
DRESS CODE FOR 2011-12

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.

POLO SHIRTS, FLEECES, 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 on the Internet or a very small inventory is available in the Bookstore. The exceptions being: any clothing of this style that was purchased before 2008 that bears a Providence logo of any type. **no hoodies, even Providence hoodies, may ever be worn during the school day.** You may not wear long sleeved shirts under short sleeve polos.

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 without soles, 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

On special Mass days recognizing one particular class or group, there is **no change** in dress code. All members of the student body are required to come to school dressed in the standard every day dress code.

BACCALAUREATE MASS & GRADUATION

For these events senior boys are required to wear long pants, shirts and ties underneath their graduation gowns. Senior girls are required to wear dresses or skirts which come down to the knee or full length dress slacks and appropriate tops or blouses underneath their gowns.

HAIR & FACIAL HAIR

Students' hair must have only **natural colors** and should be neat and clean. No student may have hair that is 2 or more distinct colors (for example, an entire section of hair is one color and another section is a different color). Girls choosing to dye their hair red must remember that it must be a NATURAL COLOR RED. Neither boys nor girls may shave their heads, nor wear their hair in any type of Mohawk style, or any style, shade, or manner which is unacceptable and inappropriate in the judgment of the Dean of Students. No hairstyle should seek to draw inappropriate attention to oneself.

Boys' hair must be neatly combed. Boys' hair from the top of the head must be above the eyebrows, showing the forehead, and above the top of the ears. Hair must be tapered on 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 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' 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 jewelry 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 a **top** that has "Providence" or "Celtics" on it. The "spirit clothing" cannot 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 uniform tops, shirts and merchandise purchased at school athletic competitions are not acceptable unless "Providence" or "Celtics" is on the item. Hats are not allowed. Athletic shoes may be worn.