

# Dress Code

Let's Dress For Success!

Dress Code standards apply to all students K4-12th grade.

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***\*Be sure to read the entire dress code, including General Guidelines\****

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## GIRLS

### Pants, Capris, & Shorts:

*Must be in good repair. No skinny styles.*

*Solid or print patterns may be worn.*

*Should be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone.*

*All styles must be loose (pinch an inch in all areas). Cannot be tight or clingy.*

*Uniform, dress, or jean knee-length shorts may be worn.*

***High School students may not wear shorts.***

***Solid Jean styles in good repair may be worn.***

***No jean styles for Middle School or High School.***

***Dress style joggers are acceptable.***

***No sweatpants except for Learning to Read students.***

***High School students may not wear cargo pants.***

*No contrasting trim. No zipper pockets.*

*No flaps or designs on back pockets.*

### Dresses, Skirts, and Jumpsuits:

*Dresses, skirts, and jumpsuits are allowed.*

***Must be opaque to the knee in the front and the back including slits and extensions.***

*No sundresses allowed. Sleeves must adequately cover the shoulders.*

*Slips must be worn when needed.*

*If students are wearing leggings, the leggings must be covered to the knee.*

***Middle School and High School students' leggings must be solid.***

*Skirts should be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone.*

*Jean skirts and jean dresses in good repair, not faded, may be worn.*

*All styles must be loose (pinch an inch in all areas). Cannot be tight or clingy.*

*Low cut dresses in front or back are not permitted.*

### Shirts:

*Tunic Tops, Dress blouses, Golf-shirts, and T-shirts may be worn. **No white T-Shirts.***

***High School students may not wear T-shirts.***

*Pathway and Christian themed T-Shirts are permitted for HS.*

*All styles must be loose (pinch an inch in all areas). Cannot be tight or clingy.*

*Shirts must meet pants when arms are raised.*

*All torso skin should be covered at all times.*

*Sleeves must adequately cover the shoulders.*

*Low cut shirts in front or back are not permitted.*

*Undergarments should not be visible.*

*Shirts may be worn in or out.*

*If shirts are too long, they will need to be tucked in.*

*Shirts may **not** have words on them. (pg. 2-3, #3-4)*

*Sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn. (pg. 2-3, #3-4)*

### Shoes:

No sandals, open-toed, or jelly shoes.

Feet must be covered for safety purposes.

**High School students** may wear dress sandals or open-toed shoes.

Tennis Shoes must be worn on PE days. (see pg. 3 for PE dress code)

### **Boys:**

#### Pants & Shorts:

Must be solid and in good repair. No skinny styles.

**Elementary and Learning to Read** may wear print patterns.

Should be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone.

All styles must be loose (pinch an inch in all areas). Cannot be tight or clingy.

Uniform, dress, or jean knee-length shorts may be worn.

**High School students** may **not** wear shorts.

**Solid** Jean Styles in good repair may be worn.

**Dress** style joggers are acceptable.

No sweatpants **except for Learning to Read students**.

**High School students** may **not** wear cargo pants.

No contrasting trim. No zipper pockets.

No flaps or designs on back pockets.

Underwear should not be visible.

If pants have belt loops, **High School students** must wear belts.

#### Shirts:

Collar shirts, Golf-shirts, and T-shirts may be worn. **No white T-Shirts.**

**High School students** must wear shirts with collars.

Pathway and Christian themed T-Shirts are permitted for HS.

Standard length sleeves are required.

All styles must be loose (pinch an inch in all areas). Cannot be tight or clingy.

Shirts must meet pants when arms are raised.

All torso skin should be covered at all times.

Shirts may be worn in or out.

If shirts are too long, they will need to be tucked in.

**High School Students** must tuck in their shirts.

Shirts may not have words on them. (pgs. 2-3, #3-4)

Sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn. (pgs. 2-3, #3-4)

### Shoes:

No sandals, open-toed, or jelly shoes.

Feet must be covered for safety purposes.

Tennis Shoes must be worn on PE days. (see pg. 3 for PE dress code)

### **General Guidelines:**

1. All clothing is to be neat, clean, and in good repair with **no holes or frayed edges** in clothing. All clothing should fit properly. All torso skin should be covered at all times.
2. Students must be in dress code underneath a jacket or hoodie. If a student takes off a sweatshirt, he or she must be in dress code. Students will not be allowed to wear sweatshirts outside when the heat index is above 90 degrees. They will need to wear another shirt underneath for PE days and breaks. **See PE dress code: page 3.**
3. *Appropriate designer or name brand labels or PCA wear are **the only acceptable writing** on clothing.*
4. **Designs on clothing, materials, or jewelry (including watches, winter coats, sweatshirts,**

- hoodies, book bags, pencil boxes, etc.) cannot promote any other cause, social agenda, sports team, or college. All licensed characters worn or used at PCA must abide by PCA core values, code of conduct, and student dress code. Christian themes, excluding bands, are acceptable. Students may also wear tasteful designs, patriotic themes, and appropriate locations. Our world is changing in such a way that we must be diligent in protecting our students as well as the academy.*
5. Dress shoes, tennis shoes, or crocs in good repair must be worn. Shoelaces are to be tied and appropriate buttons are to be buttoned at all times.
  6. **Hair is to be clean, well groomed, above the eyebrows, and a natural color.** No **extreme styles** will be accepted. No excessive fullness or extreme lines. Boys hair must be off the collar and tapered at the ears. No shaved undercuts. Crew cuts are acceptable. Sideburns may not be below the bottom of the ear opening. No Mohawk hairstyles. Boys must be clean shaven. **Neatly groomed mustaches to the corner of the mouth are acceptable.** Girl's hair must be of a feminine appearance, and must be full to the natural hair line.
  6. Hair styles are ever-changing so *the administration will have discretion in this area.*
  7. No facial, tongue, or body piercing is allowed on male or female students.  
Young ladies may have no more than two holes in each ear.  
Young men may not wear earrings.
  8. No large medallions or symbols may be worn or displayed.
  9. **Students may not wear smart watches at school.**
  10. **Students must have cell phones turned off when on campus.**
  11. Makeup should be natural.
  12. Tattoos are not acceptable on any part of the body, whether permanent or temporary.
  13. Students may not wear hats or sunglasses in the building.
  14. Students must meet the appropriate dress code at all times on campus and for attendance at any school function on or off campus. *They may not change clothes at school unless they are changing into other dress code attire or have obtained permission from the administration for special circumstances.*
  15. **The administrator will have discretion in areas not addressed by these guidelines.**

### **Let's Dress for Success!**

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD CONFORM TO THE ACADEMY DRESS CODE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. PARENTS MAY BE ASKED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN A "CHANGE OF CLOTHES" IF A MAJOR AND DELIBERATE DRESS CODE VIOLATION OCCURS.**

#### **PE Dress Code Guidelines:**

**Students may wear a PE uniform to school on PE days. They may wear solid (no pastels) Tricot, nylon, or 100% polyester pants with a Pathway or Christian themed T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie.**

**All PE students must wear tennis shoes.**

