

## Palmetto Academy of Learning and Success Dress Code

Parents, please review this policy carefully. If you have any questions, BEFORE you purchase, please check with the front office. SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS JUST IN CASE THERE IS A PROBLEM.

At Palmetto Academy of Learning and Success, we believe it is the parents' responsibility to enforce the school standards of dress. Students are expected to come to school each day neat and clean. Dress code violations are preventable with proper exercise of parental concern and authority. School uniforms must be worn daily by all students, grades K through 8, except on specially announced occasions or earned free dress days. Our uniform policy is strictly enforced for the entirety of the school year, from the first day of school through the last day of school. If students come to school not in uniform, including shoes, a parent will be called to bring them the appropriate clothing/shoes before they will be allowed to return to the classroom. All PALS students are required to wear the PALS uniform **every day**; this includes field trips, unless otherwise specified. **The PALS uniform consists of khaki bottoms (shorts, skirt, skorts, capris or pants) that are at least 3 inches or less above the knee and a blue PALS polo shirt. Polo shirts must always be tucked in.** Cargo style pants/skirts/shorts/skorts do not meet the approved guidelines, nor do items with multiple pockets, multiple (3 or more) buckles, multiple zippers, etc. Avoid items labeled cargo. Girls are allowed to wear tights or leggings under their skirts/ shorts; *these must be white.* **Students must wear black or brown dress shoes with a brown or black sole; these must be closed-toe shoes. These shoes can be found with orthopedic support, so there are rarely medical exceptions. Students are required to have 2 pairs of dress shoes available, and excuses for shoes being lost, wet, broken, too small, etc. will not be accepted for any reason. Students may only wear plain white socks. Students have the option to bring a pair of tennis shoes to be changed into and worn only for PE class.** Students are permitted to wear black or brown belts only. Any shoes that are not brown or black dress shoes (i.e.-boots of any kind, sandals or flip-flops of any kind, shoes with wheels, lights, or that make sound, high-top shoes, black tennis shoes with black soles, Crocs, Sanuk (or surf style), Keds (or other lacing canvas shoes), shoes with heels, etc.) are not permitted and parents will be notified to bring a change of shoes prior to students returning to class. Students are permitted to wear a white t-shirt under the uniform shirt or a long-sleeve white shirt for cold weather. ONLY a PALS fleece is permitted to be worn over the polo shirt. PALS' polo shirts and fleeces must be purchased from the school and may not be altered (i.e.- embroidered, extended, etc. ) Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors (i.e. fluorescent, bright green, magenta, orange, purple, etc.). No hats or bandanas may be worn. Piercings, other than earrings, are not permitted.

Students are allowed to wear winter jackets, rain coats, winter hats, scarves, and gloves when appropriate for weather. These items will only be allowed for outside use and when entering or exiting PALS for the school day. Other use of these items is prohibited.

If a student is out of uniform, parents will be contacted and asked to supply their child with appropriate uniform items. Subsequent uniform violations may result in disciplinary action. Students wearing items that are not permitted will be asked to remove them and must place them in their backpack/ locker for the remainder of the school day. If multiple requests are made for a student to remove non-uniform items, this will result in the items being taken from the student and only returned when a parent is present.

**It is advised that all students have their items labeled with their name.**

\*A quick reference sheet regarding the school uniform is supplied on the back.

## PALS Uniform Requirements:

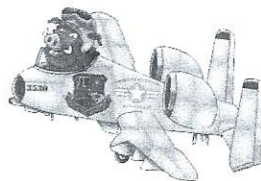
- PALS' blue polo shirt (***must be worn every day***)
- Khaki bottoms (pants, skirts, shorts, skorts, capris), at least three inches or less above the knee
- White socks (**plain**, no pictures or stripes)
- Brown or black dress shoes with black or brown soles- must have closed toe; students must have 2 pairs of dress shoes at all times throughout the school year

### Optional uniform items:

- PALS' fleece
- White tights/leggings for girls
- White short-sleeve shirt
- White long-sleeve shirt for cold weather
- Black or brown belt, other colors are not permitted. Tennis shoes *optional* to change into for PE

### Prohibited:

- Any shoes that are not brown or black dress shoes (boots of any kind, sandals or flip-flops of any kind, shoes with wheels, lights, or that make sound, high-top shoes, black tennis shoes with black soles, Crocs, Sanuk, Keds, (or surf style, lacing canvas shoes, shoes with heels, shoes with a white sole, etc.)
- Non-PALS jackets (These may only be worn during outside PE &/or outside recess, weather appropriate)
- Non-white socks, leggings, tights, or undershirts
- Socks with anything on them (swish, stripes, pictures, colors, words, puff balls, etc.)
- Hats, of any kind
- Unnaturally colored hair
- Piercings, other than earrings
- Uniform jumpers
- Cargo style pants/skirts/shorts/skorts do not meet the approved guidelines, nor do items with multiple pockets, multiple (3 or more) buckles, multiple zippers, etc. Avoid items labeled "cargo."



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