

# Providence Classical Academy

## Uniform Policy

Providence Classical Academy is committed to the use of uniforms for its students. We want our students to distinguish themselves through their work, character, and personality, rather than through attire and adornment. We believe 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

Our policy has three fundamental benefits:

First, uniforms prevent the application of subjective standards of dress in the classroom. Parents, students, and teachers know that the uniform meets the Academy's standards of modesty. Uniforms allow our board and staff to focus on academic concerns.

Second, uniforms are a positive influence in the school. Providence Classical Academy places particular value on a disciplined learning environment. This environment makes it easier for the Academy to complete its primary task – the education of children. A child learns that when he is wearing a PCA uniform, he will be engaging in studious activity.

Third, uniforms encourage *esprit de corps*, where individuality is sacrificed for the good of the group. This removes the potential distraction of “what clothing other students are wearing”. It also sets our group of students apart from other schools, encouraging each student to operate as a part of a body, much like an athletic or military group is identified by common dress.

### **GENERAL:**

Uniforms (including haircuts and styles) for all Providence Classical Academy students are mandatory. Uniforms must be worn during school hours, including school-sanctioned field trips, except under special circumstances as announced.

The administrator or classroom teacher will determine if there is a violation of the uniform standards, in either fact or attitude. Teachers will be responsible for reminding students of neatness (tucking in of shirts, etc.). Students will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible with a cheerful and respectful attitude. If a non-conformance is found, parents will be required to bring replacement articles to school.

Students must present a neat appearance. Uniforms should be neat, clean, and in good repair. All clothing must be properly sized (no baggy pants, shirts, or sweaters). Uniforms that become torn, obviously outgrown or significantly faded need to be replaced.

It is not the intention of the board or the administration to spend time adjudicating nuanced interpretations of the uniform code. Attempts to circumvent or to “push the envelope” on the uniform policy simply wastes important instructional and administrative time on matters that are both trivial and unrelated to learning.

**Uniform Violation Consequences:**

**Lower School** - When a student violates the uniform policy, the student’s parent will be notified of the infraction either by phone, e-mail and/or by sending home a note in the binder or a uniform violation slip. Repeated violations will receive a yellow slip.

**Upper School** - Major infractions of the dress code, such as a student being blatantly out of uniform or blatantly immodest, will result in the student receiving a demerit and/or being removed from the classroom until his or her parents are able to bring them a suitable change in clothes. A teacher or staff member should inform a student when they are out of uniform and ask them to correct the issue.

\*Please don’t assume because your child sees another student wearing something that doesn’t comply with the uniform policy that it is okay to wear. Assume that they received correction.

***The uniform supplier for Providence Classical Academy is:***

- Land’s End

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