



## PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*Soli Deo Gloria*

### DRESS CODE

Students attending *Providence Christian Academy* will arrive at school with neat, clean, modest, and appropriate attire for the occasion and season. Our students will demonstrate high expectations in both dress and discipline. One of the more obvious outward demonstrations of those high expectations rests in choice of clothing. Consequently, recognizing the Biblical call for respectable and modest attire (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-5), the school has adopted the following preliminary guidelines while the Board of Directors and Faculty work to finalize the dress code over the coming months:

#### GIRLS

- ❖ Girls may wear dresses, skirts, khakis, dress pants, or Capri pants. Pants and slacks should fit properly at the waist and should be proper length, not extending below footwear.
- ❖ Skirts and dresses must cover the knee while the student is standing or seated.
- ❖ Girls may wear shorts—preferably khakis—in the classroom. Shorts must extend to the mid-thigh.
- ❖ Shirts should not reveal skin or undergarments around the waist even when the student is moving or seated. This also applies to PE and athletic attire.
- ❖ Shirts may be a polo shirt or non-see-through blouse. Shirts, dresses, and blouses must cover the entire shoulder blade. Sleeve openings that extend down the body of the shirt, low-cut tops, tank tops, halter-tops, mesh tops, midriff tops, tube tops, and tops with thin spaghetti-type straps, racer backs, or T-backs are not permitted.

## **BOYS**

- ❖ Boys may wear khakis or dress pants. Pants and slacks should fit properly at the waist and should be proper length, not extending below footwear.
- ❖ Boys must keep their haircut neat and off the collar and ear.
- ❖ Students may wear shorts—preferably khakis—in the classroom. Shorts must extend to the mid-thigh.
- ❖ Shirts may be a polo or collared dress shirt.

## **OTHER EXPECTATIONS**

- ❖ Clothing which contains vulgar, suggestive statements/pictures or which advertise products that would be inappropriate in a Christian setting are also not permitted.
- ❖ Clothing/accessories that promote discrimination, drugs, alcohol, sex, rebelliousness, and other themes that are deemed unchristian should not be worn to school.
- ❖ Students who wear outdoor boots during inclement weather must bring other footwear for the classroom. Due to safety concerns, flip-flops are not permitted.
- ❖ Students may not display body, facial, or tongue piercing or tattoos. Pierced ears for girls are the exception.
- ❖ Since styles and fads come and go, no list will ever be sufficient to cover the possibilities, therefore, in matters of inappropriate dress/attire, the judgment of the teacher and/or Superintendent will be the final determinant in acceptability for school attire.
- ❖ There are several occasions when the students are expected to wear “dress-up” clothing such as on the day when school pictures are taken, for certain class trips and tours, and for certain evening school functions.
- ❖ For classroom purposes, athletic shorts, swimming trunks, boxer type shorts, and pajamas are inappropriate. Students may only wear athletic shorts for PE. As noted above these should be mid-thigh length. For athletic practices, the same standards apply.

Although we will not be sending students home for violations of the code, we respectfully request that parents/guardians work together with the school to ensure proper attire for their student(s).