

Puerto Rico Christian School

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STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

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At Puerto Rico Christian School (PRCS), we believe that uniforms help create a focused academic environment by minimizing distractions and fostering a sense of discipline. They also simplify daily routines for families and ensure that all students adhere to a standard of dress that reflects the values and principles of our school. The following Student Uniform Policy outlines the specific requirements for student attire to maintain a cohesive and respectful school environment. Compliance with this policy is mandatory and helps support a positive and productive educational experience for all students.

UNIFORM: PK & K

<u>Girls</u>: Navy blue knee-length dress with emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón). <u>Boys</u>: Khaki pants with school emblem and navy blue polo shirt with school emblem (sold at *Olimac:*

The uniform authority in Bayamón). Shirts must be tucked in at all times. PK - no belts.

<u>Shoes</u>: Traditional black or navy blue enclosed school shoes with smooth soles or smallest treads available. They must be with Velcro. (No tennis shoes, no soles like tennis shoes, no boots, no wedges or high heels.) Shoes must be safe for active play.

Socks: White, khaki, or navy blue school socks (covering the ankle).

UNIFORM: 1st - 11th GRADE

Girls: Khaki skirt knee-length (sold at Olimac: The uniform authority in Bayamón).

<u>Boys</u>: Khaki pants with school emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón). Black belts without distracting buckles.

<u>Shirts</u>: Navy blue polo shirt with school emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón). Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

<u>Shoes</u>: Traditional black or navy blue enclosed school shoes with smooth soles or smallest treads available. (No tennis shoes, no soles like tennis shoes, no boots, no wedges or high heels.) Shoes must be safe for active play and must be securely fastened at all times.

Socks: White, khaki, or navy blue school socks (covering the ankle).

UNIFORM: 12th GRADE

Girls: Khaki skirt knee-length (sold at Olimac: The uniform authority in Bayamón).

<u>Boys</u>: Khaki pants with school emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón). Black belts without distracting buckles.

<u>Shirts</u>: Each year, the graduating senior class may choose a different shirt to identify their class. All arrangements must be done by the class president and design must be submitted to the school administration for approval. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

<u>Shoes</u>: Traditional black or navy blue enclosed school shoes with smooth soles or smallest treads available. (No tennis shoes, no soles like tennis shoes, no boots, no wedges or high heels.) Shoes must be safe for active play and must be securely fastened at all times.

Socks: White, khaki, or navy blue school socks (covering the ankle).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: PK - 11th GRADE

<u>Pants</u>: Navy blue gym pants with school emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón).

Shirts: Gray t-shirt with school emblem (sold at Olimac: The uniform authority in Bayamón).

Shoes: Tennis shoes (any color; must be safe for active play). PK & K with velcro.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 12th GRADE

<u>Pants</u>: Navy blue gym pants with school emblem (sold at *Olimac: The uniform authority* in Bayamón).

<u>Shirts</u>: Each year, the graduating senior class may choose a different shirt to identify their class. All arrangements must be done by the class president and design must be submitted to the school administration for approval.

Shoes: Tennis shoes (any color; must be safe for active play).

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

If a student cannot wear their complete uniform for any reason, a written note must be sent to school by a parent explaining the situation. In the rare case of a family emergency which prevents having a uniform available one day, please wear **P.E. uniform or the PRCS uniform polo and jeans.** The parent MUST send an email to the homeroom teacher explaining the family emergency. Family emergencies requiring temporary use of tennis shoes must be resolved no later than one week.

FIELD TRIPS:

For security reasons, PRCS uniform will be worn on field trips. However, teachers may require at their discretion P.E. uniform if necessary.

JEAN DAYS:

Students choosing to participate in designated jean days must pay a fee of one dollar. These days, wearing the uniform is optional. Students who opt to wear their full regular uniform will not be charged the fee. However, students who come in PE uniform will still need to pay the one dollar fee.

- Jeans:
 - Both boys and girls are allowed to wear jeans, provided they are long and not tight-fitting.
 - Long slacks are also acceptable.
 - Ripped jeans are not allowed.
 - Jogging pants (lycra sport pants) and jeggings (leggings designed to look like jeans) are prohibited.
- Shorts:
 - Shorts are not permitted for boys or girls.
- Shoes:
 - Tennis shoes, flats or sandals (with straps) may be worn.
 - For student safety, no slide on sandals, high heels, flip flops or Crocs will be allowed.
- Shirts: T-shirts are allowed as long as they do not display distracting or obscene words, gestures, images, or symbols. This includes but is not limited to content that is obscene, sexual in nature, violent, or inappropriate, such as skulls or weapons. The shirts worn must be waist length when the student raises his/her arms. No tank tops, spaghetti strap, see

through, or strapless and off the shoulder shirts are allowed. No low cut or tight blouses. Cardigans may not be a part of the outfit to cover shirts that are against school dress code.

o Jackets: Jackets are allowed for indoor use only.

THEMED T-SHIRT DAYS:

Students can wear their Themed t-shirt only on designated days by the administration and with jeans only (no ripped, colored jeans, leggings, joggers or slacks).

OFFICIAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Uniforms will be worn every day. Students will be permitted to wear other appropriate clothing for these events only: Christmas party day, Student's Day, last day of school in May, Honor Roll, Passing On Ceremony and any other day the administration deems necessary. On those days, they must still follow all other guidelines listed below.

Follow these school dress code requirements unless the school specifies a different kind of clothing.

- Jeans Jeans (not tight) or long slacks are permitted (boys and girls). Ripped jeans will not be allowed. Jogging pants (lycra sport pants) and jeggings (leggings designed to look like jeans) are prohibited.
- Shirts T-shirts (without distracting or obscene words and gestures, obscene images, disrupting symbols, obscene or sexual in nature, violent images or any other inappropriate pictures like, but not limited to, skulls, weapons, alcohol or drugs, etc.)
- No tank tops, spaghetti strap, see through, or strapless and off the shoulder shirts are allowed.
- No low cut or tight blouses. No crop tops. Cardigans may not be a part of the outfit to cover shirts that are against school dress code.
- Shorts Shorts are not permitted for boys or girls.
- Dresses Dresses and skirts (knee-length) are permitted for girls only. Dresses should not be see-through, low-cut, short or tight-fitting. Split skirts are not allowed.

At PRCS, maintaining a respectful and non-distracting physical appearance is crucial. Hair must be natural in color (brown, blonde, black) with boys' hair kept neat, off the collar, above the eyebrows, and no longer than 3 inches in height. Unkempt, wild, or exaggerated hairstyles are not allowed. Facial hair should be clean-shaven or neatly groomed. Girls may wear moderate makeup and one pair of small earrings in the earlobes, while boys are prohibited from wearing makeup and earrings. Body piercing jewelry is not permitted for anyone. Girls in PK-6th grade must keep nails trimmed, while those in grades 7-12 can have medium-length nails; boys must keep nails trimmed and uncolored. Tattoos are strictly prohibited for all students. Additionally, students may be asked to remove any distracting add-ons or articles that conflict with the school's biblical values.

NOTE: Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for a more detailed description of our Dress Code Policy.