

2025-2026 PAIDEIA CLASSICAL ACADEMY Dress Code and Uniform Policy

STRICT ADHERENCE TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MAINTAINED. Please read carefully.

-This is an excerpt from the PCA Parent/Student Handbook -

PREAMBLE

The dress code of Paideia Classical Academy is a reflection of the values of the Orthodox Church Community of which our school is a part, and it can be summed up in the following motto: **modesty and school-safety**.

Students will receive, in order, the following consequences for failure to adhere to the present Dress Code and Uniform Policy: verbal warning and email sent to the parents explaining the violation. Subsequent failure to adhere to the Dress Code and Uniform Policy will lead to a Uniform violation for the student. Upon issuing a Uniform Violation, a copy of the Uniform violation will be sent home with the student and an email (from the issuing teacher/administrator) sent to the parents stating the violation. All uniform violations must be completed and returned. Failure to return the uniform violation will result in further disciplinary actions determined by the Administration. Three uniform violations in a single quarter will result in a paid detention for that student. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, the PCA administration may forego the verbal and the written notice and decide to refuse entry to a student who blatantly disrespects the dress code and uniform policy.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

The following provisions apply to ALL students:

- a)** All students must be well groomed and in proper, clean, complete, and neat (not frayed or torn) uniform while on campus. All shirts must be neatly tucked into bottoms at all times while on campus. All bottoms must be worn at the waist (**not above, nor below**).
- b)** Except for the school logo, all school clothing will be otherwise free of any advertisements or media images, since we do not wish to promote or advertise any entity inside of our school or allow the appearance of our approval of any ideas, messages or images that may be contrary to our faith.
- c)** Jewelry or accessories: none allowed, except for a modest watch and a cross. Smart watches or any similar devices are not allowed. Special dispensations regarding earrings for girls are specified below.
- f)** No body ornamentation (piercing/tattoos/writing on the body) is allowed.
- g)** Hair ornamentation shall be kept to a minimum, following the requirements of modesty and safety (safe for all kinds of school-appropriate physical activities), as well as matching the school uniform colors (white, black, yellow, navy blue). Spiked hair, designs, or extreme styles of any kind are not permitted. Students are not allowed to dye their hair, and hair should be neat and away from the eyes. No glitter, no hair extensions, no attached hair piece or character hair accessories allowed.
- h)** Nail polish, extensions, or artificial nails are not allowed. Nails should be maintained short, well-trimmed, and clean.
- i)** No makeup (including lip gloss), except for blemish cover, is allowed while on campus. Special dispensations for girls in the Rhetoric stage are specified below.
- j)** **Backpacks/Lunch packs/Water bottles/School Supplies: Daily**, all students must have a backpack, a lunchbox, a refillable water bottle, and school supplies. All of these must be free of any characters. The water bottle must be filled at home. Only water and unsweetened tea are allowed.

II. Student DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY for the PRIMARY (1st and 2nd grade), GRAMMAR (3rd-5th grade), LOGIC (6th-8th grade), and RHETORIC (9th-12th grade) stages. Additionally to the provisions specified for all students in point I above, the following apply for all the students in PRIMARY, GRAMMAR, LOGIC and RHETORIC stages.

A. BOYS:

- 1) **Shirts:** No-pocket, white or light-blue, long or short-sleeved Oxford. No polo style shirt. School logo must be on the left side of the student's shirt¹. Shirts must be buttoned up and tucked in.
- 2) **Pants:** Navy blue, long; worn with **black belt** (mandatory)
- 3) **Belt:** black, must be worn with all bottoms that have loops
- 4) **School Tie:** Lands End clear blue plaid or solid navy blue. Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric (grades 3-12)—all school days and all special events. Primary students—on LITURGY days and special events.
* Red or red/green plaid tie is required for the Saint Nicholas and Christmas Event.
** The plaid and solid navy-blue options are available at Land's End website; the navy and the red ties may be purchased most anywhere inexpensively.
- 5) **Socks:** Solid cuff/crew/knee length, navy-blue or white socks. No other color.
- 6) **Shoes:** Comfortable, black dressy-casual, closed-toe/heel shoes. No athletic/canvas/boat shoes.
- 7) **Blazer** (optional): Lands End hopsack navy blue blazer with school logo patch on the left side—to be worn with full Paideia uniform.
- 8) **Vest** (optional): Lands End navy blue, with school logo patch on the left side.
- 9) **Hair:** Well groomed, with ears clearly showing, remaining above the eyebrows, and above the shirt collar. No designs, mohawks, tails, man-buns, lines, or unusual designs, or current fads allowed. Shaved hairstyles are to be no lower than #3; NO cuts of #2 or #1 will be permitted. Natural hair only - no staining, streaking, or bleaching of any kind is allowed. Facial hair or body ornamentation of any kind is forbidden, with the exception of male students in their senior year, who, upon the approval of the Director, may wear a well-trimmed, short beard. Earrings are not permitted.

B. GIRLS:

- 1) **Shirts:** White or light-blue Peter Pan collar blouse; no polo shirt. When worn with a skirt, shirts must be buttoned up and tucked in, and the school logo must be on the left side of the student's shirt².
- 2) **Skirt (all ages Primary-Rhetoric):** **Below-the-knee** navy blue or Lands End clear blue plaid skirt. **No polo or knitted skirts.**
- 3) **Jumper (available for Primary and Grammar only; Logic and Rhetoric may NOT wear jumpers):** Jumpers must be **below-the-knee** (if purchasing from Land End, please be aware they run short, so you must purchase a bigger size and adjust accordingly in order to fulfill the length requirements), navy blue or Lands-End-style clear blue. The jumper will have the school logo on the left side and will be worn with light-blue or white shirts. **No polo or knitted jumpers.**
- 4) **Bike Shorts:** It is encouraged that all girls wear dark navy bike shorts under their skirts to ensure modesty. Bike shorts may NOT be worn as athletic attire.
- 4) **Socks:** Navy blue or white cuff/crew/knee high socks. No other color. No leggings. (See winter wear)
- 6) **Shoes:** Flat, comfortable black or navy blue closed-toe/heel, dressy-casual shoes, Mary Jane style. No athletic/canvas shoes.
- 7) **Blazer** (optional): Lands End hopsack navy blue blazer with school logo patch on left side—to be worn with full Paideia uniform.
- 8) **Hair:** Well groomed, out of the eyes.
- 9) **Earrings:** permitted if modest and safe for sports activities: studs and small hoops (dime-sized maximum). Only one piercing is acceptable per ear and no other piercings on the body are acceptable.
- 10) **Makeup:** High school (Rhetoric stage) female students are allowed modest, minimal makeup (no eyeliner or mascara), at the discretion of the Director (please refer to 1 Timothy 2:9 and 1 Peter 3:3-4).

III. Student DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY for the PreK (3-5), AND KINDERGARTEN stages:

Additionally to the provisions specified for all students in point I above, the following apply for all the students in PK AND KINDERGARTEN stages.

A. BOYS:

- 1) **Shirts:** White or light-blue polo shirt with school logo on left side³. Shirts must be buttoned up.
- 2) **Pants:** Navy blue dressy/casual pants (elastic waist is acceptable)

¹ As shown on Land's End website. Iron-on school logo patches can also be purchased separately from the school office for \$6.00

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- 3) Socks: Navy blue or white socks. No other color.
- 4) Shoes: Comfortable closed-toe/heel shoes in black.
- 5) Hair: Should be worn above the shirt collar and well groomed. No designs, mohawks, tails, man-buns, lines, or unusual designs, or current fads allowed. Shaved hairstyles are to be no lower than #3; NO cuts of #2 or #1 will be permitted. Natural hair only - no staining, streaking, or bleaching of any kind is allowed. Facial hair or body ornamentation of any kind is forbidden. Earrings are not permitted.

B. GIRLS

- 1) Shirts: White or light-blue Peter Pan collar blouse or Peter Pan collar polo shirt with school logo on left side⁴. Shirts must be buttoned up.
- 2) Skirt/Jumper: Below-the-knee length navy blue or plaid skirt or jumper; or navy-blue polo dress. Jumpers and polo dresses must have the school logo on the left side.
- 3) Bike Shorts: It is encouraged that all girls wear dark navy bike shorts under their skirts to ensure modesty. Bike shorts may NOT be worn as athletic attire.
- 4) Socks: Navy blue or white cuff/crew/knee length socks. No other color allowed. No leggings. (See winter wear)
- 5) Shoes: Comfortable closed-toe/heel shoes in black or navy with strap across foot, Mary Jane style.
- 6) Earrings are permitted, but must remain modest and safe for sports activities: studs and small hoops (dime-sized maximum). Only one piercing is acceptable per ear and no other piercings on the body are acceptable.
- 7) Hair: Well groomed, out of the eyes.

IV. PHYSICAL EDUCATION (hereafter "PE") uniform for all students:

- 1) Shorts: Solid cobalt (royal) blue or cobalt blue with white stripes on the sides (sometimes called "royal blue") sport below the knee gym shorts or athletic pants. No other color allowed. Gym shorts must be loose fit. No bike shorts allowed.
- 2) Shirts: PCA Bees PE shirts (available for sale in the front office).

Please note that this is the last year when plain white t-shirts with school logo patches on the left side are allowed.

- 3) Socks: White or navy-blue cuff/crew/knee length socks
 - 4) Shoes: Appropriate athletic shoes. No light-up shoes.
- **PK & K/Primary/Grammar students should come to school in their PE uniform on PE days. Logic and Rhetoric students will come wearing their school uniform, and bring their PE uniform in a bag. Teachers may provide additional instructions.

V. Winter Wear for all students:

On campus: navy blue cardigan, sweater, or jacket with school logo patches on left side. No sweaters or jackets allowed with any other logo or color. No sweatshirts, no hoodies, no hats, no scarves.

Girls only: If temperature drops to 65 degrees or lower, girls can wear navy blue or white footed tight, or navy blue or white leggings with matching socks under their skirt/jumper.

I have read Paideia Classical School Policy and agree that my child will comply with the uniform code in the 2025-2026 School Year or my student will receive consequences for violation of the school uniform.

(Name and signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date

(Name and signature of student)

Date

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(Name and signature of student)

Date