

Plumas Christian School Handbook

Dress Standards for all grades:

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"-I Corinthians 10:31

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father"-Colossians 3:17

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life"-Proverbs 4:23

The purpose of the school dress code is to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Christian students should present themselves so that Christ would be pleased and honored "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is - that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:1-2). To do so will inspire a sense of virtue and honor over dress issues. At Plumas Christian School we strive to teach Biblical modesty, self-discipline, and self-respect. Dress is one of those things that helps establish school atmosphere. By creating a proper, business-like learning atmosphere, we desire to return the glory of our created bodies to God, rather than calling attention to our physical attributes. For all grade levels, school dress standards are characterized by:

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| 1) Modesty | 3) Appropriateness |
| 2) Neatness | 4) Safety/Health |

At PCS we wish to minimize the unattractive spirit of clothes competition, or the attempt of students to project a negative or destructive image through clothes style. Such statements through clothes desire to draw attention to self-image or sex, rather than who we are as a person. In contrast, students are encouraged to gain recognition through personal graciousness, character, and conscientious work. "Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right" (Proverbs 20:11). Students are further encouraged that it is "OK" to be who they really are in Christ!

Recognizing that there is one standard of dress for school and work, and another for play, or school requires students to dress for the "business of learning". It has been widely shown that outward appearance does affect one's behavior and attitude in a given situation. Appropriate clothing and grooming encourages responsible behavior. Students are expected to present a good personal appearance for all school events including drama productions, school concerts, field trips, special school events, and end-of-the-year graduation exercises.

Please read over the dress code together and plan ahead for compliance. Please remember the goal is to help train the heart so that our outward lives will be pleasing and glorifying to God.

Please remember that PCS reserves the right to make judgment calls on all issues of dress and grooming, attempting to interpret each individual situation as to whether or not it complies with dress standards as reflected in the school handbook.

Both Boys and Girls:

1. Hats, caps, sweatbands, visors, and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
2. No body piercing or tattooing of any kind is permitted. Girls are permitted to have pierced ears. (See rule 8a for specifics)

Boys:

1. **Long pants or jeans** must be properly fitting, neat, clean, and repaired if necessary. No rips, holes, or tears and fit properly. Wear a belt or suspenders with pants that ride below the hips.
 - a. No pajama bottoms or tops.
 - b. No sweat/athletic-style pants
 - c. No flannel pants
2. **Shorts** may only be worn on specifically announced days. Shorts must be knee length, have a hem, and be of a proper fit. They may be of an athletic-style (as in basketball shorts), but must be nice-looking with a shirt that compliments. Wear spandex (compression shorts) under athletic shorts. No rips, holes, or tears are permitted.
3. **Shirts** may not convey images or words that distract or contradict from the business of Christian education.
 - a. Shirts that have a collar and a straight-edged bottom all around may be worn outside the pants.
 - b. T-shirts and all other shirts must be tucked in the pants when the student is in the building.
 - c. No tank tops or plain white T-shirts may be worn as outer clothing.
 - d. Sweatshirts that are clean and in good repair are acceptable. No hoods may be worn in the building.
4. **Shoes** must be sturdy and safe for play and sports.
 - a. Shoes must have a closed toe and be worn with socks at all times.
 - b. No slippers or flip-flops are permitted.
5. **Hair** must be neat and trim.
 - a. No "fad" haircuts are permitted.
 - b. Hair must be natural in color.
 - c. It must be off the collar and may not cover the eyes.
 - d. Hair may not be longer than the ear lobes.
6. Proper undergarments must be worn at all times.

Girls:

1. Girls may not wear see-through, suggestive, tight-fitting, or what we consider to be immodest clothing.
2. **Dresses or skirts** must be long enough to cover the knee when sitting down in a chair.
 - a. Wear shorts or leggings under dresses or skirts to maintain modesty during playground activity.
 - b. When leggings are worn under a skirt or dress it may be no higher than 3" above the knee when sitting.
 - c. Sleeveless dresses (no tank or "spaghetti" straps) are permitted.
3. **Pants** must be properly fitting, neat, clean, and repaired if necessary. No rips, holes, or tears are allowed. Wear a belt or suspenders with pants that ride below the hips.
 - a. No pajama bottoms or tops.
 - b. No sweat/athletic-style pants.
 - c. No flannel pants.
 - d. Capris must go below the knee when sitting.
4. **Shorts** may be worn on specifically pre-announced days only and must come to the knee and have a hem. No rips, holes, or tears are permitted.
 - a. No athletic shorts are permitted unless specified for *athletic events*.
 - b. Athletic shorts may be worn only for specific *athletic events as announced* (i.e. volleyball tournament, basketball tournament, P.E. Olympics, etc.). They must come to the knee. Wear spandex (compression shorts) under athletic shorts.
5. **Blouses and Shirts** must be modest, covering the middle torso when at play and reaching arms above the head.
 - a. Sleeveless shirts with a collar are permitted.
 - b. No tank tops
 - c. Sweatshirts that are clean and in good repair are acceptable. No hoods worn in the building.
 - d. Necklines must not "gape" when bending.
6. **Shoes** must be sturdy and safe for play and sports.
 - a. Shoes must have a closed toe and be worn with socks at all times.
 - b. No flip-flops, shoes with a raised heel, or slippers are permitted.
7. **Hair** must be Natural in color, allowing eyebrows to be visible
8. **Jewelry** must be worn in moderation.
 - a. Any earrings must be studs or posts (no dangling earrings for safety purposes).
 - b. All jewelry must be removed during P.E. classes.
9. **Make-up**
 - a. Make-up is not permitted in grades K-5
 - b. 6th grade girls may only wear make-up with discretion and in moderation
 - c. Make-up should be worn in such a way as to not draw attention to any one feature.
10. Proper undergarments must be worn at all times.

School wide dress code enforcement policy:

For any dress code violation a dress code alert will be sent home for the parents to review with their child. The dress code is numbered for ease of reference to the specific dress code rule to be addressed.

- 1) **First offense** – go to the office, call home for a change of clothes, return to class, and change when the clothes arrive.
- 2) **Second offense** – go to the office, call home for a change of clothes, stay in the office until the clothing arrives, and stay in at recess to make up missed work.
- 3) **Third offense** – go to the office, call home for a change of clothes, stay in the office until the clothing arrives, and receive a zero for missed classwork.

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