

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DRESS CODE

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” – Philippians 4:8

PRCA believes this command by Paul is an excellent approach to the dress and grooming expected of the students. The atmosphere we hope to establish at PRCA is one that honors God in all things, and that includes setting forth guidelines toward clothing for the student that is modest, neat, and appropriate in an educational setting. The school standard of dress for the PRCA student body should adhere to the highest of standards as spoken to in Phil. 4:8 while respecting a young person in today’s world.

It is the understanding of the school that parents and students will partner and cooperate with the school standard of dress. Enforcing the dress code is not the sole responsibility of the school. Parents are asked to work with and assist the school in monitoring their child’s daily attire to help ensure compliance with the dress code guidelines. Furthermore, we ask that students be self governed with regard to the dress code. If parents and/or students have a question regarding whether or not a piece of clothing is appropriate under the school’s dress code guidelines, they may contact administration prior to wearing the clothing to school. The final authority on dress code issues will be the PRCA administration.

Each student is expected to present a good personal appearance at all times. It is important that the dress code is honored and accepted fully by the students and enforced in a consistent manner that shows respect for each individual. The cooperation of students, parents, staff and administration is necessary to maintain the dress code. It is the prayer of the PRCA administration that the student body will look to honor God in the area of dressing each day for school, understanding that we can seek what is “true, right, pure, and lovely” in this area of life which can honor and respect those around us (our brothers and sisters in Christ) but more importantly honor our Heavenly Father.

When a student is observed by a teacher, staff member or an administrator to be in violation of the dress code, the student will be notified and sent to the school office. It will be our intent to address any and all issues concerning the dress code with dignity, respect, and care for the student. It is our hope that a student will have a teachable spirit and demonstrate a willingness to obey the guidelines that are set forth in the dress code. The following will be the approach by administration toward anyone who does not follow the guidelines set forth in our dress code:

1st Violation in a two week period – Warning

2nd Violation – Loss of Dress Down privilege for the next Friday Jean Day; parents will be notified

3rd Violation – Call home by administration

4th Violation – Loss of Dress Down privilege for the next Friday Jean Day; parents will be notified

5th Violation – Detention

6th Violation – Two detentions

NOTE: Parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes if deemed necessary by Administration only if the violation of the dress code guidelines is observed prior to the end of 1st period. After 1st period, Administration will have a PRCA polo shirt available for a student to change into if necessary. If the dress code violation involves a student’s pants, shorts or skirt, and after exhausting all other means to get the student into dress code, PRCA P.E. shorts will be issued to the student. Polo shirts and P.E. shorts must be washed and brought back to the office no later than the following Monday. If not, the family account will be charged the cost of the Polo shirt and/or P.E. shorts. Administration will only call home if the violation is before 1st period or after 1st period if it’s considered an extreme violation of the dress code set forth by the guidelines. Our intent will also be to keep students in the classroom throughout the process of handling a dress code violation.

GENTLEMEN DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines address what may be worn and anything not mentioned are not permitted.

1. **Pants**
 - Only 100% polished cotton twill, corduroy, dockers, cargo, or khaki-style pants are acceptable. Pants may be of a solid color, plaids, or stripes. Stretch pants, yoga pants, sweat pants, blue jeans or jeans of any color are not allowed.
 - Pants must fit in the waist and not drag on the ground. Pants may not be ripped or frayed. No wide legged or tight fitting pants are acceptable.
2. **Belts**
 - Wearing a belt is not required, however, pants are expected to be worn at the waistline. Anyone who chooses to wear pants sagging below the waistline will be asked to wear a belt. A belt will be worn for as long as administration requires.
3. **Shorts**
 - Short styles should be the same as the long pants requirement. Only 100% polished cotton twill, corduroy, dockers, cargo, or khaki-style shorts. Shorts may be of a solid color, plaids, or stripes. Blue jeans or jeans of any color are not allowed. All shorts must have at least a 6-inch inseam and be worn at the waist. Shorts may not be ripped or frayed. Gentlemen's shorts should not be longer than the bottom of the knee.
4. **Shirts**
 - Students may only wear 1) collared polos with a buttoned front placket or 2) collared "Oxford style" dress shirts with short or long sleeves. All buttons except the neck button must be fastened. No zippered or buttonless shirts will be allowed. No spandex blends are allowed. Shirts must be loose fitted, (no tightly fitting styles). Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but they must fall at least one inch below the top of the pants. This is to ensure that a student's midsection doesn't show when he is leaning over a desk or when raising his hand in class. No writing may be on the shirts, except the manufacturer's logo, and this logo may not be larger than three (3) inches in size. No uniform shirts (except Scouts) such as U.S Mail Carrier, etc. may be worn.
 - Solid colors, plaids, stripes and floral patterns are acceptable. Turtleneck shirts may be worn. Students may wear PRCA school t-shirts on Fridays.
5. **Outerwear**
 - All outerwear must be loose fitting. Sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn over collared shirts and the collars must be visible. They do not need to be tucked in, but they should be long enough to hang one inch below the waistline. Jackets that are in good repair and made out of material such as corduroy, khaki (cotton twill), nylon, or leather may be worn in class. No: blue jean jackets, military jackets, jackets with large buckles, chains or excessive zippers, parkas, ski jackets, trench coats or ponchos may be worn. No writing may be on the outerwear, except the manufacturer's logo, and this logo may not be larger than three (3) inches in size.
6. **Footwear**
 - Dress shoes, tennis shoes or solid leather "dressy" sandals or "flip flops" are acceptable. All footwear should be in good repair.
7. **Jewelry and Make-up**
 - Jewelry should be worn in moderation and in good taste. No earrings or body/facial pierce jewelry including plugs – no exceptions.
 - Boys may not wear make-up or nail polish.
 - No visible tattoos are allowed in any form, permanent or otherwise.
 - No "Goth" style make-up, jewelry or clothing will be allowed.
8. **Headwear**
 - No bandanas are allowed at any time. Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn at any time during the day except during an outside PE class or athletic event. Hats should never be worn inside the building. Baseball style hats must be worn with the brim forward.
9. **Hair**
 - Gentlemen's hair must not cover the eyebrow, shirt collar, or be below the bottom of the ear. Whether it is combed behind the ear or not, it must meet the standard. Sideburns must not

extend below the bottom of the ear lobe. Male students must be clean-shaven. Mustaches and beards are not allowed.

- Unusually styled or hair dyed unnatural colors will not be allowed.

LADIES DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines address what may be worn and anything not mentioned are not permitted.

1. Pants

- Only 100% polished cotton twill, corduroy, docker, cargo or khaki-style pants are acceptable. Pants may be of a solid color, plaids, or stripes. Stretch pants, yoga pants, sweat pants, blue jeans or jeans of any color are not allowed.
- Pants must fit in the waist and not drag on the ground. Pants may not be ripped or frayed. No wide legged or tight fitting pants are acceptable.
- Ladies may wear 100% cotton or polished cotton twill Capri pant. Capris may be of a solid color, plaids, or stripes.

2. Shorts

- Short styles should be the same as the long pants requirement. Only 100% polished cotton twill, corduroy, docker, cargo or khaki-style shorts. Shorts may be of a solid color, plaids, or stripes. Blue jeans or jeans of any color are not allowed. All shorts must have at least a 6-inch inseam and be worn at the waist. Shorts may not be ripped or frayed.

3. Skirts

- All skirts must be long enough to touch the knees when standing. Skirts are a very acceptable choice of dress but they must not be too tight or immodest. The skirt must be long enough to adequately cover her midsection while her arms are raised.

4. Shirts

- Students may only wear
 - Collared polos with a buttoned front placket
 - Collared “Oxford style” dress shirts with short or long sleeves
 - Modestly cut blouses with collars
- All buttons except the neck button must be fastened. No zippered or buttonless will be allowed. No spandex blends are allowed. Shirts must be loose fitted, (no tightly fitting styles). Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but they must fall at least one inch below the top of the pants. This is to ensure that a student’s midsection doesn’t show when she is leaning over a desk or when raising her hand in class. No writing may be on the shirts, except the manufacturer's logo, and this logo may not be larger than three (3) inches in size. No uniform shirts (except Scouts) such as U.S Mail Carrier, etc. may be worn. Solid colors, plaids, stripes and floral patterns are acceptable. Turtleneck shirts may be worn. Students may wear PRCA school t-shirts on Fridays

5. Outerwear

- All outerwear must be loose fitting. Sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn over collared shirts and the collars must be visible. They do not need to be tucked in, but they should be long enough to hang one inch below the waistline. Jackets that are in good repair and made out of material such as corduroy, khaki (cotton twill), nylon, or leather may be worn in class. No: blue jean jackets, military jackets, jackets with large buckles, chains or excessive zippers, parkas, ski jackets, trench coats or ponchos may be worn. No writing may be on the outerwear, except the manufacturer's logo, and this logo may not be larger than three (3) inches in size.

6. Footwear

- Dress shoes, tennis shoes, or solid leather “dressy” sandals or “flip flops” are acceptable. All footwear should be in good repair.

7. Jewelry and Make-up

- Jewelry should be worn in moderation and in good taste. No body/facial pierce jewelry including plugs - no exceptions.
- Ladies’ make-up should be used in moderation.
- No visible tattoos are allowed in any form, permanent or otherwise.
- No “Goth” style make-up, jewelry or clothing will be allowed.

8. Headwear

- No bandanas are allowed at any time. Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn at any time during the day except during an outside PE class or athletic event. Hats should never be worn inside the building. Baseball style hats must be worn with the brim forward.

9. Hair

- Unusually styled or hair dyed unnatural colors will not be allowed.

FRIDAY JEAN'S DAY:

The 1st calendar Friday of the month will be a free Jean's Day. On the 3rd calendar Friday of the month, students can purchase a Jean's Pass from the Senior class for \$1.00. Jeans must be neat in appearance and without rips, holes or frays. If your student chooses to not participate in Jean's Day, he/she must be in regular dress code.