

# PCS Standard Code

## Dress Code (Grades 6-12) – Code of Conduct

Dress is a critical issue. It can distract us from our mission and our goal of providing the best possible Christian education. The PCS board, administration, faculty, and staff are committed to the mentorship and discipleship of the student body. The concern for the mind, heart, and soul of PCS students is the center of our focus.

We believe Scripture is clear. Although, as Christians we 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. The spirit of the PCS Standard for Dress is intended to set a modest standard of dress for the students of PCS. Modesty is commanded (I Peter 3:3-4) and we are also called to be separate from the world (Romans 12:1-2, 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 difficult.

Failure to abide by the dress code will result first in a written warning. Following a written warning, students will receive minor detentions for dress code violations. As with any other minor violation, the accumulation of detentions due to dress code violations may result in major detentions, suspensions, and even expulsion if behavior is not corrected (Code of Conduct).

Below is the PCS Standard for Dress at the Junior High/High School campus. The primary goal is that student's appearance should be modest, neat, clean, and safe. We encourage our students to dress in a professional manner. We do not believe one should be judged by his outward appearance, but by the heart. However, we do believe there is a distinction concerning dress between attending school and recreational activities. The implication is best achieved with the mutual support of parents, students and teachers.

### PCS Approved Vendors:

- PCS Store (<http://www.tailorpro.com/store/pcs> or forms available on the PCS website)
- Lands' End catalog or website ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)) school preferred school #900119728

## **The dress code below is for the school day and any Plumstead Christian sponsored event/activity.**

### **• Shirts**

- Purchased at Landsend.com (see above) your shirt must be purchased under the school code and is allowed to be any color within this code. Shirts may also be purchased at the PCS Store (see above)
- The shirt must have the approved school logo printed on the left side.
- The bottom button must always be buttoned.
- Oxford shirts must always be tucked in. Polo, mock turtleneck and turtleneck shirts may be worn un-tucked.
- Shirts must be loose fitting, but not overly big or baggy.
- Shirts are allowed to be worn underneath with the following directions:
  - They are a solid color
  - No logo/writing is seen through the outer shirt
  - You may wear a long-sleeve shirt under a short-sleeved shirt as long as the shirt underneath is a solid color with no pattern and a plain style sleeve.
  - The collar of the shirt underneath must be one of the following – turtleneck, mock turtleneck, crew neck, oxford style or another polo shirt.
  - The shirt underneath must be tucked in or shorter so it is not seen

- **Outerwear (sweaters, vests, fleeces, coats, sweatshirts)**

- Sweaters, sweater-vests and fleeces must be purchased from a PCS approved vendor (see above). An approved PCS shirt must be worn underneath the sweater vests, sweaters and fleeces and must not hang below the bottom of these garments.
- Coats or jackets are not allowed to be worn during the school day. If a student gets cold they should have an approved outerwear as outlined above.
- Sweatshirts – only crew-neck sweatshirts purchased from a PCS approved vendor (see above) may be worn. An approved shirt must be worn underneath the sweatshirt and must not hang below the bottom of the sweatshirt.

- **Pants / shorts**

- Students may wear solid black, navy blue or khaki uniform style pants/Capri (girl's only)/shorts purchased at landsend.com (using the school code) or any store that sells uniforms.
  - What does uniform style mean? Your pants should look like the approved pants (using the school code) at the Land's End website.
- No jean material of any color
- Pants should be **loose fitting all around**, but not over big or baggy.
- No low-rise waists
- Girls may purchase cropped/Capri uniform pants. Land's End does sell a **uniform style** cropped pants. If you are purchasing from another vendor be sure that your cropped/Capri pants look like the Land's End ones.
- Shorts must touch the top of the knee or longer while standing straight
  - Girls may wear leggings under shorts, but they must be solid color and fabric with no pattern and your shorts must still reach the top of the knee or longer.

- **Skirts**

- Girls may wear solid black, navy blue or khaki uniform style skirts purchased at Landsend.com (using the school code) or any store that sells uniforms.
  - What does uniform style mean? Your skirt should look like the approved skirts (using the school code) at the Land's End website. If your skirt does not look predominately like the ones that are approved on the landsend.com website than it is not approved.
    - Skirts must reach the top of the knee or longer. You may wear leggings under your skirt, but they must be solid color and fabric and your skirt must still reach the top of the knee or longer.

- **Footwear (the footwear rules do not change for dress-down, jeans day or dress-up days)**

- Students may wear their choice of shoes with the following exceptions:
  - No flip-flops / thong footwear, heeilies, slippers, jellies, reefs, shower shoes or foot gloves
  - Sandals should have a strap that goes around the ankle so that it's not a flip-flop style
  - "Crocs" are acceptable footwear provided they are not the shower shoes or flip-flops (clog style is acceptable)
  - Students are never to wear their cleats inside the school.

### **Jeans Day**

Jeans days are once a month and are usually on the last Friday of the month (please see the school calendar. Please note: Elementary school has a "Dress Down Day" on the last Friday of every month while the Secondary school (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) have a monthly "Jeans Day." Dates are subject to change). Below is a description of what is approved for jeans day.

- A uniform shirt must be worn on jeans day and the same rules apply for outer wear and footwear.
- Students may wear jeans or jean shorts or they may wear their uniform pants, shorts or skirts as well.
- Jeans must not be ripped or torn.
- Jean shorts may not be cut offs or appear to be cut offs.
- Jean shorts must reach the top of the knee or longer
- Jeans must not be low-rise
- Jeans must be loose fitting all around - skinny jeans or jeggings are not approved

### **Dress-Down Days**

Periodically the students are given a dress-down day (i.e. birthday dress down day). Below is a description of what is approved for dressed down days.

- Students may wear their uniform or wear clothing of their choice with the following exceptions:
  - Clothing must be neat and clean. Not torn or ripped!
  - Clothing must be loose fitting all around – tops and bottoms
  - Students are allowed to wear sweatpants as long as they are loose fitting.
  - No leggings or yoga pants are acceptable.
  - Pants or jeans must follow the same rules as stated in the Jeans Day
  - Shorts / skirts must reach the top of the knee or longer
  - Shirts
    - Not see through – even if you are wearing a tank top underneath
    - Shirts must not be low cut – no more than 2 inches below the collar bone.
    - No strapless or spaghetti straps should be visible at any time – an appropriate strap must be a minimum of three finger widths wide.

### **Dress-Up Days**

Occasionally the students are allowed to dress-up. Students are always allowed to wear their uniform if they choose or they may dress-up. Below is a description of what is approved for dress-up days. These are the same rules when dressing up for concerts, graduations, or any occasion that is school sponsored and you are asked to dress-up (unless you are instructed differently)

#### **Boys**

- Dress pants (no jean material)
- Button-down shirt – always tucked-in
- Tie (stays on all day)
- A suit is also permitted
- No sneakers

#### **Girls**

- Dress that touches the top of the knee or longer
- Skirt that touches the top of the knee or longer
- If your dress or skirt has a slit in any area, that slit must not be any higher than touching the top of the knee.
- Your dress or shirt must not be any lower than 2 inches from the collar bone.
- No strapless or spaghetti straps should be visible at any time – an appropriate strap must be a minimum of three finger widths wide.
- All clothing must be loose fitting all around
- You may wear leggings under a skirt or dress, but your skirt or dress must still reach the top of the knee or longer.
- No jean material

### **Athletic Dress**

On home games, students will be permitted to change into their uniform during the last 10 min. of lunch. The same rules apply for footwear as stated above.

### **Practice Wear**

Girls: No strapless or spaghetti straps should be visible at any time – an appropriate strap must be a minimum of three finger widths wide. Shorts must be finger-tip length.

Boys: Must always wear a shirt.

### **Field Trips**

- Students are usually permitted to dress down on field trips, but there are times that you still must wear your uniform. Your teacher will instruct you as to what you are permitted to wear. The same rules apply for field trips as stated in dress-down or dress-up depending on the kind of field trip it is and your teacher's instructions.
- Swimwear
  - Boys are to wear trunk style swimwear (no speedos)
  - Girls may wear a one-piece or tankini style swimsuit. If a tankini style is worn it must cover your entire midriff. All swimwear must be modest.
  - Students must be covered until they are at the pool or the beach
    - Girls should have a cover-up or shorts and shirt on
    - Boys should have a shirt on

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- All clothing is to be neat and clean, not cut-off, ripped, painted, or stained. Worn, faded or torn clothing is not consistent with the PCS Standard for Dress and should be replaced. All students are expected to be neat, clean, modest and well groomed at all times.
- The dress code is to be adhered to from the moment you enter the bus or school until you leave the bus/school.
- For any Plumstead Christian sponsored activity or event all students are expected to dress modestly as per the guidelines for a dress down day (see above)
- No visible body piercing is permitted except for girls' ears.
- No extremes in hairstyle, jewelry or makeup.
- Boys' and girls' hair should be neat, well groomed, and always out of the eyes, even when looking down.
- Boys' hair must have at least the bottom portion of the ear showing and must be above the collar.
- Boys' facial hair must be neat and clean in appearance.
- Boys and girls should (may) have natural hair dye colors.
- Hats, bandanas, sunglasses and outerwear are not to be worn during the school day.
- Exposed tattoos are not permitted.

**Plumstead Christian School  
DRESS CODE SIGNATURE PAGE**

**STUDENT**

**Note: Each student must have their own signature page signed with the parent/guardian's signatures.**

I have read the Plumstead Christian School's Dress Code for the 2011-2012 school year. I will adhere to this dress code in all areas. I understand the consequences of not adhering to this dress code (Please see Family Handbook).

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Student's Name Printed

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Student's Signature

**PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)**

**Note: All parents/guardian's must sign (if applicable).**

I have read the Plumstead Christian School's Dress Code for the 2011-2012 school year. I will enforce this dress code with my student. I understand the consequences for my student if they do not adhere to this dress code (Please see Family Handbook). I accept these consequences for my student.

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Parent/Guardian's Name Printed

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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This signature page is due on **August 15**. No student will receive their schedule until this paper is to the office.