

UNIFORM POLICY

PHILOSOPHY:

As Christians, we are constantly required to filter messages that we receive from the secular world. While we live in the world and its culture, we are called to live counter-culturally (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Peter 2:9). As such, our uniform policy is founded upon principles that strive to reflect a Christ-centered environment. In a culture in which personal expression is exalted above all else, beauty is relative, the good of our neighbor is subordinated to the “rights” of the individual, and even the biological gender of men and women as created in the image of God (male and female) is questioned, it is the desire of Providence Classical School to glorify God in both the character and culture of the school. We ask that the parents and students support a manner of dress that reflects the Christian, classical, and scholarly image of Providence Classical School.

As ambassadors of Christ to each other and to the watching world, the following principles guide our choice of school attire to promote **unity**, **modesty**, **order**, and **simplicity**:

1. In **unity**, our attire will not seek to draw attention to the individual student but rather seek to invest in and protect the virtue and character of that portion of the body of Christ that finds itself at Providence Classical School.
2. Our attire will portray a heart of both **modesty** and humility.
3. Our attire will support the effort to maintain **order** throughout the school.
4. As we seek to invest in each other, our attire will support a school culture that requires an ever-decreasing necessity of oversight with **simplicity** of uniform choices that are free of trends that are associated with social status.

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

Students not complying with the uniform policy and other dress code guidelines will be asked to take responsibility to rectify their appearance. Offenses may result in the student not being permitted to attend class until the uniform or other dress is corrected. If necessary, parents may be notified to bring the appropriate pieces to school. The expectation is cheerful and consistent compliance from the students and parents, as well as consistent enforcement by the school staff.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Uniform items must be purchased from Lands’ End (School Code: 900058520). All shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and US gym shorts will have the PCS logo.

Families sell, purchase, and exchange used uniform items through the [PCS Parents Uniform Exchange Facebook Group](#).

If you are unsure about the uniform policy requirements, please contact your student’s Principal.

Parents are responsible for monitoring the condition of uniforms, including the length of pants, skirts, and shorts, especially during growth spurts.

[What To Wear When](#)

Standard Uniform Days: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (See the Uniform Options charts below.)

Dress Uniform Days: Wednesdays and Special Events (See the Uniform Options charts below.); occasionally, it will be announced to parents and Upper School students that, due to a specific event, the normal Dress Uniform Day may be a different day of the week.

Friday Dress:

Students may wear appropriate jeans (see information on this below) or uniform bottoms with ANY PCS t-shirt or sweatshirt. T-shirts do not have to be tucked in. Shoes and socks will follow regular uniform guidelines; Upper School students may also choose to wear high/mid tops or boots on this day.

PCS t-shirts purchased through the Booster Club support our athletic teams.

Jeans will have no holes or tears and not be too tight or too loose. Minimal fraying at the hem is acceptable. Black, blue, gray, or white jeans may be worn to school.

If students choose to wear their full uniform on this day, they will follow ALL the regular uniform guidelines (e.g., belts for young men and shirts tucked in).

Upper School Athletic Electives: Students will change into the Lands' End gym clothing selections and must wear athletic/running shoes for these classes. (See the Uniform Options charts below.)

Apparel And Gear

Students are expected to look neat and clean without holes, tears, or excessive fraying in clothing.

Shirts are to be tucked in at all times (with the exception of the Upper School ladies' dress shirt), except during active recess, outside time, or PE time.

If worn, undershirts must be solid white, and the sleeves will not be visible.

The hem of jumpers, skirts, and skorts will approach the knee (may be hemmed 2 inches above the knees or longer).

School gear (e.g., lunch kits, stickers on water bottles) is to reflect the same principles as for school attire.

Grammar School students must wear athletic/running shoes on PE days.

Senior Privileges

The 12th graders may wear any style or color of socks. (See the Uniform Options charts below.)

The gentlemen may wear any appropriate design or style of tie or bowtie.

PCS senior t-shirts may be purchased and worn with jeans on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

With Senior Thesis presentations, the gentlemen will need a suit and dress shoes, and the ladies will need either dress pants or a dress with dress shoes.

Outerwear

Monday – Thursday: The uniform outerwear is the ONLY outerwear that will be worn on campus. This includes their personal PCS Letterman Jacket and/or the PCS Booster Navy ¼ Zip. The ¼ zip only comes in adult sizes and must fit grammar school students appropriately. (See the Uniform Options charts below.)

Fridays only: Other PCS outerwear (e.g., PCS Booster Club sweatshirts and PCS Athletics sweatshirts) may be worn. Uniform outerwear can be worn on this day, too.

Non-PCS sweatshirts are not permitted.

In inclement weather, students may wear the following items on campus but not in the classroom: rain jackets, heavy coats, hats/headwear, gloves/scarves.

Hats and other headwear will not be worn on campus except for protection from inclement weather.

GROOMING GUIDELINES

Hair

Hair will be neat, not covering any part of the eyes, and conservatively styled.

For boys and young men, hair will be worn above the collar and not cover the ears.

Young men are to be clean-shaven daily.

Hair may not be dyed outside of natural hair colors.

Hair accessories for girls and young ladies should be simple, moderate in size, not distracting, and neutral or school colors (e.g., navy, gold, white, black, khaki, or PCS plaid).

Make-Up, Jewelry, And Tattoos

Upper School young ladies may wear modestly applied makeup.

Nails will be neat, clean, and not distracting.

Students may wear simple jewelry that is not distracting.

Students are not permitted to have facial piercings, and boys and young men are not allowed to have any piercings.

Students will not have tattoos.

NON-UNIFORM CLOTHING

The following guidelines apply to any occasion on which students will wear non-uniform clothing (e.g., free dress, theme days, feast days, etc.):

Shorts or skorts must meet the following guidelines:

- Must extend past the length of the student's fingertips at the shortest hem.
- Must be clearly visible below the hem of the shirt.
- Must be loose-fitting (no biker shorts)

The hem of skirts or dresses will approach the knee (2 inches above the knees or longer).

Leggings will never be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn underneath shorts, skirts, or dresses for added warmth.

Shoes must be closed-toed, with flat or nearly flat soles. Crocs and flip-flops are not allowed. If allowed to dress professionally for debates, interviews, and/or presentations, the young ladies may wear open-toed dress shoes and/or heels.

No clothing or accessories worn to school will have inappropriate words or images on them.

Tank tops and pajamas are not allowed to be worn to school.

Athletic Team Days: An athletic team may display spirit and unity by all wearing the same coach-approved athletic top with their school uniform bottoms for home games. Athletic tops will be worn with uniform bottoms.

Upper School House Games Days: Students are required to wear House t-shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans and tennis shoes on House Games days. Students may bring appropriate shorts (see above) to wear while playing in the games. New students will be given a House shirt, and if a larger shirt for any student is needed in later years, one can be purchased from the Dean of Student Life, in conjunction with the House Captains.

Dress-up Days: Students often have the opportunity to come to school in costume for time-period feasts, presentations, or other theme days. On these days, students will dress modestly and dress according to the theme assigned or in Regular Uniform.

Pep Rally Days: Some days during the year will be to support or celebrate school events and accomplishments. On these days, students may wear Friday Dress with expanded options of shoes or jeans in school colors (**blue, gold**). Other embellishments in school colors (e.g., tutus and face paint) are permitted.

Free Dress Days: Some days during the year, free dress days may be awarded to the entire student body or particular groups of students for particular reasons. On these days, students must follow the guidelines mentioned above for non-uniform days. Occasionally, particular colors to wear will be announced. Students will wear these colors (e.g., Houston Astros colors, Christmas colors), or they can choose their Standard Uniform. *Non-uniform shorts, skorts, and skirts are excluded from free dress for Upper School students.

School Dances: An email from the Upper School Administration will be sent at the beginning of each school year, providing guidelines for these occasions.

UNIFORM OPTIONS FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES

(LANDS' END PCS CODE: 900058520)

*Indicates items may be purchased outside of Lands' End School Uniforms.

ITEM	GRAMMAR (PK-6)	UPPER SCHOOL (7-12)
SHIRTS	Navy or White Polo PK-3rd : White Peter Pan for jumper only 4th-6th : White Oxford Dress Shirt OR White Peter Pan for jumper only	Navy or White Polo Light Blue or White Dress Shirt
SKIRTS Hem no more than 2" above the knee	Khaki and Navy Plaid Black/Navy Modesty Shorts* required.	Khaki and Navy Plaid Black/Navy Modesty Shorts* required.
SKORTS Hem no more than 2" above the knee	Khaki	N/A
JUMPERS Hem no more than 2" above the knee	PK-3rd : Navy Plaid Black/navy modesty shorts required.* 4th-6th may continue to wear the jumper.	N/A
PANTS	Khaki - Belt required with belt loops.	Khaki - Belt required with belt loops.
BELTS*	Brown or Black	Brown or Black
LEGGINGS* and TIGHTS*	Solids Only in White, Navy, or Black	Solids Only in White, Navy, or Black
SOCKS*	Any Style Solids Only in White, Tan, Gray, Navy, or Black Socks are required daily.	Any Style in any combination of White, Tan, Gray, Navy, or Black 12th : Any Color Socks Socks are required with tennis shoes.
SHOES* Click link for examples.	Dress Shoes Navy, Brown, or Black Leather White w/ Navy or Black Saddle Shoes Low Top Tennis Shoes any combination of White, Gray, Navy, or Black Please avoid patterns and accent colors other than those listed. PK-K : Self-fastening shoes or laces, unless the student can tie the shoes. No High/Mid Tops or Boots	Dress Shoes Navy, Brown, or Black Leather Low Top Tennis Shoes any combination of White, Gray, Navy, or Black Please avoid patterns and accent colors other than those listed. No High/Mid Tops or Boots with uniform Rainboots may be worn on heavy rain days.
REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM For Wednesdays and Special Events	PK-3rd : White Peter Pan Blouse with Navy Plaid Jumper and any shoes listed above Dress shoes preferred with Dress Uniform for Special Events. 4th-6th : White Oxford Dress Shirt with Navy Plaid Skirt OR White Peter Pan with jumper and Dress Shoes as listed above	Light Blue or White Dress Shirt Navy Plaid Skirt Dress Shoes as listed above
OUTERWEAR	Navy Cardigan (Zipper or Button) Navy V-Neck Sweater Navy Crew Sweatshirt Navy Fleece Jacket Navy Packable Rain Jacket Booster Club Navy ¼ zip* (adult sizes only)	Navy Cardigan (Zipper or Button) Navy V-Neck Sweater Navy Crew Sweatshirt Navy Fleece Jacket Navy Packable Rain Jacket Booster Club Navy ¼ zip* PCS Letterman Jacket*
PE (Motor Lab) & US ATHLETIC ELECTIVES	Athletic/Running Shoes*	Active Gym T-shirt Gray Heather Mesh Gym Shorts Classic Navy Athletic/Running Shoes*

UNIFORM OPTIONS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN (LANDS' END PCS CODE: 900058520)

*Indicates items may be purchased outside of Lands' End School Uniforms.

ITEM	GRAMMAR (PK-6)	UPPER SCHOOL (7-12)
SHIRTS	Navy or White Polo Blue Oxford	Navy or White Polo Blue or White Oxford
PANTS AND SHORTS	Khaki	Khaki
BELTS*	Brown or Black PK-1st : Optional 2nd-6th : Required Daily	Brown or Black Required Daily
SOCKS*	Any Style Solids Only in White, Tan, Gray, Navy, Black Required Daily	Any Style in any combination of White, Tan, Gray, Navy, or Black 12th : Any Color Socks Required Daily
<u>SHOES*</u> Click link for examples.	Dress Shoes Brown or Black Leather Low Top Tennis Shoes in any combination of White, Gray, Navy, or Black Avoid patterns and accents colors other than those listed. PK-K : Self-fastening shoes or laces, unless the student can tie the shoes. No High/Mid Tops or Boots	Dress Shoes Brown or Black Leather Low Top Tennis Shoe in any combination of White, Gray, Navy, or Black Avoid patterns and accents colors other than those listed. No High/Mid Tops or Boots with uniform Rainboots may be worn on heavy rain days.
REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM Wednesdays and for Special Events	PreK-3rd : Blue Oxford, Khaki Pants or Shorts with any shoes listed above Khaki Pants, Belt, and Dress Shoes preferred for Special Events. 4th-6th : Blue Oxford, Khaki Pants, Belt and Dress Shoes as listed above	Blue or White Oxford Shirt Tie Khaki Pants Belt Dress Shoes as listed above
REQUIRED TIES with Dress Uniform	N/A	7th-8th : Classic Navy 9th-11th : Classic Navy or Navy Gold Stripe 12th : Any Appropriate Design* or Style* 7th-12th : House Tie
OUTERWEAR	Navy Cardigan Navy V-Neck Sweater/Vest Navy Crew Sweatshirt Navy Fleece Jacket Navy Packable Rain Jacket Booster Club Navy ¼ zip* (adult sizes only)	Navy Cardigan Navy V-Neck Sweater/Vest Navy Crew Sweatshirt Navy Fleece Jacket Navy Packable Rain Jacket Booster Club Navy ¼ zip* PCS Letterman Jackets*
PE (Motor Lab) & US ATHLETIC ELECTIVES	Athletic/Running Shoes*	Active Gym T-shirt Gray Heather Mesh Gym Shorts Classic Navy Athletic/Running Shoes*