

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy Dress Code Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy administration related to school dress code(s). These guidelines are to ensure that any school related dress code reflects the vision of the school as well as the Founding Board yet still allow the administration a level of autonomy in determining the specifics to such dress code(s).

Policy Statement: It is the policy of Pataula Charter Academy (PCA) and Spring Creek Charter Academy (SCA) that the administration be given the autonomy to determine the details of any school related dress code, however, any such dress code shall at a minimum comply with the following:

1. **All clothing** with messages, double meanings or innuendos about drugs, images of weapons, alcohol, tobacco, violence, sex, or gangs, and all clothing with messages that target any groups or individuals in a demeaning manner **MUST** be restricted.
2. **Proper undergarments** must be worn at all times and must not be visible.
3. **Shirts** - must provide coverage of upper body, regardless of movement. Shirts must cover all undergarments at all times (including dress for physical education classes.) Tank tops/muscle shirts are not allowed as a stand-alone garment. No exposed backs or cleavage are to be showing.
4. **Pants** must be worn in a manner that undergarments are not visible regardless of movement, including through holes or spots. Pants should fit properly and be no lower than the top of the hip bone. Pants with exposed holes higher than fingertips must be repaired. The crotch of pants should be no lower than mid-thigh.
5. **Shorts/Skirts/Dresses** must be no shorter than mid-thigh (including the height of a slit in clothing).
6. **Shoes** are to be worn at all times with the exception of inside the classroom or other approved school related activities.
7. Form Fitting Leggings, yoga pants, and shorts etc. are **NOT** allowed.

Administration shall have the final authority in all judgments related to school dress code violations.

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