



Uniform & Dress Code Policy General Expectations KP-12th Grade

Land's End (New Uniforms)

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Preferred School Number: 900124249

PCA Marketplace (Used Uniforms)

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PCA is committed to the use of uniforms for its students. Uniforms must be worn during school hours, including school-sanctioned field trips, unless Administration announces otherwise. The Uniform and Dress Code Policy enables our students to distinguish themselves through their work, character, and personality, rather than through attire and adornment. PCA believes that the use of school uniforms:

- Places emphasis on learning, not clothing
- Allows for cohesive presentation as a group
- Ensures students are safely dressed for activities
- Facilitates security by identifying outsiders
- Creates a more work-like atmosphere
- Reduces peer pressure and social stigmas
- Promotes a positive image of the school in public
- Enhances school spirit

Dress code policy will be enforced by teachers, administrators, and PCA staff members. When a lower school student (KP-6th) breaches a uniform guideline, the student's parent will be notified by either phone, email, or a note in the student's binder. Repeated breaches will result in a student receiving a yellow slip. When an upper school student (7th-12th) breaches a uniform guideline, the student will receive a demerit (parents are notified of demerits through email). Repeated uniform infractions or serious dress code violations in the upper school may result in a parent call asking a change of clothing be brought to the school.

APPAREL

- Clothing must be clean and without holes, tears, fraying, or excessive fading
- Uniforms should be properly sized (no baggy or excessively form fitting pants, shirts, or sweaters)
- Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times with the exception of active recess or PE classes
- Sweatshirts and sweaters must be worn with a collared, tucked-in navy polo uniform shirt
- Student apparel and school gear (backpacks, lunch containers, notebooks, etc.) shall not display any political slogans, commercial slogans, product promotions, celebrity representations, sports team promotions or any pictures/cartoons of commercial characters
- No stickers, buttons, pins, etc. should be applied to uniforms
- PE Classes require athletic shoes with socks

JEWELRY

- Excessive jewelry is not permitted
- Smart watches are not allowed
- Girls KP-6th may not wear dangling or hoop-style earrings
- Jewelry in pierced body parts, with the exception of earrings for girls, is not permitted

HAIR

- Hair should be washed, neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes so as to not interfere with eye contact or line of vision
- Natural hair color permitted (blonde, brown, black, red); No other colors permitted
- Hair accessories should be coordinating school colors (navy, gold, plaid) or neutral colors (black, brown, white)
- Male students should be clean shaven – facial hair not permitted
- No hats or hoods covering student heads are allowed in classrooms or general assembly areas inside school building

MAKE-UP / NAILS / TATTOOS

- KP – 6th – not permitted to wear makeup
- 7th – 12th – makeup allowed, light makeup only
- Nails should be clean and neatly trimmed. Nail polish should be light, conservative colors only
- Tattoos should be covered and not visible while on campus

FRIDAY - SPIRIT SHIRTS/HOUSE REGALIA

- Grades KP-5th may wear NAVY PCA branded shirts with uniform bottoms
- Grades 7th-12th may wear PCA branded shirts (spirit, club, athletic) and house regalia shirts with uniform bottoms

On occasion when the uniform requirement is relaxed (spirit week, jeans day, field trips, etc.) the spirit of the dress code is still in effect. Student appearance is expected to be neat and modest. Administration will announce spirit days / special free dress days.

SPIRIT DAYS / SPECIAL FREE DRESS DAYS

- Jeans should be full-length blue denim (No capris/shorts). No rips, tears or holes allowed.
- Skirts/dresses/shorts should follow hemline guidelines of regular uniform policy. No shorter than 4 inches above the knee
- Hemlines of shorts/skirts/skortis should be clearly visible below any length t-shirt, sweatshirt, outerwear, etc.
- Leggings (No flesh colored) should be worn with shirts that fall long enough to touch mid-thigh.
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps are not allowed or should be covered with appropriate style cover top
- No flip flops allowed
- No pajamas or pajama-style pants allowed unless specified in an announcement from administration (spirit days)
- PCA sponsored events that involve water sports or swimming requires female students to wear a one-piece bathing suit or equivalent style. Male and female students are required to cover up with a shirt before and after swimming.
- PCA overnight trips (middle and high school) – students are expected to dress modestly and follow the spirit of PCA's dress code. A dress code checklist may be sent out to reflect a specific PCA sponsored travel-related event (college trips, retreat, etc.)