

6.04 - Dress Code

In accordance with the Charter Application approved by the Douglas County School District for Parker Core Knowledge (PCK), a dress code has been established to minimize economic and competitive differences among students. All students are required to follow the dress code.

Dennis Uniform (www.dennisuniform.com) is the preferred provider of our uniforms. **However, JC Penney has been approved as an alternate vendor for middle school khaki pants and shorts. All khakis from JC Penney must be khaki and not dark khaki.**

You may choose to buy uniform items at various retailers and/or uniform vendors. (Christopher Plaid items must be purchased from Dennis Uniform) However, not everything each retailer/uniform vendor offers will meet our dress code guidelines. If the article of clothing is not defined in these guidelines, it is not approved.

All articles of clothing must match approved colors as shown on the front bulletin board. However, the Christopher Plaid and all outerwear worn inside the building may only be purchased through Dennis Uniforms, or through the PCK PTA.

The School Director has final determination of acceptability for ANY dress code issues in question.

Dennis Uniform
303-738-2255

8600 Park Meadows Drive
Lone Tree, CO 80124

School Code: **C32**

JC Penney
www.jcp.com

Park Meadows Mall
Southlands Shopping Ctr

303-768-9130
303-693-8454

All pre-existing PCK sweatshirts and hoodies (hooded/Cougar sweatshirt, and crewneck sweatshirts) are allowed through the end of the 2010- 2011 school year.

Uniforms in good condition may be passed on or resold to other students as your child outgrows them. PCK traditionally has a Used Uniform Sale at Back to School Night before school starts in August and, as supplies permit, during fall/spring parent-teacher conferences.

In addition to the specified clothing, a neat appearance is mandatory.

The following guidelines have been established:

Jewelry

- A minimum amount of jewelry is acceptable.
- Girls may only wear one post earring per earlobe.
- For safety reasons, no dangling or hoop-style earrings are allowed at school (including dress down days).
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Nose rings, other facial jewelry and visible tattoos are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- One necklace and/or one bracelet and/or **watch may be worn**.

Hair Boys and Girls

- Must be kept neat, groomed, and clean cut.
- Hairstyle and accessories must be non-distracting.
- Bangs cannot cover eyes.
- Hair color must be a natural color.
- Hair should not be dyed any color that is not considered 'natural' for hair; stripes; carvings or other distracting hair color changes are not permitted.

Boys' Hair

- Must be neat and well trimmed at all times and fall above the shirt collar.
- Boy's hair may not be worn in a ponytail, braids, Mohawk, rat tails, tall spikes or shaved with words, symbols or initials.

Girls Hair

- May wear non-distracting hair accessories, i.e. headbands, ribbons, scrunchies, or barrettes, of the school colors (forest green, navy blue, white, yellow, light blue, brown, black, gold, silver or Christopher plaid).

Hats

- Hats are not allowed to be worn in the school building as per DCSD policy, and may only be worn outside for weather protection (e.g. cold weather, strong sun protection, etc.)

Shorts, skorts, and skirts

- Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- K-8 girls may wear the Christopher Plaid skort and skirt from Dennis Uniform.
- 7 & 8th grade girls may also wear the Khaki skort, which must be from Dennis Uniform or match the style of the Dennis Skort.
- No other skorts are acceptable.

Pants

- Pants must be navy blue, in one of two uniform styles:
 - Pleated front with side pocket or
 - Flat front with side pockets
- Pants with patch pockets and cargo pant styles are not acceptable
- Approved Colors:
 - K-8 may wear navy blue pants.
 - 7-8 may also wear khaki pants. (See exception below)
- Navy uniform style pants/shorts may be purchased from other suppliers as long as the style is the same as Dennis Uniform pants.
- Pants with torn knees or other visible rips MAY NOT be worn.
- Pants that have faded excessively or appear overly worn are also not permitted.
- Pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt.
- Pants may not be worn lower than the waist.
- Pants are to be appropriately fitted to the student. Overly large or baggy pants are not permitted. Underwear may not show.

Middle School Exception: 7th and 8th grade may also wear KHAKI pants, shorts, and skorts. Khaki pants and shorts MUST be purchased from one of our two approved providers (Dennis Uniform or JC Penney and must be khaki, not dark khaki). The khaki skort must be or match the one provided by Dennis Uniforms. NO OTHER BRAND/COLOR OF KHAKI PANTS OR SHORTS ARE PERMITTED. Dennis Uniforms and JC Penney are the only suppliers for permitted khakis (MS only).

Shirts

- Polo style knit shirts and turtlenecks in the following school colors are acceptable: Navy, White, Forrest Green, Pale Yellow and Light Blue.
- Oxford, button-down shirts are also acceptable in the appropriate colors as sold by Dennis Uniform.
- All students must have one white uniform shirt with the PCK logo for PCK Spirit days.
- **Please refer to PCK uniform display for clarification on style and color.**
- **Collars should be plain without scallops or decorated edges.**
- Shirts and blouses **MUST** be tucked into pants, shorts, skorts or skirts **AT ALL TIMES** to maintain a neat appearance. **Exception: Dennis Uniform ¾ sleeve blouse.**

Sweatshirts and Sweaters (PCK approved only)

- In addition to the specified uniform tops, students may also wear the Dennis uniform sweaters, and other approved PCK logo outerwear only.
- **The PCK Cougar hoodie and crewneck sweatshirt is approved through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.**
- Sweatshirts may not be worn without an approved uniform shirt underneath.
- Sweatshirts need to be the correct size for the student, not oversized and free of holes and tears.
- **Dennis Uniform cardigans will need to have the logo embroidered on the front left chest in order to meet dress code policy.**
- Jackets, sweaters, and any other non-uniform sweatshirts may not be worn in the building except on designated dress down days.

Shoes

- Must be in a matching pair.
- No sandals or open-toe shoes, heels or boots are permitted.
- Snow boots, hiking boots and rain boots are **ONLY** permitted during extreme weather. If worn to school, be sure to **send another appropriate pair of shoes for student to change into once they arrive at school.**
- **Approved school shoe colors for grades K-8 are white, black, brown, or navy. Shoes may be solid or any combination of 2 of the approved colors.**
- Minimal logos are allowed in the specified colors
- Shoe soles must be non-marking.
- Athletic shoes are required for P.E. and as such are the preferred shoe of PCK.

The following are unacceptable on uniform approved shoes

- Flashing lights
- Electronics
- Character Logos (i.e. Spider Man, Disney, Barbie) of any kind
- Plaid
- Checkered
- Striped
- Camo
- Polka Dotted Patterns
- Glitter or Bling
- **Animal Prints**
- Anything deemed as offensive or inappropriate in a school environment.
- To receive an exemption regarding footwear, the student will need a medical excuse and/or an exception granted by the Director.

Socks/Leggings/Tights

- Socks, leggings, and tights must be worn in a solid, coordinated color to match the Christopher plaid colors (navy, forest green, black or white.)
- Leggings may be worn under skirts and jumpers, and
- Must be ankle length to be acceptable.
- Fishnet tights or leggings with any pattern are not acceptable.
- Socks must also be worn with leggings.
- All socks need to be a matching pair of the same color: navy, forest green, black, or white.

Belts

- First grade through eighth grade students must wear a black, brown, white, navy or light blue belt with uniform pants and shorts that have belt loops.
- Chain belts are not allowed.
- In kindergarten, belts are optional if your child cannot buckle/unbuckle without assistance.

Nail Polish

- Nails shall be neat in appearance and well groomed.
- Girls are permitted to wear clear or natural looking nail polish.
- False nails of any kind (including acrylic) are not allowed.

Middle School Exception: 7th and 8th grade girls may wear nail polish in non-distracting colors in the pink family (no black, dark red, or neon colors), and must have the same color on all fingers.

Make-up

- Only 'light, natural looking' make-up may be worn in grades 7-8.
- No dark or Gothic style make-up is allowed.
- Students in grades K-6 may not wear make-up.

Dress Down Days

- Dress Down Days are a privilege and must be treated as such.
- Cleanliness and neatness of appearance are important at all times.
- The School Director has final determination of acceptability for ANY dress code issues in question.
- The School Director schedules all school "Dress Down Days" Typically, there is one all-school "Dress Down Day" per month and Middle School has one additional dress down day per month.
- Additional dress down days may be scheduled for various rewards, holidays, or incentives at the discretion of the School Director.
- "Dress Down Days" will be announced at the end of the day as a reminder to all students.
- In addition, the Thursday newsletter will also note any all-school dress down days.
- Individual classroom dress down days that are approved by the School Director will not be communicated via the Thursday Newsletter; teachers will generally announce this to the class or communicate it to parents in their Classroom Newsletter.
- Dress code for other school functions, social events, and evening school activities, i.e., Middle school socials and athletics, also follows this policy.

The following dress down guidelines have been established:

- No torn or ripped clothing
- No overly loose or tight clothing (no larger than 1 size larger or smaller than normal fitting)
- No underwear visible at any time.

Dress Down Guidelines Continued

- No clothing that features alcohol, drug, or gang references
- No halters, mesh or otherwise 'see-through' tops or bare midriffs
- **Straps or sleeves must be at least 1 ½ inches wide.**
- No slip-on shoes. Sandals, clogs, etc. must have a strap that securely fastens the shoe to the foot.
- Shorts, skorts, and skirts should be no shorter than the school uniform shorts.
- Jeans & t-shirts are acceptable if the above guidelines are followed.
- No clothing that is offensive or disruptive to the learning environment.
- No hoops or dangling earrings (safety concern)

6.05 - Dress Code Enforcement

Compliance with the dress code is mandatory. Parents are encouraged to help students monitor dress code compliance. Violations of the dress code will result in the loss of dress down day privileges for the student.

Dress code violations will be tracked in the following manner:

1. If a student arrives at school, or later in the day is noted with a dress code violation, the student will be sent to the front office to have the violation logged. After three dress code violations, the student will lose their dress down day privilege during the month the third violation occurred.
2. Students who lose their dress down day privilege for the month will be expected to arrive in full uniform on the designated dress down day. Students who fail to arrive in proper attire will sit at the front office until a parent brings their uniform. If a parent cannot be reached, or if a parent is unable to bring a uniform, students will spend the day at the front office (class work will be brought to them).
3. Students who repeatedly lose their dress down day privilege due to daily dress code violations will lose their dress down privilege for the remainder of the school year after four (4) lost dress down days (or 12 dress code violations.)