



Paradise Valley Christian School – Student Dress Code

MISSION OF PVCS:

Our mission is to educate students for eternity while equipping them spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically to gain and desire wisdom and understanding, and to become pure in character and strong in spirit while living on this earth.

DRESS CODE SUMMARY & GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

Our goal at PVCS when it comes to student dress code and our outward appearance is to honor God, honor ourselves and honor others. These guidelines are meant to glorify God and fulfill our Mission at PVCS. We want to keep our dress code simple, practical and affordable, while at the same time supporting scripture and our mission.

1. **Modest and respectable:** God's word instructs us to dress modestly and put Jesus first in all our actions and decisions. Jesus said to deny oneself and abide in Him: This would mean to be humble inwardly and outwardly and not call attention to yourself. Adornment should respect God's word and your walk with Christ. At PVCS, our mission is clear when it comes to preparing our students spiritually. When it comes to our dress code, we will apply biblical guidelines.
2. **School appropriate and neat:** Our dress should be appropriate for school, geared for learning and not a distraction, while at the same time comfortable, neat and clean in appearance. Christian themed apparel, symbols and slogans are obviously encouraged. At PVCS, our mission is clear when it comes to preparing our students socially. We will use our dress code to prepare our students socially for the world we live in.
3. **Male and female:** Jesus made it clear in Mark 10:6 that God had a plan from the beginning to make both male and female with very distinct differences and biological characteristics. Therefore, our dress should follow and honor Him in the way He created us to be.
4. **Consequences:** Any time a student chooses not to comply with PVCS dress code, they may not be allowed to attend class or activities until properly dressed and in compliance. Parents could be asked to bring a change of clothes and/or the student may be sent home to change. This would count as an unexcused absence.

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT

At PVCS, God's word is the final authority for all things including dress. The following scriptures are just a few examples God's expectations.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. *(Modesty, humility, not calling attention to yourself)*

1 Peter 3:3-4 Do not let your adornment be merely outward arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. *(Modesty, humility, not calling attention to yourself)*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. *(We belong to Him; we should glorify Him.)*

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." *(God is more concerned with the heart than dress)*

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. *(Focus on eternal qualities, not worldly gain.)*

Romans 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. *(Put ourselves under the authority and love of Christ in all areas of our life)*

BASIC DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- Clothing must be clean and neat.
- Tops: May be any color or design as long as it is not offensive, revealing and is neat and clean.
- Pants: Can be jeans, khaki or casual pants of any color as long as they do not have holes, tears, patches, frays or stains and are worn at the waist. No shorts, pajamas or sweatpants.
- Skirts: Can be worn as long as they come to the top of the knee.
- No head coverings, hats, hoods or sunglasses during school or in the building.
- Shoes/sandals/boots: must have heels covered, no flip flops or slippers. Shoes/sandals/boots must be neat and clean. Gym shoes are not allowed outdoors or on the playground.
- Clothing should not be form fitting, revealing or attempting to be sensual. No leggings, Jeggings or low necklines.
- Tattoos must be covered.

BASIC DRESS CODE FOR WINTER SEASON:

- Hoodies are permitted as long as they comply with the mission stated above with other clothing.
- Hoods are not permitted to be on while in any building.
- Any sweaters, jackets, hoodies are permitted as long as there are no slogans or symbols that are deemed offensive or do not support our mission.

BOY-SPECIFIC DRESS EXPECTATIONS:

- No piercings of any kind and this includes earrings.
- Hair length should be above the shoulders and out of the eyes. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair color. Hair should be neat and tidy.
- Make-up and painted nails are not allowed.

GIRL-SPECIFIC DRESS EXPECTATIONS:

- Make-up is permitted, but must be tasteful in color, not sensual or distracting.
- Hairstyles that are deemed extreme or have unnatural hair color are not permitted. Mixed natural hair colors are permitted as long as the highlights and colors are natural.
- Piercings of any kind must be limited to the ear only. Earrings are limited to 2 per ear, no spacers.

FORMAL OCCASIONS:

Any events that would require more formal dress such should be in the same spirit as our values listed above. Dresses, gowns or other outfits should be modest and decent. We should not bring attention to ourselves, clothing should not be revealing, should not show cleavage and dresses should not be shorter than the top of the knee.

CHAPEL-DAY (WEDNESDAYS)

On Chapel-day, no T-Shirts should be worn, instead all shirts must have a collar. This is not a spiritual requirement, but instead implemented to help our students understand the importance of respecting others and preparing them socially for more formal occasions in life and bringing honor to God.

THEME DAYS:

On occasion, we will celebrate themes and spirit day by wearing school colors, favorite sports teams, camo-day, Star Wars Day, Superhero Day and other fun celebrations. This will be announced in advance.

***The School Administrator and Principal have the final say and authority to deem what is considered offensive or a violation of our dress code.