

Dress Code

Purpose

PPCS believes modesty is an important concept and virtue for every student to understand and practice. Current culture promotes versions of self-esteem that are self-centered, encouraging the flaunting of physical attributes, wealth, style, or personality differences even to extremes. Whereas Biblical modesty is an attitude of Christ-centered value and humility with a thoughtfulness for others that is revealed in outward actions.

At PPCS we believe this includes how one dresses (clothing, jewelry, hairstyle, body art, footwear, etc..).

Thus, the PPCS Dress Code and its enforcement serves to help students:

- Practice a God-centered esteem vs false secular versions of esteem and confidence
- Express their own uniqueness, interests, and style with thoughtfulness and care
- Understand mindfulness and respect of others in dress and appearance
- Understand practical, effective, and/or safe dress for different occasions, activities, and circumstances
- Preserve for the marriage relationship dress that may encourage physical/sexual attraction
- Proactively protect from embarrassing and/or unintended situations impacting physical privacy

Procedures

PPCS understands and manages an age-appropriate application of our dress code in a school ranging from students of toddler ages to young adults.

1. A student will be referred to an administrator (6-12th grade to a same gender administrator) by a staff member who has any concern the student may be out of dress code.
2. The administrator will evaluate the student's dress in an appropriate and respectful environment and make a determination based on the policy requirements.
3. Any violation of the dress code is subject to disciplinary action and requirement that the student change into more acceptable clothing. Students may not return to class until they are able to change into appropriate clothing (parent or student provided). Such time out of class will be unexcused for more than the one violation in a quarter.
4. Students violating the dress code more than once in a quarter will receive a pink slip with increasing demerits per violation. Students may not return to class until they are able to change into appropriate clothing (parent or student provided). Such time out of class will be unexcused for more than the one violation in a quarter.

In situations where differences of opinion arise, the decision of the administrator will be final.

Requirements and Expectations

The dress code applies at school and activities where the student is under school supervision. Students should show good judgment in choosing items of dress and hairstyles that do not call undue attention to the individual. Pikes Peak Christian School students should be clean, neat, well groomed, and not disheveled. Students, while voluntarily at school events and not under school supervision, should be mindful of the dress code as they continue to represent the school in such situations.

- **Shoes or sandals** suitable for outdoor wear must always be worn while at school. Slippers or house shoes are not permitted. For safety reasons, closed-toed shoes must be worn in P.E. and athletic style shoes are to be worn in the gymnasium.
- **Any garment or jewelry** bearing a message or design that is inconsistent with the PPCS mission and philosophy will not be permitted. This would include, but not be limited to: advertisements, symbols, words, slogans or pictures that are sexually suggestive, obscene, profane, offensive, or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, or disability; that promote violence; or are drug, alcohol, tobacco, witchcraft/occult, or gang related.
- **Undergarments** must be worn and not be visible through outer garments or exposed.
- **Brief and revealing clothing** are not appropriate apparel in school. The following guidelines are examples and do not cover all situations.

Students shall not wear:

- Sleeveless clothing with straps or shoulder coverage of less than 3 inches in width.
- Halter, muscle, or tube tops
- Backless or strapless garments
- See through, fishnet, or mesh garments
- Low cut garments or shirts that expose one's midriff or lower back while standing or sitting

In all cases modesty will be the determining factor in acceptability.

- **Gym wear** is only permitted in the gym.
- **Tight shorts or short shorts** are not allowed during school hours or during school activities.
- Clothes may not be extreme in style or length, must not have immodest holes, and must fit appropriately – no excessive sagging, bagging, or extreme tightness is permitted.
- **Clothing with design or placement of lettering** that calls undue attention to certain body parts is not allowed to be worn.
- **Hats or sunglasses** may not be worn indoors, except for medical purposes requiring a physician's note.

- High School Only Privilege: Hats and basic head coverings that are not distracting and do not cause undue attention may be worn indoors. Hoods on clothing may not be worn covering the head while indoors.
- **Visible jewelry worn in pierced body parts** is limited to the ears, eyebrows, and the nasal area. All visible jewelry and piercings are to be minimal and must not bring undue attention to the individual. Ring or bar-style jewelry may only be worn in the ears and no jewelry may be worn during P.E. or during school athletic activities.
- **Hair** must be of a natural color, be neat and clean, and not call undue attention to the individual.
- **Visible tattoos** are to be minimal, are not to call undue attention to the individual, and cannot be of a message or design that is inconsistent with the PPCS mission and philosophy.
- **Skirts, shorts, dresses or slits** in such clothing must fall no less than 4 inches from the top of the kneecap when standing. Modesty will be the determining guideline.
- **Pants worn with revealing holes** located 4 inches above the kneecap while standing must be worn with appropriate compression shorts/spandex underneath above that point. Revealing holes may not be located in the pocket areas, both front and back.
- **Leggings and legging style “pants”** (thin, stretchy material, tight fitting, e.g., yoga pants) may only be worn with a dress of appropriate code length.
- **Athletic/P.E. Dress Code (6th-12th Grades):**

Due to the active nature and multiple positions required in athletic sports and P.E. classes, as well as the challenge in finding dress code appropriate shorts, the following is in place to maintain modesty and comfort in all situations.

Athletics:

- Every 6th-12th grade student, both boys and girls, are required to wear compression shorts (athletic type spandex/bicycle shorts) that have a minimum 7” inseam. These are to be worn under any athletic shorts worn during sports practices and as part of any uniform requiring shorts. Clothing such as yoga-style tights/pants or compression shorts alone are not allowed.
- Athletes should wear loose-fitting t-shirts that cover the midriff while standing with hands above their head. No spaghetti straps allowed.

P.E. and P.E.-related classes:

- Students should wear sweats or the required maroon PE shorts.
- Students should wear loose-fitting t-shirts (plain gray, black, white, or PPCS shirt) that cover the midriff while standing with hands above their head. No spaghetti straps allowed.
- For safety reasons, closed-toed shoes must be worn in P.E. and athletic style shoes are to be worn in the gymnasium.



Social Events Dress Code

The dress expectation is business casual to semi-formal:

- Boys: Dress pants, collared shirts, ties encouraged
- Girls: Dresses, or dress pants and a blouse.
 - All dresses must be preapproved for dress code via the PPCS Dress Committee.
(Please refer to the High School Social Events section)

The standard PPCS Dress Code is in effect with the following exceptions:

- Girls can wear a dress with spaghetti straps as well as a modest halter-top dress.
- The back of all dresses should come to the top of the bra line. Limited, modest openings in the back or sides (i.e. openings covered with mesh or lace material – no bare skin) are allowed below that point.