Middle & Upper School Dress Code

Please Note: ***The 2026-2027 school year will serve as a transition year.*** *Students may continue wearing previously approved uniform items throughout this school year. The updated dress code (highlighted in blue) will become the standard beginning with the* ***2027-2028 school year****, giving every family plenty of time to make the transition naturally as new clothing is purchased.*

The school upholds a standard of dress that is modest and tasteful. Failure to abide by the dress code standards will result in consequences that begin with a verbal warning and, in most cases, a required change of clothing, and then lead to a written warning, and finally, to a minor detention. Administration has final discretion on the appropriateness of specific clothing.

General guidelines for all dress

- All clothing must be loose-fitting (not excessively tight or big and baggy), neat and clean, not cut-off, ripped, painted, or stained. Worn, faded, or torn clothing should be replaced.
- No visible body piercing is permitted except for ears.
- No extremes in hairstyle, jewelry, or makeup.
- Hair should be neat, well-groomed, and always out of the eyes, even when looking down. Boys' facial hair must be neat and clean in appearance. Boys and girls are allowed to dye their hair but only natural hair colors.
- Hats, bandanas, sunglasses, and jackets/coats are not to be worn during the school day.
- Offensive tattoos (including temporary tattoos) are not permitted.
- Leggings are permitted for girls but only under skirts or shorts. No fishnet stockings.
- No slippers.
- No athleisure/yoga pants or pajama pants.
- Cleavage must not be visible. No bra/bralette straps showing. No midriff showing - tops must cover midriff when arms are raised.
- No strapless permitted. Strap must be a minimum of two inches wide.
- Shorts must not be cut-offs or low-rise. All shorts must cover at least half of the thigh when the student is standing. Minimum inseam length should be 5". If athletic shorts that do not cover 1/2 the thigh are worn on dress down days, spandex that covers 1/2 of the thigh while the student is standing must be worn under the athletic shorts.
- Students are expected to dress modestly as per the guidelines for a dress down day for any Plumstead Christian sponsored activity or event (i.e. spectating at a home or away game, field trip) and any time the student remains on campus after the school day.

Monday-Thursday Dress Code

Monday through Thursday each Middle and Upper School student must wear a PCS approved shirt in PCS colors (reds, black, white, greys), approved pants, shorts, skirt (girls only) or capris (girls only), and approved footwear. Students may also choose to wear approved outerwear in PCS colors on top of or instead of an approved shirt. If the outerwear is removed during the school day, the student must be wearing an approved PCS shirt. See below for details on each of these items of dress.

PCS Approved Vendors:

1. BSN Sideline Sports PCS Panthers Page (link also available on the PCS Family Portal)
2. Lands' End (www.landsend.com) preferred school #900119728 (link also available on the PCS Family Portal)

Approved Shirts:

- Loose fitting (not overly baggy or big), must possess the approved PCS school logo (see vendors above). Purchase under the school code in PCS colors. Only colors offered on these websites are approved.
- The bottom button of the polo shirt must always be buttoned.
- Oxford shirts must always be tucked in. Other approved shirts may be worn untucked.
- Undershirts (short- or long-sleeved) and camisoles may be worn under the PCS approved shirts but must be tucked in or shorter than the approved shirt and must be a solid color with no visible logo/writing.

Approved Outerwear:

- Solid-colored sweaters/vests in PCS colors, solid-colored sweatshirts in PCS colors (must be plain - no words or images), or PCS Spiritwear sweatshirts in PCS colors.
- Coats and/or jackets are not allowed to be worn during the school day.

Approved pants, shorts, capris

- Pants, shorts, and capris (girls only) must be loose-fitting, uniform-style or dress-style and solid-colored. No blue jeans permitted. No bulky cargo-style side pockets permitted.
- Shorts must cover at least half of the thigh when the student is standing.

Approved Skirts

- Girls may wear solid-colored uniform-style skirts with a bottom hem/slit that is no more than 3" above the knee. No blue jean material permitted.

Dress Down Days (all Fridays are dress down days)

- Fridays will be "casual" dress days on which students may wear clothing of their choice that adheres to the general guidelines above. Clothing that is sloppy, immodest, or inappropriate is not permitted. Likewise, clothing that contains graphics or words that are either offensive or antithetical to PCS values is not permitted.

Dress Up Days

- Occasionally students are allowed to dress up. Students may comply with Monday-Thursday dress code or they may dress-up with the following additions:

  Boys: Button-down shirt (tucked-in), tie, a suit or sports jacket, or dress slacks with a polo shirt.

  Girls: Dress or skirt with a bottom hem/slit that is no more than 3" above the knee. Dress slacks may also be worn with a shirt/blouse.

Athletic Dress

- On game days, students will be permitted to change into their uniform during the last 10 minutes of lunch.

Athletic Practice Wear

- Girls may wear shorts that are finger-tip length and modest shirts with straps that are at least two inches wide. Sports bras should not be visible. Boys must always wear a shirt.

Field Trips

- The supervising teacher will instruct students on the type of dress allowed for the given trip.
- If swimwear is warranted on the field trip, boys are to wear trunk-style swimwear (no Speedos), and girls must wear a modest, one-piece swimsuit or tankini-style swimsuit that covers the entire midriff.