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Dear Parents:

School is almost here and we know many of you will be shopping for new school clothes soon. Please carefully read the dress code guidelines.

The PCA dress code follows five major principles:

1. Dress must be modest, for both boys and girls.
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.
5. Current trends and fads will be addressed by the administration as they arise.

Elementary Dress Code

Dress Code Standards

- 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.
- Pajamas/sleepwear and casual sweats are not appropriate for school.
- Proper footwear is to be worn at all times for safety purposes.
- Shoes with wheels are not appropriate for school.
- 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.
- Jeans may not have holes in them. Distressed fabric that does not show skin is permitted.

Dress Code for Female Students

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

Dress Code for Male Students

- Undershirts, muscle shirts and tank tops may not be worn as outer garments.
- 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

Dress Code Standards

- Jeans may not have rips and holes (distressed fabric is permissible if no skin is seen).
- 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.

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 as pants.
- 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 not worn in the classroom.

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.
- 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 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, with 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.