permitted. Buzz or crew cuts are acceptable. No trendy-like haircuts i.e. Mohawks, Afros, shapes shaved into the hair, hair of an unnatural color or strips of hair of an unnatural color are not permitted for either boys or girls. The “front-flip” hair style is permitted, but the “flip” may not exceed one inch in length. Facial hair must be well groomed. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. No body piercings or tattoos are permitted. No fake tattoos are permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear make-up. Also, chains on wallets are not permitted for safety reasons.

No hats or bandannas are permitted in the building (unless it is an approved “spirit day” by the administrator).

Solid colored socks must be worn under pants at all times. Boys and girls both may wear solid-color fabric or leather belts, but the buckle cannot be a distraction or a threat to student safety.

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Jewelry

All jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings) must be modest, tasteful, and appropriate for a Christian-school setting. Students are discouraged from wearing expensive jewelry items to school. PCS is not responsible for lost items.

Dress Code Violations

NOTE TO PARENTS:

Parents are encouraged to teach their children to live happily and submissively within the code's guidelines. Nitpicking criticism, to which any set of rules is susceptible, creates a spirit of unrest in children. We want to prevent the dress code from becoming a major issue at Punxsutawney Christian School. Even though we readily acknowledge that much of the dress code is mere institutional preference, it is not optional. Students are expected to comply with the code and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. We are not here to be "clothes police". It is inappropriate that complying students, teachers, or principals be distracted from the educational process, due to someone failing in his or her commitment to follow the code.

Dress code questions will be addressed at the discretion of the administrator. Once the administrator decides that a student has violated dress code, the student will be warned not to wear or bring the item back to school. Parents will also be notified of dress code violations. If the student wears the item to school again, the discipline policy will be enforced. The administrator will attempt to locate an alternative to the garment. If an alternative is not available, a parent will be called to bring appropriate clothing. In the event that the parent is unable to bring the clothing, the student will be assigned to In School Suspension for the remainder of the day.

Students must follow the dress code established by the PCS staff for field trips. Students will be made aware of appropriate dress prior to the date of the trip. If students are not appropriately dressed, and alternative clothing is not available before departure, the student could lose the privilege of attending the field trip.

You have completed the application process for PCS! Before you mail or hand in your completed application take a few moments to check and make sure that the following items have been included or requested:

- Application
- \$75 Application Fee
- Transcript request form if applicable
- Official copy of Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Completed Tuition Agreement

You may keep pages 7-13 for your records

