

PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPEARANCE CODE

1st grade – 5th grade

We believe scripture is clear that although we as Christians have liberty in Christ, sometimes we choose not to exercise those liberties for the sake of others – all for the glory of God! The Bible has general comments about dress. Modesty is commanded (I Peter 3:3-4) and we are also called to be separate from the world (Romans 12:2; I John 2:15-17). Since we serve the needs of a diversified body of people, the task of defining what is modest and acceptable is more difficult.

Below are the basic guidelines for a standard of dress at the Peace Valley Campus. The primary goal is that the student's appearance should be modest, neat, clean, and safe. We do not believe man should be judged by his outward appearance, but the heart. However, we do believe there is a distinction between attending school and recreational activities. The implementation of these guidelines is best achieved with the mutual support of parents, students, and teachers.

- **Shirts:** The required PCS emblem uniform blouses, oxford shirts, mock/turtlenecks, and polo shirts must be ordered from:

- **PCS Store** (<http://www.tailorpro.com/stores/pcs> or forms available on the PCS website), or
- Lands' End catalog or website (www.landsend.com/school preferred school # 9000-8063-1).

The acceptable colors are any solid color available from PCS store or Lands' End. Undershirts may be worn if they are the same color as the approved shirts – no writing may be on the undershirt and the undershirt must not hang out the bottom of the outer shirt. Button-up blouses and dress-shirts must be tucked in at all times, but polo shirts and turtlenecks do not need to be tucked in.

- **Pants:** Uniform-style pants or capris (girls only) in black, khaki, or navy. Corduroy is permitted. Cargo pants and khaki “jeans” are not approved to wear. Pants may be purchased from Lands' End catalog or website, www.landsend.com/school preferred school # 9000-8063-1, or a store of your choice.
- **Dresses:** Only the polo dress with pleated skirt as shown in the Lands' End catalog is permitted. Dress length must be no more than 3 inches above the knee. PCS emblem is required.
- **Shorts and skorts:** Must be uniform style (no cargo shorts or athletic shorts), modest (no more than 3 inches above the knee) and not cut-offs. Acceptable colors are black, khaki, or navy. No plaid.
- **Jumpers and skirts:** Must be uniform style and modest (no more than 3 inches above the knee). Acceptable colors are black, navy, and khaki. No plaid.
- **Outerwear:** Crewneck sweatshirts with a PCS emblem may be worn with a uniform shirt underneath, and are available from Lands' End or the **PCS Store**. Vests and sweaters with a PCS emblem may be worn, but must be worn with a uniform shirt underneath. The sweaters and vests must be a solid color. PCS approved Lands End fleece vests and fleece sweaters are permitted with the school logo, but must be worn with a uniform shirt underneath. Jackets and hats are not to be worn in class. Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted in school.
- **Footwear:** Shoes, sneakers, and sandals (no “flip-flops,” Heelies, plastic footwear, slippers, or slipper style shoes) are permitted. “Crocs” are acceptable footwear. Due to safety issues, if a child wears sandals to school he/she must bring an extra pair of sneakers/shoes to participate in recess and gym that day. Sneakers are required for gym participation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All clothing is to be fitted properly (not oversized or too tight) and worn in a modest manner. Pants hanging off the hips or shirts unbuttoned are not acceptable. All clothing is to be neat and clean, not cut-off, ripped, painted, or stained. Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers must be uniform-style in appearance with NO embellishments. Jewelry is not to be excessive or showy. Earrings for girls are permitted. Earrings for boys or nose rings for either gender are not permitted.

Dress-Down Day will be the last Friday of each month. The Dress-Down Day standard should still be one of modesty and neatness. All clothing is to be fitted properly (not oversized or too tight). Students' shorts/bottoms should be no more than 3 inches above the knee. No flip-flops. (Sandals are acceptable except at recess or gym.) Students may not wear spaghetti straps, halter tops, or belly shirts. (Sleeveless shirts are acceptable; the strap area should be no less than 3 fingers in width.) Boys may not wear under-shirt style tank tops.

Parents will be contacted and asked to make the necessary arrangements for proper attire if a student comes to school out of dress code. The building principal maintains the authority to make adjustments in the above appearance code dependent on weather conditions and/or other activities.