

## **Dress Code**

At Plaza Heights Christian Academy, we recognize that appearance does not conclusively reflect a person's spiritual condition and that no dress code is perfect. However, clothing and appearance have an influence on attitude, behavior, and schoolwork.

As in every area of our lives, clothing, and the way we wear it, should represent our desire to please God and honor Him. The following dress code is set forth in the interest of modesty as well as our desire to provide ease of interpretation, compliance, and enforcement.

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their students are in complete compliance with the school's dress code standards. Students who violate the dress code will be given the option to adjust their clothing, change, or even be given an alternative piece of clothing to wear for the day.

Each student will be permitted two dress code violations per quarter. Detentions will be served for the third and fourth violation. Any violation past this point will result in a meeting with the administration.

### **Boys are permitted to wear:**

Pants, shorts, dress slacks, khakis, or jeans. They should be worn at the waist or just below the waist. Pants that are labeled "regular", "loose fit", "relaxed", or "baggy" are acceptable styles. A belt must be worn if pants are loose and cannot stay at the waist or just below the waist without one.

Shirts, collared shirts, dress shirts, polos, Henley button style, turtlenecks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or sweaters may be worn. If a student is wearing a hoodie, the hood may not be worn on the head during school hours. While writing and brand symbols can be worn, students are not allowed to wear shirts or tops with writing or symbols on them that are of a political or a divisive nature that would not be in keeping with the mission of PHCA and the unity found in Jesus Christ. Anything considered distracting or divisive will not be allowed to be worn.

Boys are not allowed to have any piercings.

### **Girls are permitted to wear:**

Pants, shorts, dress slacks, khakis, or jeans may be worn. They should be worn at the waist or just below the waist. Pants that are labeled "regular", "loose fit", "relaxed", or "baggy" are acceptable styles. Jeans with holes may be worn, but any holes must be lower than fingertip length. Leggings and yoga pants can be worn but only with a top that is fingertip length. Shorts and skirts may be worn but they must also be fingertip length (including slits).

Shirts, blouses, polos, turtlenecks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or sweaters may be worn. No crop tops or shirts that expose the midriff will be allowed. If a student is wearing a hoodie, the hood may not be worn on the head during school hours. While writing and brand symbols can be worn, students are not allowed to wear shirts or tops with writing or symbols on them that are of a political or a divisive nature that would not be in keeping with the mission of PHCA and the

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Moderation should be used with makeup and jewelry. Ear and nose piercings are allowed, but should be tasteful in appearance.

**The following are not allowed for boys or girls:**

- Oversized clothing
- Tight fitting clothing
- Tank tops or sleeveless tops
- Low-cut tops (no cleavage should be showing)
- Visible tattoos
- Undergarments should not be seen at any time
- Unnatural hair color
- House slippers (except on special designated days)
- Pajama Pants (except on special designated days)
- Hats (except on special designated days)

**Special Designated Days/Events**

**Spirit Week:** The normal dress code will be relaxed to allow clothing not normally allowed (pajama pants, hats, and slippers). Such exceptions will be clearly communicated and should never violate the overarching standard of modesty.

**Special Events/Programs:** For evening programs, graduation, etc., students may be asked to dress up. In that case, the coach or staff sponsor is responsible for communicating the correct dress code for each event. Girls should wear nice dresses or slacks, and dress shoes. Boys should wear nice slacks, dress shirts, and dress shoes.

**Formal Wear (Courtrooming, Prom, etc.):** All dresses should not be shorter than fingertip length. No undergarments should be visible. Dresses should not be low-cut, have plunging necklines, or expose the waist. Violators will receive a shawl to wear for the event and have possible additional consequences. Because of the unique formal wear available for girls, the following guidelines are set:

- Slits in the dress will be no higher than fingertip length
- No bare midriffs
- Strapless dresses are permitted
- The top of the dress must not show cleavage

Girls may bring photos of the dress before the event to assure compliance. Non-PHCA dates must abide by the same dress code. Please communicate these standards clearly to your date to avoid an embarrassing situation for them.

***Plaza Heights Christian Academy reserves the right to advise and discipline any student about personal appearance that may be considered distracting or deemed inappropriate by the school administration.***