

## Pinnacle Uniform Information and Policy

Pinnacle uniform items can be purchased from any store of your choosing as long as it is in compliance with the school's policy. If you would like to have uniforms with the **approved** school logo, you may purchase/order them from CBF Graphics at Student Check-in.

Please refer to the following information when making your uniform purchases. The entire Uniform Code can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook, which will be made available at Student Check-in. We recommend that parents take the time needed to become familiar with the **entire** policy.

### **The Pinnacle Charter School Board of Directors has established the following policy:**

Students uniforms are an essential and distinctive facet of the PCS academic culture.

Wearing uniforms impact the school positively by:

- Fostering a distinct and positive "PCS Appearance"
- Decreasing distractions
- Increasing wardrobe equity
- Supporting easy identification of visitors or strangers.

Uniforms are mandatory for all PCS students. Wearing uniforms is intended to promote safety, improve discipline, and enhance the overall learning environment. Proper wear of the uniform also shows pride in oneself and in PCS. Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day.

### **Students are expected to be in uniform upon arrival in the morning or when returning to school.**

After 3:45, students on campus may be out of uniform, but must still be modestly and appropriately dressed (Safe Schools). Students who finish before 7<sup>th</sup> period must remain in uniform until 3:45 if they remain on campus.

Uniforms must be worn during detention, Saturday School, and on field trips unless the administration approves otherwise. Uniforms are not required for any evening or weekend activities unless specified by the administration or the activity supervisor.

### **Parent and Staff Responsibilities**

Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their students arrive at school in proper uniform. Within the school, the dress code will be enforced by the classroom teacher, other staff members and the PCS administration. The administration will make the final decisions regarding uniform issues. **Cheerful, consistent compliance with the uniform policy by all students is expected. Staff will track student non-compliance with the dress code.**

### **Dress Code (Uniforms) [revised 06/15/09]**

The responsibility to make academics the primary focus obligates The Pinnacle to prevent anything which may distract from the education of students. An environment in which students, staff, parents and community members feel safe is of the utmost importance. **To this end, a uniform policy has been adopted and will be enforced.** Registering your child at The Pinnacle indicates your acceptance of the uniform policy. Students not in uniform will be sent home and further disciplinary action may be taken. Repeat offenders will be considered in defiance of authority.

Please refer to Resource Guide for parents and students in the back of this Handbook (Safe Schools) for details regarding items that interfere with the safety and security of the school during a school sponsored activity.

### **School I.D. Badges *NEW!***

School ID Badges must be worn and visible at all times on a lanyard or clipped on the shirt. Additional IDs are available at the Dean's Office.

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### **Uniform Wear Guidance**

Students must present a clean and neat appearance. Uniforms are to be of appropriate size/fit, and they must be worn as intended by the policy and by the standard of fit and repair discussed elsewhere in this standard. A student can be out of compliance for wearing non-approved items, or by wearing approved items in a manner that is sloppy, immodest or otherwise inappropriate. No temporary altering of items (only to abide by the dress code) is allowed.

Items that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, upper leg, thighs, buttocks, back and breast are not acceptable (i.e. too tight/baggy, too short, low cut or otherwise revealing).

### **Shirts/Turtlenecks/Sweaters/Sweatshirts**

Shirts must be solid white or solid dark navy blue. Shirts may be short or long sleeve. Dress shirts may or may not have a pocket(s) and may have either a button down or non-button down collar. All polo shirts and dress shirts must have buttons all the way to the top of the garment. Shirts must be buttoned to a standard of neatness and modesty. Dress shirts worn with ties should normally be buttoned all the way up, while polo shirts may have one or more buttons unbuttoned.

Shirts must be 4" below belt line and worn tucked inside the pants, skirt, skorts, or shorts. Only one uniform shirt may be worn with optional one plain navy blue or white T-shirt, shirt, or turtleneck as an undershirt. Polo shirts may be of any material, with or without cuffs, but should have two to four buttons. They must be plain, without any logos (except for PCS approved logos) or decorations. School-designed polo shirts with a PCS logo may be worn as part of the regular uniform.

Hooded or un-hooded sweatshirts with the PCS approved logo or navy blue or white pull-over sweaters may be worn as part of the regular uniform **provided a uniform shirt is worn underneath and the collar or turtleneck is showing. The shirt underneath must be tucked** (Other shirts and sweatshirts with the PCS logo are sold during the year as internal fundraisers and are not available through vendors may be worn). This policy does not permit normal wearing of sweatshirts designed by various PCS activities such as sports teams and/or clubs on a daily basis. Those sweatshirts are acceptable Friday wear items.

The shirt worn on top must have the longest of sleeves. One plain white or navy blue T-shirt, shirt or turtleneck may be worn under the uniform shirt. Turtlenecks with a full turned over collar or mock turtlenecks are authorized for both junior high and high school students. Sweaters and turtlenecks may be plain or ribbed. Sweaters and turtlenecks may not be form-fitting.

### **Pants/Shorts**

Pants and shorts for both boys and girls at all levels may pleated or flat front and can be cuffed or non-cuffed. Pants and shorts must be navy blue or khaki, have internal pockets and be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, while the student is standing up. No "low riding" of pants or shorts is allowed. Pants with holes may not be worn. Pants with elastic waistbands without manufactured belt loops are permissible. Pants that become too short or get holes in the knees can be cut off into shorts. They must be hemmed the same length as purchased. Neither pants, nor shorts may be rolled to achieve proper length.

### **Shorts/Skorts/Skirts/Jumpers**

Female students have the option of wearing skorts, skirts and jumpers. The length of shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers will not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee, while the student is standing up. Shorts and skorts cannot go below the top of the knee. The hemlines in skirts may not be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee, while the student is standing up. Shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers must be navy blue or khaki.

### **Neckties/Belts**

Neckties are optional. If worn, the necktie must be of standard length and properly tied. Ties must be solid blue, white or maroon. Neckties may only be worn with oxford shirts. Belts can be any color or style as long as it is color coordinated and in good taste. Belts may not have spikes, metal protrusions, beaded or painted designs. Both boys and girls with pants and shorts that have belt loops must wear belts. Belt loops may not be removed from the pants and shorts. Pants with elastic waistbands without manufactured belt loops may be worn without belts. **Buckles should be plain and conservative in size.** Belts must be worn even if they do not show, such as with a sweatshirt, or sweater.

**\*\*\*Students in kindergarten, first and second grade are not required to wear belts.**

### **Shoes/Socks/Tights**

Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes should be conservative in style and color coordinate with attire. Shoes can not have flashing lights or characters. Ankle high boots are acceptable in black or brown. For safety reasons, shoes should be tied/buckled/zipped, etc. at all times and heels/soles should not be more than two inches high. Girls may wear clog-type shoes (mules) without a back. Shower/beach thong sandals, flip-flops, crocs and athletic sandals are not appropriate for either boys or girls. Heelies, or any other shoe with a wheel, are prohibited. Socks, if they show, must coordinate with the uniform. Girls may also wear coordinating colored tights. Tights may be the lighter nylon type or the heavier cable tights.

### **Additional Dress and Appearance Guidelines Hair, Beards, Mustaches**

All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns, and beards in a clean, well groomed manner. Hair styles must comply with the general dress code guidelines (neatness, avoidance of showiness, etc.). Hair that is so conspicuous, extreme, or odd in color or style that it would draw undue attention from an outside visitor shall not be allowed. If bangs are worn, they must be above the eyes in front.

Length of boys' hair will be maintained as follows:

Hair will not be spiked longer than 1 ½ inch.

Hair will be no longer than the bottom of the ears on the sides

Hair in back will be no longer than the bottom of the dress shirt collar

Long hair may be pulled back and placed in a pony tail.

Mohawk haircuts are not allowed

**The administration will make final decisions regarding hair.**

### **Hair Accessories-Girls/Hats**

Girls may wear their own navy blue, khaki, white or maroon hair accessories. This includes small, uniform-coordinated scarves worn as a scarf. However, hairnets, bandanas, or bandana print head accessories are not allowed. No head scarves or bandanas are allowed for boys. No hats of any kind, including baseball caps, may be worn in the buildings. No sunglasses are allowed in the building without a written doctor's prescription. Appropriate hats may be worn in the gym during after-school athletic events.

### **Jewelry/Piercing/Tattoos**

All jewelry must be conservative, non-offensive, and not draw undue attention from an outside visitor. Dog tag or dog tag types of necklaces are not permitted. Excessive jewelry such as "dog collars," large neck chains, pocket chains, safety pins, key or wallet chains, and large amounts or numbers of jewelry items are not permitted for safety reasons and for lack of compliance with the overall intent for student appearance. Bracelets and necklaces should be in good taste and coordinate with the uniform. Plastic or silicon-style bracelets such as the "Livestrong" bracelet may be worn. Students may not have more than three earrings in each ear. No other visible piercing is allowed for students. Large dangling or hoop-style earrings are discouraged for safety reasons. Visible tattoos are prohibited.

### **Jackets/Outerwear**

Non-approved outerwear may be worn to school, but must be placed and left in a locker during the school day. In inclement weather only, students may wear a winter jacket or raincoat while walking to and from the main building and the event center. Once inside all non-PCS outerwear must be removed.

### **Backpacks**

Backpacks may not contain any patches or logos that are associated with professional sports teams and may not have any college team logos or patches, for example; Georgetown "Hoyas", UNLV "Rebels", University of Colorado "Buffaloes", Miami "Hurricanes", Rutgers "Scarlet Knights," etc.

***Regarding all dress code policies, the final interpretation will be made by the Administration of the school.***