



## Pine Lake Preparatory Uniform Policy

Pine Lake Preparatory requires uniforms for all students. The Uniform Policy is designed to provide students a safe and orderly learning environment. The policy is in effect every school day, including field trips or any trip off campus. Advance notice will be given for any event that requires specific uniforms or events that do not require uniforms. In such instances, students are required to follow the non-uniform guidelines.

Students out of compliance with the PLP Uniform Policy will not be allowed in the classroom. If students are without the proper classroom attire, a PLP staff member will call a parent or guardian to bring appropriate classroom attire to campus. The student will be held at the office until they comply with the PLP Uniform Policy and will be marked absent from missed classes.

Pine Lake Preparatory is sensitive to the needs of families in meeting the uniform requirements. The parent or guardian of a student may contact the school counselors regarding requirements for financial assistance for uniforms.

A list of the leadership-approved PLP vendors for uniforms, and approved colors, is available at [www.pinelakeprep.org](http://www.pinelakeprep.org) in the Parents tab.

### **Boys**

Classroom Attire – All shirts worn in the classroom must be purchased from an approved vendor, in an approved color. Examples of proper classroom attire include:

- Long or short-sleeved polo, with approved logo;
- Long-sleeved oxford uniform shirt with approved logo;
- PLP-logoed sweatshirts or fleeces, or navy blue sweater vest may be worn in the classroom over an approved shirt;
- Uniform pants or shorts in khaki or navy blue. Pants and shorts may be purchased from stores other than the approved vendors. Cargo pockets are not allowed.

PE Attire – PE attire may only be worn during PE class (Middle and Upper School students) or on the day students have PE (Lower School students). Students in Kindergarten through second grade are not required to wear PE uniforms and may wear regular classroom attire: All tops must be from approved vendors:

- White, navy or gray PE shirt purchased with an approved PLP logo;
- Navy blue or gray PLP gym shorts with an approved logo;
- Navy blue PE pants.

Picture-Day Attire – All boys are required to purchase an approved navy blue polo with a PLP logo and khaki pants or shorts for pictures.

## ***Girls***

Classroom Attire – All classroom attire must be purchased from an approved vendor, in an approved color.

- Long or short-sleeved polo, with approved logo;
- Oxford uniform shirt; with approved logo;
- Navy polo dress, with approved logo;
- PLP logoed sweatshirts and fleeces may be worn in class over a uniform shirt;
- Sweater vests and cardigan sweaters may be worn in class over a uniform shirt;
- Long or short sleeved Peter Pan collar shirts, worn under a jumper or sweater/vest;
- Navy blue, khaki, or blue plaid jumpers from an approved vendor, may be worn in the classroom over an approved shirt, or over a turtleneck in an approved color;
- Uniform pants, shorts, skirts and skorts in khaki or navy, which may be purchased from stores other than approved vendors. Navy plaid skirts and jumpers must be purchased from an approved vendor.
- All shorts must be long enough to reach the end of the students' fingertips when arms are fully extended down. All skirts and dresses must be less than four inches above the knee.

PE Attire: PE attire may only be worn during PE class (Middle and Upper School students) or on the day students have PE (Lower School students). Students in Kindergarten through second grade are not required to wear PE uniforms and may wear regular classroom attire: All items must be from approved vendors:

- White, navy or gray PE shirt purchased from an approved vendor with an approved PLP logo;
- Navy blue or gray PLP gym shorts from an approved vendor with an approved PLP logo;
- Navy blue PE pants

Picture-Day Attire – All girls are required to purchase an approved navy blue polo with a PLP logo and khaki bottoms for pictures.

## **General Uniform Standards for All Students**

- Uniform shirts will come in the following colors: navy blue, cobalt blue, light blue, white and pink. Colors previously allowed (i.e. orange, purple, yellow and green) will be grandfathered indefinitely.
- All clothing must fit appropriately (e.g. no tight or baggy clothing)
- All clothing must be neat in appearance. No clothing with holes, frays, or extensive staining.
- Spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays only. Uniform bottoms (not PE) must be worn with spirit shirts.
- Tank tops, t-shirts and turtlenecks that are solid color (any color) may be worn under

approved logoed shirts. They may NOT be worn under a cardigan or other sweater without an approved uniform shirt (i.e. polo or oxford).

- A Pine Lake Prep approved shirt with logo must be worn underneath approved fleeces, sweatshirts and sweaters if they may be removed or unbuttoned during the day.
- Oxford uniform shirts must be buttoned up with no more than the top two buttons left undone, i.e. the oxford shirts may not be worn like a cardigan over a tank top.
- Uniform bottoms worn by Middle and Upper School students must have a zipper or button closure
- No denim, corduroy or cargo-style pants are permitted
- All skirts and dresses must be less than 4 inches above the knee
- Leggings must be accompanied by PLP shorts, skorts or skirts of the appropriate length. Leggings by themselves are NOT allowed.
- Bottoms worn by Middle and Upper School students must have a zipper or button closure.
- Tights may be patterned, however they must be opaque, i.e. fishnet or similar stockings are not allowed
- Clothing must cover all undergarments.
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel. Lower school students are encouraged to wear tennis shoes. No shoes with wheels may be worn.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the buildings or classrooms.
- All hats/ caps must be removed before entering buildings.

### ***Dressing for Athletics or other School Club Events***

Dressing up for official school events will be limited to the following:

- Athletic teams and club members (e.g., Robotics, Musical, Science Olympiad) may dress up or wear team shirts with uniform bottoms, on HOME game days or event days. "AWAY" game or event days will be treated as regular uniform days;
- Dress up attire includes collared shirts, ties, dress pants, belts and dress socks and shoes for boys; Please no tennis shoes or shirts.
- Girls: All skirts and dresses must be less than four inches above the knee, dress pants (corduroy is okay with no back pockets), closed toe/closed heel shoes. All shirts must be at the minimum collarbone level. All tops must have sleeves.
- If the guidelines are not followed the entire team will lose the ability to dress up on game days. Please note that athletic uniforms and attire may not be worn to school on game days.
- It is up to the discretion of the coach or club advisor as to whether the team will dress up or wear a common team shirt before a competition or event. Team shirts must meet other requirements for appropriate attire. Any non-uniform items worn must meet the non-uniform policy guidelines.

### ***Non-Uniform Guidelines for Dress Down Days***

On days where students are allowed to “dress down,” the following rules apply:

- Shirts must have distinctive sleeves with a shoulder seam. Shirts and dresses with spaghetti straps or tank tops are not allowed. Shirts with “cap” sleeves are permitted;
- Shorts, dresses and skirts must be no more than four inches above the knee;
- Clothing must cover all undergarments;
- Pants must be free of holes and frays and must cover underclothing;
- If leggings are worn, they must be worn with shorts, skirts or skorts over them.
- Footwear must be closed toe and closed heel. An exception is that sandals with buckles around the ankle (no flip-flops) may be worn by Upper School and Middle School students only on dress-down days.

*Inappropriate* dress for school includes:

- Clothing that exposes bare midriffs or backs;
- T-shirts that have advertisements/promotion of drugs, violence, alcohol, tobacco products, depict prejudice, unlawful acts, obscene words or pictures, or anything else not appropriate for a school setting;
- Pants that are excessively sagging, low cut or have holes or frays;
- Pajamas or slippers, unless the dress-down event specifically allows pajamas and slippers;
- Hats, bandanas, head wraps or other head coverings, unless the dress-down event specifically allows them, e.g. costume days;
- Sheer or see-through clothing;
- Studded bracelets, chains or any other clothing item or accessory that may be dangerous.

### ***Protection of Religious Expression***

Students may display religious messages or artifacts (such as necklaces or rings), but not on clothing. If wearing particular attire during the school day is part of a student’s usual religious practice, under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the school will not prohibit the wearing of such items. Parents must discuss any potential situations with Pine Lake Preparatory Academic Partners.