

# Providence Uniform and Dress Code

The Providence uniform and dress code requirements promote collegiality, pride in our school and its tradition, and a school climate conducive to high academic standards and self-discipline. Whether at school or in public, we ask our students to be proud of the uniform and to represent it well.

Parents are responsible for purchasing and maintaining clothes that meet our uniform and dress code requirements and to help the school monitor what their daughter or son is wearing when they leave home. By choosing to attend Providence, students accept the provisions of the uniform dress code and must be in compliance at all times.

## All students must wear:

- a. Appropriately sized polo style (white, navy, royal blue-seniors) shirts as purchased through our authorized vendor, River City Workwear. Shirttails are to be tucked into the waistband at all times. Solid white short sleeved T-shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt as long as they do not show beneath the uniform shirt sleeve. T-shirts worn under the uniform shirt must also be tucked in.
- b. Appropriately sized ankle length Navy blue or khaki pants. These must be dress pants made of a cotton twill or similar material. They must be unmarked (no stripes, designs, etc.) and may not have excessive pockets. Pants made of denim, velour, corduroy or athletic warm up style material are not allowed. Pants may not be tight or form fitting. Pants are to be worn at or above the hip.
- c. Shoes must be worn at all times. All shoes must have a hard sole, covered toe and heel; no slippers or slides may be worn. Slip on beach style sandals or flip flops are not allowed.
- d. Belts must be worn at all times. Belt colors may vary, but they may not have excessive ornamentation.
- e. Uniform quarter zip pullovers and sweatshirts purchased from River City Workwear may be worn over the uniform shirt. No sweatshirts, hoodies or pullovers from athletic teams or extracurricular activities may be worn.
- f. Clothes must be kept clean and pressed. Clothing may not be ragged, including pants at the hem or at the seam. Hems and seams must be sewn, not pinned or stapled.
- g. Outdoor jackets, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, sunglasses, or bandannas may **not** be worn in the building during the school day.
- h. Providence Letter Jackets may be worn during the school day by Junior and Senior students only.

Violations of the dress code may result in one or more of the following degrees of censure: warning, detention, demerit, sent home to change, or suspended.

## Spirit Days

On designated House days and spirit wear days, students may wear jeans; navy blue, black, or gray sweatpants; flannel PHS pants from River City; or pants from a Providence team or extracurricular activity. Shorts and skirts are not permitted. Students may wear modern-fit pants; however, if administration determines that attire is too tightly fitting, the consequences outlined in the previous section will apply.

On House days, students must wear their designated House shirt or sweatshirt. On spirit wear days, students must wear a shirt or sweatshirt received from or purchased through a Providence organization. This includes athletic teams, clubs, class spirit wear, Powder Puff spirit wear, and Academic Final Four shirts. School uniform shirts or pants are also acceptable on these days. The rules regarding shoes and any torn or distressed clothing remain consistent with the standard uniform guidelines.

At the end of the school year, seniors are permitted a designated period of dress-down days. These days will follow the same expectations as spirit wear days unless otherwise approved by administration.

During Homecoming Week and Catholic Schools Week, students may participate in designated theme dress-down days. Students who do not participate in the themed attire are expected to be in full school uniform.

On certain special occasions, students may be granted permission to dress out of uniform for dress-up days. On these days, boys are expected to wear a dress shirt, necktie or sweater, and dress pants. Girls may wear a dress or skirt of appropriate length, or ankle-length or Capri-style pants. Strapless tops, spaghetti straps, midriff-baring tops, and plunging necklines are not permitted. The same guidelines regarding shoes and distressed clothing from the uniform policy apply.

At all times while on campus or at school-sponsored events, students may not wear clothing with inappropriate language, images, advertisements for alcohol or illegal drugs, or messages inconsistent with the mission of the school. Attire must be appropriate, modest, and in good taste for the setting. Students must keep shirts on at all times while on campus, except when on the practice field or court. Longer sports bras that resemble tank tops may be worn on the practice field or court; however, shorter sports bras must be covered by a shirt.

Violations of the spirit wear dress code may result in one or more of the following degrees of censure: warning, detention, demerit, sent home to change, or suspended.

### **Grooming**

Students are expected to come to school neat and clean in appearance. Extremes in hair coloring, styles, and length are not permitted. Boys must be clean-shaven. Accommodations will not be made in shaving. Students may be sent home to shave so that upon return they will be in compliance. Sideburns may not extend beyond the bottom of the ear. In addition, *boys may not have hair below their eyebrows or touching their shirt collars*. Boys are not to wear earrings or studs. Jewelry (rings, studs, etc.) may not be worn by either male or female students in any pierced body part with the exception of females who may wear a limited number of earrings in their ears. No type of gauge earring may be worn. Tattoos should not be visible while wearing the uniform, spirit wear, other special dress days, or participating in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.

Note: The administration reserves the right to define the meaning of inappropriate attire and/or extreme appearance. In addition, we may counsel students in matters of personal appearance and hygiene.

Violations of the grooming dress code may result in one or more of the following degrees of censure: warning, detention, demerit, sent home to change, or suspended.

**Attire for Dances and Other School Events**

Providence students are great ambassadors of our Catholic faith and in many ways our school and community. For this reason, we ask our students and especially our female students, that when purchasing a dress for the prom, homecoming, etc. that they keep in the forefront of their mind that they attend a Catholic high school. We know that fashions come and go. But, modesty is a principle that we teach and value at Providence High School. If students arrive at an event in immodest attire they may be asked to change or given a sweater or wrap to wear.