

## PORTLAND CHRISTIAN UPPER SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### POLICY MISSION + BENEFIT

PCS desires to promote a school culture that honors the Lord and reflects value and respect for each student. As 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us "...You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." 1 Timothy chapter 2 gives us guiding principles for dress. In summary, God wants us to dress in an orderly, moderate, reserved, and decent way – in a way that expresses our Christian character. Not messy, untucked, wrinkled, unkept; not wild, crazy, outlandish, extravagant, extreme; not sensual, sexually suggestive and enticing such as tight-fitting clothing revealing every curve of the body.

It is the desire of PCS that our students live and conduct themselves in a manner that will be pleasing to God and glorifying to the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Standards for appearance are a means of building character, obedience, and distinction in the lives of our students. *While some aspects of the standardized policy are not biblically mandated*, the idea of submitting to God-given authority is a biblical concept.

This is not intended to measure spirituality but rather to serve as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in the business of education. In addition, this policy also relieves the peer pressure that some students may feel to dress in ways that are immodest or that reflect materialism or other inappropriate values.

A benefit of the Uniform Policy is the atmosphere created by well-dressed young people in the classroom and on the campus. We want the dress of our students to positively reflect our Christian values as well as promote a sharp, positive, and appropriate image to those in our community. Our desire is a Uniform Policy that promotes modesty and neatness without excessive restriction on individual expression.

While the uniform policy does not apply to school events (home and away), students will be expected to dress in an orderly, moderate, reserved, and decent way – in a way that expresses our Christian character. The administration has the right to send home, request a student to change, or refuse admittance to any school event or function for those who do not comply. All PCS school rules and the Code of Conduct apply at all times for school events. PCS has a "24-7-365" aspect to the PCS Code of Conduct. PCS reserves the right to discipline for both on-campus and off-campus misbehavior during the student's tenure at PCS.

## ENFORCEMENT

Enforcing the Uniform Policy is not the sole responsibility of the school. The cooperation of students, parents, and staff is necessary to maintain the Uniform Policy. *If parents and students have questions concerning whether a piece of clothing is acceptable attire, they may see the administration before wearing the clothing to school.*

Students not in compliance with the Uniform Policy will be subject to disciplinary action. The administration of PCS will be the final judges of Uniform Policy compliance and reserves the right to decide what is proper and fitting regarding attire for school and school events. Students out of Uniform Policy will have to change into school-issued clothing or could be sent home. Modesty issues involving female students that require further consideration will be dealt with by female PCS staff, with the full support of administration.

Students who are not in compliance with the Uniform Policy will be excluded from class(s) and/or events until the problem is corrected. Any class or part of a class missed will result in either a tardy, detention, or other disciplinary action. Repeated offenses will be considered in defiance of school policy. This will result in a parent conference with appropriate action taken by the administration which could be: Lunch detention, After-School Detention, In-School Suspension, Saturday School, or Out-of-School Suspension.

## POLICY VIOLATION PROCEDURE (All Uniform Policy Violations are recorded)

<b>1st</b>	Lunch Detention
<b>2nd</b>	After School Detention
<b>3rd</b>	In-School Suspension
<b>4th</b>	Saturday School (Full Day) *This includes a \$15.00 fee (date determined by staff availability)
<b>5th</b>	Student will be placed on a probationary contract
<b>6th</b>	Student/parent meeting with academic review committee to determine if student will be able to remain at PCS for the semester

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## UNIFORM GUIDELINES

The PCS Uniform Policy is identified below and must be worn during the school day unless otherwise directed.

### TOPS

#### STYLE

- White oxford style button down shirts for boys and girls (long or short sleeve)
- Plain Polo shirts (no large logos; quarter sized acceptable) - Colors: black, green, gray or white (long or short sleeve)
- PCS polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies
- Plain, solid-color Hoodies, Crew Neck Sweatshirt, Pullover, Quarter-Zip Pullover, and V-neck sweaters - Solid Colors: black, green, gray, or white
- Cardigan sweaters (with a PCS-approved shirt underneath) - Colors: black, green, gray, or white. (Solid Colors Only)
- PCS track suit (see PCS website)
- Jackets must be plain (black, green, gray, or white) or a PCS approved jacket (no large logos; quarter sized acceptable)

#### FIT

- All shirts must come below your belt when raising your hands
- ***Any top that is not a pullover, hoodie, sweatshirt, sweater, or jacket must be tucked in your bottom garment (including PCS logo track/running/warmup pants).***

### BOTTOMS

#### PANTS

- Khaki or black uniform pants (joggers made as uniform pants, with a zipper and belt loops, are permissible.)
- Pants should not be tight fitting (slim fit is fine, but no spandex-like fit)
- PCS tracksuit, available at Shaheen's or through the online store (see PCS website when store is open); Portland official logo running/warmup pants, **in uniform colors**, in good condition, worn correctly, are allowed. This includes PCS logo joggers that are included at Shaheen's or through the online store (see PCS website when store is open)
- Shorts must be a uniform short in khaki or black (not be higher than two inches above the knee (patella) when the student is standing). No athletic shorts (basketball/track)
- No cargo shorts or pants
- Belts should be worn (as shirts will be tucked)

#### DRESSES + SKIRTS

- Pleated Skirts/jumpers in khaki, black, gray or PCS plaid. No pencil skirts allowed (slim-fitting skirt with a straight, narrow cut)
- Girls may wear leggings under PCS skirts. - Colors: Solid black, white, green, or gray
- Pleated Skirts should be NO MORE than 2 inches above the knee when SITTING or STANDING
- ***Biker shorts (solid PCS colors only - black, green, gray, or white) that reach the mid-thigh must be worn under skirts.***

## GROOMING/JEWELRY/SHOES

- No body piercings, except earrings for girls
- No visible tattoos or body art (including writing)
- Hats and hoods are not permitted during the school day
- No extreme hairstyles (including unnatural hair color), jewelry or make-up
- Facial hair must be neatly trimmed
- Boy's hair is to be neat, clean, moderate, and in good taste. Hairstyle extremes are not acceptable. Nontraditional or extreme changes in hair color are not permitted. Boys' hair length should not extend beyond the top of the shoulder (or neatly in a bun or ponytail) or cover the middle of the ears. Hair must not fall into the eyes. If a boy is given a referral for hair, he will have until the following Monday to have it resolved before being issued a second referral.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- ***NO CROCS, FLIP-FLOPS, OR SLIPPERS***

## AFTER SCHOOL APPAREL

After school clothing and accessories should not display graphics or lettering that endorse a message contrary to the Christian mission of the school. The administration has the right to send home, request a student to change, or refuse admittance to any school day or function for those who do not comply. Again, the administration of PCS will be the final judges of Uniform Policy/ After School/Event Apparel compliance and reserves the right to decide what is proper and fitting regarding attire for **school and school events. For example: tight-fitting clothing (spandex), midribs showing, short shorts, nose piercings, extreme makeup, etc.**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE

- To better prepare students for Physical Education class and to build a healthy state of mind for fitness and daily activities, **students will be REQUIRED to change for P.E** (the semester they have PE); however, we do not provide a PCS PE uniform.
- Students will change during PE Class in the Gym Locker Room.

- Students must be prepared to participate in clothes that adhere to the guidelines listed below:
  - Loose fitting t-shirt (no tank tops). Shirts must be free of any inappropriate wording or images. They must be God-honoring in appearance.
  - Athletic shorts (shorts need to adhere to appropriate length per student handbook - no more than 2 inches above the knee)
  - Sweatpants are also permitted. Yoga pants or leggings must be accompanied by approved athletic shorts.
  - Sweatshirt for cold days (no heavy jackets)
  - Athletic shoes (running or sport sneakers). No slip-ons, heels, Uggs, boots, slippers, Crocs, or flip-flops - shoes must surround ankle for adequate protection.
  - For safety reasons, the shorts and shirt are not to have pockets, snaps, zippers, buckles, buttons, or metal studs.