



Pacific Christian Academy

Dress Code

(Please note: This is an excerpt from the 2021-22 Parent Student Handbook.)

Section 10: Dress Code

In teaching the PCA dress code, three major principles are followed:

1. Dress must be modest. This is an issue for both young men and young women.
2. Dress must be appropriate to the event. What is allowed at off-site school activities is different than what is expected at school, which is different from what is worn to dress-up events such as prom.
3. Dress must not distract from the learning environment or disrespect Biblical principles.
4. Dress must be clean and in good repair.

Elementary Dress Code

Pacific Christian Academy stresses the Biblical standards of decency and modesty (1 Timothy 2:9 and Romans 12:1), and a Christ-like attitude. Dress and appearance have a direct influence on the learning environment. Our desire is that students are dressed “ready to learn” as dress is often related to the attitude and demeanor of students in their campus relationships and in their communication with faculty and staff. Students must adhere to the school dress code at all times while on campus and at school functions.

Parental review before a student leaves for school is an important contribution to their student meeting dress code standards. PCA acknowledges the parental responsibility in determining dress for their child. However the school does have an educational responsibility to teach students to dress for the standards of the PCA learning community.

Dress Code Standards

1. Any clothing, jewelry, backpacks, binders, book covers, games, toys, playing cards, etc. with logos, slogans, pictures promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual imagery, rebellion against authority, gang, the occult or anything contrary to Christian standards, may not be worn or brought to school.
2. Pajamas/sleepwear and casual sweats are not appropriate for school. Athletic pants are allowed.
3. Proper footwear is to be worn at all times for safety purposes.
4. Shoes with wheels are not appropriate for school.
5. Spirit Days, often Fridays, and other special dress days, will allow for exceptions to the dress code as long as the principles/standards are upheld. Parents will be notified.

Dress Code for Female Students

1. Undergarments may not be visible.
2. Current trends and fads will be addressed by the administration as they arise.

3. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be modest and fit properly. As a general rule, the length should be mid-thigh or longer.
4. Shirts/tops must be modest and fit properly. Tank tops may not be worn.

Dress Code for Male Students

1. Undershirts, muscle shirts and tank tops may not be worn as outer garments.
2. Pants must fit properly (neither too small nor too large), and must not sag.

Dress Code Violations

Elementary parents will be notified of any dress code violations and expected to bring a change of clothes that meet the dress code.

Secondary Dress Code

Pacific Christian Academy stresses the Biblical standards of decency and modesty (1 Timothy 2:9 and Romans 12:1), the expectation of a neat and clean appearance. We expect our young leaders to honor themselves and God, and realize their dress at school must not distract from the learning environment. Our desire is that student dress be modest, which is seen as an attitude of the heart. Student dress should contribute to our community life in a way which serves God and helps others.

In teaching the CFS dress code, these major principles are followed:

1. Dress must be modest. This is an issue for both young men and young women.
2. Dress must be appropriate to the event. What is allowed at a picnic is different than what is expected at school, which is different from what is worn to the prom.
3. Dress must not distract from the learning environment or disrespect Biblical principles.

Students are expected to follow the school dress code. The administration makes all final dress code decisions.

Dress Code Standards

- Jeans with holes and tears that are not excessive, and lower than mid-thigh, are allowed.
- Casual sweatpants, pajamas and sleepwear are not appropriate for school.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh.
- Proper footwear is to be worn at all-times for safety and health purposes. No slippers.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in classrooms and chapel. Hats may be worn at teacher discretion. Hoodies may not be worn up over the head.
- Undergarments may not be visible. Clothing that mimics undergarments may not be worn as outer-clothing.
- Any clothing, jewelry, backpacks, binders, book covers, etc. with logos, slogans, pictures promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual imagery, rebellion against authority, gang, the occult or anything contrary to Christian standards, may not be worn.
- Current trends and fads will be addressed by the administration as they arise.

Female Students

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be modest and fit properly. As a general rule, the length should be mid-thigh or longer.
- Yoga pants, leggings, or jeggings may not be worn unless a shirt that is over the buttocks or longer is worn with them.
- Shirts/tops must be modest, cover the stomach area, and fit properly. They may not be skin tight. Tank tops are not to be worn alone. Off the shoulder shirts are allowed with a 1.5 inch or more shoulder strap.

Male Students

- Facial hair must be neat and trim.
- Undershirts, muscle shirts and tank tops may not be worn as outer garments.
- Pants and shorts must fit properly and not sag.

Special Dress Days

- Spirit Days and other special dress days will allow for exceptions to the dress code as long as the standards stated above are upheld.

Dress Code for Prom

- Dressy dresses must be mid-thigh or longer and may come half way down the back.
- Off the shoulder, modest in the front and back, dresses and tops are allowed.
- Young men are expected to wear shirt and tie/jackets and slacks.

Dress Code Violations

1. If a student is out of dress code during the school day, teachers and administration will work with him/her to resolve the issue as promptly as possible so he/she may return to class and not experience or cause a disruption in the learning environment. Students will not be allowed to attend class if their dress is immodest or inappropriate for the learning environment.
2. If a student is out of dress code more than once on the same day or becomes a habitual offender, he or she will be considered willfully disobedient and a restorative discipline conference and appropriate consequences will be required. Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate modest attire for each individual situation.

Dress Code: Physical Education

Students must have the correct shoes for participation. Shoes with non-black rubber soles and closed backs are considered appropriate.