

Providence Catholic High School Dress Code 08-09 School Year

Providence Catholic High School places importance on the appearance and grooming habits of students. We believe that the appearance of students reflects their preparation for learning, their focus in study, and their desire to prepare themselves for adult life by conforming to a standard of dress and appearance which reflects the seriousness with which they take education. A student's appearance should reflect confidence, modesty, self-respect, and respect for others. Appearance and dress contribute toward establishing a positive learning environment. *(Note: Dress code policies that have changed for the 08-09 year are bolded.)*

Polo Shirts, Fleece, Sweatshirts and Sweaters

- Only long and short sleeve polo shirts, one-quarter zip type fleece, one-quarter zip type sweatshirt, and V-neck sweaters purchased from Midwest Promotional Group may be worn in school. These articles of clothing may be purchased online via the Midwest Group website which can be accessed through the Providence Catholic homepage. A very small inventory will be available in the Bookstore The exceptions being: any previously purchased clothing of this style that bears a Providence logo of any type.
- No hoodies, even Providence hoodies, may ever be worn during the school day.
- All tops must be loose fitting – allowing a tennis ball to move freely under the garment.
- All polo shirts must be of the length that allows them to remain tucked in at all times.
- Any shirt that does not fit in accordance to Providence policy will not be allowed to be worn. Shirts that do not fit properly will be covered with an oversized loaner shirt and the student will surrender their ID (until the end of the next day when the loaner shirt is returned clean) and receive a detention.

Dresses & Skirts

- Students may not wear dresses or skirts.

Pants, Slacks & Dress Shorts

- Students may wear solid color pants, slacks and dress shorts. Pants, slacks, and shorts may be Dockers or similar brands **in the following colors only: tan (khaki or stone), navy blue, black, gray or olive green.**
- All pants/slacks must do the following things:
 - 1) Come to the waist and be worn there.
 - 2) Have a waistband and belt loops.
 - 3) Be worn with a leather or cloth belt inserted through belt loops.
 - 4) Have a finished leg (cuffed or hemmed) which is not frayed, slit or torn.
 - 5) Not be made of denim, corduroy, spandex, leather or leather look-alike materials, or have "the worn" look.
 - 6) Not be tight fitting.

- 7) Not have any cargo pockets or hammer loops on the lower leg.
- 8) Be at least ankle length.
- 9) Any label must be small and at the waist.
- 10) Not have any stripes down the side seam of the leg.
- Dress shorts must meet all rules mentioned above; however, the length of the **shorts may not be longer than the bend in the knee or shorter than 4 inches above the knee.** Dress shorts may be worn in August, September, April, May, and June only.
- Students may not wear bib overall style pants, jeans, canvas pants, cropped pants, baggy or oversized pants, cargo or carpenter style pants, hip hugger pants or low waist pants.

Shoes & Stockings

- **Students must wear dress shoes. All shoes must be: leather or suede and solid brown or black. Shoes may be clogs or sling backs.**
- **Shoes must be tied at all times if designed to do so.**
- **Socks or stockings must be worn at all times. Students may not wear lace or fishnet hose.**
- Students may not wear gym shoes, shoes with lines, designs, or fabric of any kind, any type of shoe that is over stuffed with fleece lining, flip flops of any kind, high heels, extremely high platform shoes, any type of sandal (even with stockings), moccasins, house slippers, military or construction style work boots worn on the outside of their pants or with shorts, or clogs or slip on shoes made of cloth of any kind.

Dress Code for students honored at Assemblies or on Special Mass Days

- Eucharistic Minister Induction Student Council Induction
- Junior Recognition Mass National Honor Society Induction
- AYM Induction Academic Awards
- Baccalaureate Mass

On these special days students who are honored are expected to “dress up” which means:

- Boys:
Dress shirt (no rolled sleeves and must be tucked in), dress pants (any color), dress shoes. If desired, a tie, sport coat or sweater with shirt may be worn.
- Girls:
Dress slacks (any color and the length down to the ankle), a sweater (with or without a shirt under it), and/or any color blouse with sleeves, a skirt that is not tight fitting (not made of denim corduroy, spandex, leather, or leather look-alike materials, no slit of any type) with the length of the skirt at least below the entire kneecap, dress shoes (dress sandals are permissible but no flip flops!). No sweater or blouse may have a plunging neckline. Dresses may be worn provided they have sleeves, no plunging neckline, cover the kneecap and are loose fitting.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE MODEST AND APPROPRIATE .

Hair & Facial Hair

- Students must have only natural hair color that is neat and clean.
- Neither boys nor girls may shave their heads nor wear their hair in any type of Mohawk style.

Boys' Hairstyle

- Boys may have only one approved natural color.
- Boys' hair must be neatly combed.
- Hair from the top of the head must be above the eyebrows and the top of the ears.
- Hair must be tapered across the back of the head, from the top of the head to the neck, and along the neck.
- Hair may not extend below the top of the collar.
- Boys' hair must not be bushy, hooked behind the ears, unkempt or have long spikes.
- It must not have multiple lines, designs, tails or braids.
- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times and sideburns may not be below the earlobes or with a flare at the bottom.

Girls' Hairstyle

- Girls' hair must not be bushy, unkempt or have spikes.
- It may not have multiple lines or tails.
- Girls may not wear excessive beads or barrettes in their hair.

Hats & Jewelry

- Hats and/or "do-rags" must be removed upon entering the school building and must remain off the entire school day until leaving the building.
- Hemp necklaces may not be worn by anyone.
- Chains from belts to pockets are not allowed, i.e., attached to keys or wallet.
- Climbing hooks attached to belts, belt loops or pockets are not allowed.
- Boys may not wear earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings or have their tongue pierced in school or at any school function.
- Girls may not wear nose rings, eyebrow rings, excessive earrings or have their tongue pierced in school or at any school function.
- Girls may not wear excessive decorations in their hair.

Spirit Days

- A student who participates in "Spirit Days" may be out of dress code if he or she is wearing clothing that has "Providence" or "Celtics" on it.
- The "spirit clothing" can not be homemade, i.e., "Celtics" spray painted on a T-shirt.
- The clothing must be worn, not tied on, and showing, not underneath another article of clothing.
- Team warm-ups and merchandise purchased at school athletic competitions are not acceptable unless "Providence" or "Celtics" is on the item.
- Hats are not allowed.