

Pinnacle Classical Academy

Student Uniform Policy

Why a uniform policy?

To establish a uniform policy for the purpose of removing unnecessary distractions, maintaining an atmosphere in which outward appearance is deemphasized and in which inner beauty and character are emphasized. The administration reserves the right to make decisions on items not specifically listed in our policy.

Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled at PCA.

General Rationale

PCA has chosen to institute a school uniform for several reasons. First, Christians have an obligation to do all things heartily (or excellently) as unto the Lord. We believe that “all things” extends even to our physical appearance. A school uniform encourages students to present themselves in a neat, orderly, and excellent manner – as unto the Lord, not man. Secondly, the uniform code helps create and maintain an orderly school environment, encouraging and expecting students to demonstrate respect by considering others better than themselves. We demonstrate respect to one another by dressing modestly and neatly, not drawing unnecessary attention to ourselves. Finally, we dress in clothes which are fitting for the task at hand. Our task at PCA is to glorify God through the Christ-centered, classical training of children. Students in uniform focus more readily on their academic and spiritual training, rather than on their clothing. Also, when uniforms are worn, students find ways to express themselves creatively through the arts, music, personality, and academic achievement, rather than through their clothing. Overall, uniforms will help PCA maintain an atmosphere free of distraction in which outward appearance is deemphasized and in which inner beauty and character are emphasized.

Specific Rationale

In addition to the reasons given above, PCA has chosen a uniform instead of a dress code for several reasons:

- 1) Uniforms promote unity and camaraderie amongst the student body.
- 2) Uniforms prevent problems associated with the subjective interpretation of a dress code policy.
- 3) Uniforms create clarity about what is acceptable, modest, and appropriate according to the school’s standards.
- 4) Uniforms tend to minimize economic differences by promoting a single standard of dress.

General Information and Guidelines for Uniforms

All students enrolled at PCA will be required to wear the PCA school uniform everyday unless instructed by a teacher to dress differently because of a special event or field trip. On Monday through Wednesday, students will be required to wear the basic school uniform, while on Thursday students will be required to wear the specified “formal” uniform. We have instituted “Formal Day” because we want our students to learn that we are to work heartily for the Lord each day, which means finishing each week strong – even in the area of appearance.

Some uniform items must be purchased from Lands’ End or The Toggery, while others may be purchased from the store of your choice. You will notice a couple of items within the uniform guidelines which give students options. As a general rule, a student may always dress “up” (i.e., formal attire may be worn Mon-Thu), but on “Formal Day” students may not dress “down.”

Specific Requirements for Uniform and Student Appearance

Because PCA has chosen to institute a uniform (literally “one form”) policy instead of a dress code, students will be allowed to wear only the items listed in this policy. Any other items that are worn will be considered out of uniform and will require immediate rectification and possible disciplinary action.