

## **School Grooming and Dress Code Policies**

We believe there is a direct relationship between the appearance of students and their conduct, attitude, and seriousness of purpose. Appropriate clothing and a student's general appearance at a Christian school should reflect modesty, moderation, and neatness and should not draw undue attention to the individual. We believe that a school uniform best meets these goals with the least problem of enforcement. The dress code policies also apply to field trips, school events, and graduation (unless otherwise stated).

### **General Appearance**

1. Clothing must be of an appropriate size, neither too small nor too large. Slightly oversized (to allow for a year's growth) is acceptable, but greatly oversized is not acceptable for school attire.
2. All shirts and blouses must have collars and must be tucked-in at all times.
3. Clothing that is too short is not permitted. Skirts, shorts, skorts or dresses must be longer than mid-thigh or three inches above the knee when kneeling.
4. Hair is to be neatly groomed, out of the eyes, and above the eyebrows (when combed straight down).
5. Boys' hair length must be above the collar and out of the eyes.
6. No "punk" hairstyles are allowed (mohawk, fashion shaved-styles, etc).
7. No colored hairstyles are allowed in grades 4K-5.
8. Colored hair, using God-given, natural hair colors, is permitted in grades 6-8.
9. Make-up is not permitted in grades 4K-5; nail polish (clear only—no glitter) is permitted in all grades.
10. Light, natural-looking make-up is permitted for students in grades 6-8 (excessive eye make-up is not permitted), and is subject to approval by principal/administrator.
11. For safety reasons, excessive jewelry, including dangling earrings, is not permitted.
12. Pierced earrings are allowed on girls and in ears only. No other pierced jewelry is allowed on anyone.
13. Hats are permitted *outside* and must be worn with the bill forward.
14. No writing or graffiti of any kind may be added to clothing, skin, or property; graffiti of the skin refers to and includes, all types of 'body art' and tattoos.
15. Providence Christian School Jog-a-Thon tee shirts may only be worn on Fridays.
16. Uniform Shorts: We encourage all of our families to make sure their students are dressed appropriately for the expected daily weather conditions warm, or cold.
17. Boy or Girl Scout uniforms and AWANA vests may be worn on meeting days. No sports team jerseys are allowed.
18. Denim clothing is not permitted.
19. Bike shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts.
20. If your child chooses to wear layered clothing (turtlenecks, tee-shirts, etc.), all layers should uniform clothing and colors.

### **Footwear**

1. Footwear should be of an appropriate style (no skulls or gang symbols).
2. Shoes and **socks** are to be worn at all times, and shoes must be laced and tied.
3. *All students* are required to wear or bring sneakers on P.E. days.
4. Rain boots are *not* to be worn in the classroom. Fashion boots, however, are permitted if they provide a stable walking surface (no high heels). For safety reasons, sandals, flip-flops, backless shoes, or over-sized boots are not allowed.

### **Outerwear**

Sweatshirts, jackets, and sweaters worn in class must be Providence Christian School approved uniform items. Cold-weather jackets (i.e., parkas) *do not* need to be Providence Christian School uniform items, however they may only be worn outdoors and not in the classroom.

## Uniform Specifications

### Girls' Uniforms (Only Providence Christian School logo or name allowed on clothing items)

Blouses	White, Light Blue
<i>Short or long sleeves</i>	
Polo Shirts	Red, Navy, Light Blue or White
<i>Short or long sleeves</i>	
Jumpers*	Navy, Khaki or Hamilton Plaid (also called Navy Large)
Skirts*	Navy, Khaki or Hamilton Plaid (also called Navy Large)
Shorts/Skort*	Navy, Khaki or Hamilton Plaid (also called Navy Large)
Slacks*	Navy or Khaki
Sweaters/Sweatshirts	Red, Navy, Light Blue or White
Leggings	Red, Navy

*No sweatpants are allowed. Leggings are only to be worn **under** skirts and dresses, and leggings **DO NOT** take the place of pants. Shorts, skirts and dresses must still maintain dress code standards and length, even when worn with leggings.*

#### Accessories:

Cotton tights, knee socks, or crew socks	Red, Navy, Beige, or White (solid color, no designs)
Belts	Plain black or brown only ( <i>solid color, no rivets, cutouts, sequins, glitter, etc.</i> )

**Providence Christian School Jog-a-Thon tee shirts** may be worn on **Fridays only**. \*Bike shorts or leggings must be worn under jumpers and skirts. \*All jumpers, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee when the student is kneeling on the ground. \*No skinny cut or tight-fitting pants.

### Boys' Uniforms (Only Providence Christian School logo or name allowed on clothing items)

Dress Shirts	Red, Navy, Light Blue or White
<i>Short or long sleeve</i>	
Polo Shirts	Red, Navy, Light Blue or White
<i>Short or long sleeve</i>	
Slacks*	Navy or Khaki
Shorts	Navy or Khaki
Sweaters/Sweatshirts	Red, Navy, Light Blue or White

#### Accessories:

Socks	Red, Navy, Beige, or White (solid color, no designs)
Belts	Plain black or brown only ( <i>solid color, no rivets or cutouts</i> )

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\*No cargo pants, no skinny cut or tight-fitting pants.

## General Uniform Standard

Our goal is for students to be well-groomed and dress modestly and neatly, glorifying God in body and spirit, and not drawing undue attention to themselves. Therefore, the dress code will be strictly enforced.

**\*Please Note** – the uniform requirement *only* applies to Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade – **uniforms are not required in our 4K program.**

## Dress Code Violation

*What happens if my child is in violation of the dress code policy?*

- **First Violation:** A dress code violation slip will be sent home with your child, indicating the dress code infraction.
- **Second Violation:** Should there be a repeat of a previously specified dress code violation, the parent will be phoned. If the infraction relates to the uniform, the parent will be asked to bring the appropriate clothing to school.
- **Third Violation:** The parent and student will be required to meet with the principal/administrator if the specified violation is repeated.

## **Physical Education Uniforms—grades 6-8**

Students will supply a tee-shirt, gym shorts, sweatpants, socks (*red, navy, beige, or white per dress code*) and running shoes for P.E. Students must also supply a mesh bag for the storage of P.E. clothing. Tee-shirts may not be tight-fitting or transparent. Girls P.E. gym shorts must still maintain dress code length, which is as follows: All shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee when the student is kneeling on the ground. P.E. clothing will need to be taken home each week for laundering and returned the following week for class.

*Failure to dress-down for P.E. will result in the following:*

- If the student arrives for P.E. in attire that does not meet the requirements of the P.E. dress code policy, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the class until the problem has been rectified. Once rectified, the student will be allowed to join the class for the remainder of the P.E. period and will be given a written assignment to take home, complete, have signed by his/her parents, and return to the P.E. instructor the next school day.
- If the uniform violation cannot be immediately rectified, then the student will not be allowed to join the class, but will instead be directed to the school office where he/she will remain until the end of the P.E. period. During that P.E. period the student will be given a written assignment to be completed during that class period and turned in to the P.E. instructor. The parents will also be notified of these events.

In both of the above cases, the P.E. instructor will provide the principal/administrator with the written assignments in the event that any further actions need to be taken (i.e., if the number of violations exceeds three, or if the student's attitude upon receiving his/her discipline is poor).