



**Patterson Park Public**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

**Family Handbook**  
**Information and Procedures**  
**2018-2019**

**Mission**

To provide a community-centered learning environment that values diversity and embraces a whole child approach to develop well-educated citizens.

**Vision**

Life-long learners, healthy families, and strong neighborhoods.

**Purpose and References**

This purpose of this handbook is to give our families an understanding of Patterson Park Public Charter School (PPPCS) and its policies.

This handbook contains information specific to the Patterson Park Public Charter School, as well as some information from Baltimore City Schools (City Schools). PPPCS also publishes a Policies Guide, which can be found on the website, and can be requested in print form in the main office. It will also be emailed to families at the start of the year. Many PPPCS policies are identical to those of City Schools, and City Schools publishes two handbooks that families should also read: the Family Information Guide and the Code of Conduct. Both handbooks are available early in the school year and PPPCS will notify families of their availability. They are also available on-line. When published, we will post a link on our web-site. Specific City Schools policies may be found at: <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org>

**Patterson Park Public Charter School**  
**27 North Lakewood Avenue**

**Baltimore, MD 21224**  
**410 558 1230/ (Fax) 410 558 1003**  
**[www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org)**

Welcome to Patterson Park Public Charter School! Thank you for choosing us. We are excited about creating a positive environment for all families and a place where the community can come together. We value your commitment to supporting your child's education and look forward to finding ways in which you can become involved in the life of the school.

Patterson Park Public Charter School opened in 2005 as a Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade school, after several years of planning by members of the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association and other involved community members. The school was created as an opportunity to meet pressing needs for a high quality public school option for families that would also serve as a hub for the community. Together, families, teachers, community members, and local community organizations continue to work to fulfill the vision of creating an excellent public charter school that provides an educational choice to families in Baltimore City.

Once again, welcome to our school community. We look forward to working with you and your child to build on our vision for innovative curriculum, family involvement, and community outreach.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles W. Kramer  
Principal

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## **GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

### **School Hours**

The school's office hours are from 7:30am-3:30pm from Monday through Thursday, and 7:30am-3:00pm on Friday.

The Baltimore Street cafeteria doors open at 7:30. All students are eligible for a free breakfast until 7:50, when students assemble for arrival. Students assemble according to grade as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pre-K	North Patio
Kindergarten	Main Entrance
Grades 1-4	Main Courtyard
Grades 5-8	Gym

**\* In inclement weather or temperatures below 20°, all students go directly to their classrooms at 7:55am. Students also remain indoors for recess.**

Children enter the building at 7:50. Morning announcements begin shortly thereafter and instruction begins promptly. Students not in their classroom by 7:55 are tardy.

Dismissal occurs at 2:40 except Wednesday when dismissal is at 1:30. Students are dismissed through the same doors they entered, with the exception of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, which dismisses through the North West doors to the North Patio. Teachers accompany their students at dismissal. The school building closes at 2:50 (1:40 on Wednesday) for students not participating in after-school programs. After the building closes, students are not allowed back in the building without a pass.

Parents are expected to pick up their children immediately after dismissal. If not, they are placing their child's safety at risk, and we may be forced to call school police. Your children's safety is very important, so we must insist that all adults follow the traffic laws carefully and interact with one another in a manner that models the civility that we require in our students. See the **Safety and Security** section for specific policies.

### **Inclement Weather/Emergency Closings**

Patterson Park Public Charter School follows the Baltimore City Public Schools for emergency closings. The decision made by City Schools CEO is announced to local television and radio stations. You can also sign up for e-mail notification at the City Schools web site. If City Schools opens two hours late, we open at 10:00 a.m. If schools close early, every effort will be made to contact parents. In general, all after school activities are canceled if school must close early. For recess, entry and dismissal, students are outside unless the temperature is below 20°.

### **School Calendar**

PPPCS follows the Baltimore City Public Schools academic calendar, with one exception: PPPCS will not be having 3-hour early release days the first Wednesday of each month, which is the new Baltimore City schedule. PPPCS will continue to have 1:30 Wednesday dismissals for all Wednesdays. Please see the attached School Year calendar. Additions and changes to the school calendar are sent home in the Monthly Announcements and updated on [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org).

## **Transportation**

PPPCS provides bus tickets for students based on need and proximity (more than 1 mile from school for elementary school students and more than 1.5 miles for middle school students). If you are in need of transportation, please complete an application in the main office. Families are responsible for ensuring that their children arrive at school and are picked up after school on time.

## **After School Pick-up**

It is the responsibility of parents to make arrangements for their children to be picked up within 10 minutes of dismissal time, and the safety and well-being of our students is of utmost importance to our staff. It is recommended that if a family feels that it will be unable to make arrangements to pick up a child on time, it should enroll the child in an after-school program.

We insist that children be picked up on time at dismissal. Though it is our strong preference to avoid such action, we will call the school police and/or the Department of Juvenile Services if a student is not picked up on time.

Following is the school's Policy:

- Teachers will monitor their students for 10 minutes after dismissal.
- Patterson Park Public cannot be held liable for any student not picked up within 10 minutes of dismissal due to a family's failure to make arrangements for the child's pick-up.
- On the first incident in which a child is not picked up on time, the parent will be called and the child will be overseen by office staff. School staff will have a conference with the parent.
- On the second incident, the parent will be given a citation letter and a packet of resources.
- On the third incident in which the child is not picked up on time the family and School Police are called, as the child is considered to be unsupervised and the family has neglected the responsibility of providing supervision for their child.
- Further incidents require that School Police be called, a conference with administration be held, with possible referral to Child Protective Services.

## **Transportation Policy and Procedures**

PPPCS' transportation policy and procedure is an opportunity to live out our values and foster these values with our students, our families, and our broader community.

1. Drivers on Lakewood or N. Belnord Avenue should pull as far forward on the block as possible to allow space for other cars during drop-off and pick-up. Please contribute to a quick and easy drop-off and pick-up by helping avoid traffic jams.
2. Drop-off should take no longer than 30 seconds, and children should exit the car on the curb side. Please help your child exit safely and quickly from the car door closest to the curb
3. Staff are available to escort students to and from cars.

## **Patterson Park Public Charter School Transportation Policies**

The Patterson Park Public Charter School Transportation Policy is in place to foster our values of developing character and partnering with the broader community. These policies also allow for a safe and secure arrival and dismissal for all of our students and families.

1. Double parking is not allowed at any time. Double parking is illegal in Baltimore City. Please do not drive or park on sidewalks around the school. Please plan ahead, arrive early, and park your car in a legal space if you would like to walk your child to or from school.
2. Drivers may not leave their cars for any reason while waiting for students. If a driver needs to leave their car, then the car must be legally parked. Cars left unattended can be towed at the owner's expense.
3. Loitering on or around school grounds after dismissal is not permitted. No students should be on school property, which includes the entire block, unless they are supervised by an adult.

### **School Contact Information**

**Mailing Address:** Our mailing address is 27 N. Lakewood Ave. Baltimore, MD 21224.

**Phone:** Our phone number is 410-558-1230. After dialing this number, you have to dial an extension. Staff extensions are available online at <http://www.pppcs.org/about/staff/>. If you don't know the extension or would like to reach our Main Office, please dial extension 301.

**E-Mail:** All staff and teacher e-mail addresses are: first initial last name @pppcs.org. For example: Charles Kramer's email address is [ckramer@pppcs.org](mailto:ckramer@pppcs.org).

If you leave a staff member a voicemail or send them an email, please allow 2 work days for the staff member to contact you.

**Fax:** Our fax number is 410-558-1003.

**Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter:**

<https://www.facebook.com/PattersonParkPCS>

<https://twitter.com/pppcs>

### **Change of Address and Parent Contact Info**

Families must inform the Main Office immediately if there is a change in home address or telephone number. It is essential that we have good contact information for emergencies and mailings.

**How we communicate with parents:**

- The Monthly Announcements, which summarize upcoming school events, volunteer opportunities and other important information, are sent home with students the last Tuesday of every month.

- Our website is [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org), and it features important information, the school's calendar, upcoming events, and current issues of the school newsletters.
- We use Parent Link and Parent Square to send families automated voice messages, texts and emails with important information.
- We email out the Bird's Eye View quarterly which highlights various aspects of school life: a timely message from the Principal, aspects of the thematic curriculum, student and staff success stories, etc.
- There is a television monitor above the Main Office that displays school and community information. Bulletin boards all around school feature current news and student work.
- Families are also encouraged to join the PPPCS Yahoo! Group. The Yahoo! Group is an open conversation among its members, who are mostly parents of PPPCS students. Emails are exchanged daily among the group. To subscribe, please send an email to [pppcs-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:pppcs-subscribe@yahoo.com).

## **SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Attendance**

At Patterson Park Public Charter School, your child's success depends on regular and consistent attendance. It is very important for parents to make certain that their children attend school on a regular basis. Good attendance is directly related to student achievement and success in school.

In accordance with the Public School Laws of Maryland, please authorize your child's absence from school in writing and notify us in advance or at the time of the absence. Your note **and** call to us will save time and help protect your child. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you, we will do our best to contact you.

After your child's absence, please write the school a note explaining the reason for the absence if you haven't already done so. If a child is sick and is out for 3 days or less, and a note is written, the absence is considered excused. If your child misses school for a medical related issue and is absent for more than 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence.

Chronic absence is defined as missing 18 or more days of school in an academic year. A student is considered to be habitually truant if he or she is unlawfully (unexcused) absent from school for a number of days or portion of days in excess of 15% of the school days within a marking period, semester, or school year. If a student has an excessive number of absences, the school will contact the family of the child as well as officials at City Schools. The school will make every effort to keep families informed of absences, as well as offer interventions and support. If excessive absences continue, families may be referred to court.

For more information as it relates to City Schools' policy and Maryland State Law, see the City Schools Family Information Guide.

### **Perfect Attendance**

A student must be on time for school every day to be considered for “perfect attendance” awards. If a student is absent from school—lawfully or unlawfully—he or she no longer has perfect attendance and does not qualify for awards.

### **Lateness**

It is important for students to be on time by 7:55am for homeroom so as not to miss important instructional time. Also, the official school roll book is marked during homeroom.

### **Early Dismissals**

During the school year, there are times when families must ask that students be dismissed early from school. Whenever possible, doctor, dentist, or other special appointments should be scheduled after school hours to reduce the potential for lost instructional time. However, when this is not possible, a written permission request must be sent to school with the student. The note must have a valid and verifiable parent/guardian signature. Students may only be picked up by persons indicated on the emergency card, unless other permission is given in writing. **Except in emergency, no student will be dismissed less than 30 minutes before the end of the school day.**

### **General School Policies**

#### **Cell Phones**

Use of cell phones is prohibited by students in school buildings or during the school day. Students may have cell phones turned off in their backpacks for use before and after school. **Any cell phone that is seen in use during the school day will be confiscated and a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up from the front office.**

#### **Toys**

Please do not allow your student to bring toys or other articles from home that are not related to school. PPPCS cannot be responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

#### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found box is in the cafeteria. Please check the box if your student has lost an item. The box will be emptied at the end of each month, and all items will be donated to local charities. Please only take items belonging to your family.

## **HEALTH**

For more information as it relates to City Schools policy and Maryland State Law, see the City Schools Family Information Guide.

#### **Health Worker**

Our school has the daily services of a health worker to assist students who are ill or injured, as well as dispense prescribed medication. Parents or students may also consult with the health worker on matters related to hygiene, nutrition, substance abuse, depression, child abuse and neglect, or other issues of concern.

#### **Immunizations**

Maryland law requires children to be up to date on their immunizations to attend school. Documented proof of required vaccinations is needed for students entering Patterson Park

Public Charter School. If an immunization would put your child at risk for medical reasons, you and the child's physician must sign a Request for Exemption Form. Personal or Religious Exemption forms are also available and can be obtained from the school health office. Exempt students will be excluded from school if there is an outbreak for which they have not been immunized.

### **Illness**

The health and physical well-being of all our students is a matter of great concern to us. When a child has an accident or becomes too ill to remain in class, you or your emergency contact will be contacted. Clinic facilities for emergency care in school are very limited. We appreciate your making arrangements for taking your child home promptly for adequate care. Chronic illnesses, including allergies and food allergies, should be reported to the child's teacher and to the health worker.

### **Medication**

The dispensing of medicines (including inhalers and aspirin substitute) to students by employees of the school without specific authorization by a licensed physician and the parent of the student is prohibited. Forms that must be signed by the physician and the parent are available from the school office.

When school personnel are asked to administer medication to students during school hours, the following conditions must be met:

- All medication must come in its original container. Prescription medication must have an unaltered pharmaceutical label attached. Over-the-counter medication, dietary supplements and other non-prescribed medication must be labeled with the student's name, medication name, directions concerning dosage, and time of day to be taken.
- The parent or legal guardian must complete and sign a Parent's Consent for Giving Medication at School. A new form must be completed at the beginning of each school year and anytime the medication or dosage changes.
- Medication must be administered and stored in the health office.
- The parent or guardian is notified when additional medication is needed and when unused or discontinued medication needs to be picked up from school.

Students may not carry or self-administer medication (including inhalers and over-the-counter drugs) or dietary supplements unless an Individualized Health Care Plan has been developed and signed by the school nurse and principal.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited at all times in the school building and on school property. This applies to all visitors, staff, volunteers, and parents/guardians.

### **Meals**

PPPCS has a kitchen and cafeteria that serves breakfast and lunch.

- School breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria and is available to all students at no cost.
- School lunch is served every day, including fresh fruits and vegetables. All students qualify for free lunches.



- Please do not send lunches from home that need to be heated, as a microwave is not available to students.
- If you must bring your child lunch after the school day has started, please enter the school at the main entrance on Lakewood Ave., sign in as a visitor, and deliver the lunch to the cafeteria staff.

## **Safety and Security**

### **Crisis Plan**

PPPCS has an Emergency/Evacuation Plan that covers all emergency situations. All staff are familiar with the plan, and drills occur periodically during the year.

### **Fire Drills and Alarms**

All schools are required by law to conduct safety drills throughout the school year. Teachers and staff manage evacuation of students. Students are informed of the rules during a fire drill.

Any infraction of rules during a safety fire drill may result in a disciplinary referral. Students must understand the importance and seriousness of fire drills. Pulling alarms is a serious offense. Students who pull fire alarms without cause are suspended.

### **Security**

Faculty, families and students work together to ensure the safety and security of the school.

- During instructional time in the school day the teacher's classroom must remain unlocked.
- The classrooms are locked whenever teacher and students are not in the room.
- Teachers can lock classroom doors from the inside in the event of a lock-down.
- Teachers do not permit students to enter the building unless the student is with a teacher.
- Visitors, including volunteers, must abide by the Visitor Policy at all times.
- No one may enter a classroom without permission.
- Teachers never leave students unsupervised.
- No one may leave an outside door open and unattended under any circumstance!

## **UNIFORMS**

### **Uniform Code**

All students must attend school each day in uniform. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition, free of slits, holes, tears and cuts. The school's official uniform supplier is Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company. Please see Appendix 1 for details.

### **Non-uniform Days**

PPPCS has occasional Never Been Absent "NBA" Days or Special Occasions on which students are allowed and encouraged to dress for "the occasion." Occasions can be just for fun (your favorite Raven) or to reflect themes that are being taught at the time. NBA or Non-uniform days are pre-announced and information about these special events is provided by the classroom teacher.

Because the range of allowed dress for Non-uniform days is very broad, PPPCS cannot prescribe exact rules. However, common sense applies, e.g. no vulgar text on t-shirts. In addition, families can use the Baltimore City Exclusionary Dress Code as a guide. The full policy can be found at: <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/Page/24475>

If a child decides not to participate in a non-uniform day, they must wear their regular school uniform.

## VISITORS

Our number one interest is in your children—our students—their education and their security. For that reason, we have established the following practical DOs and DON'Ts when it comes to visiting your school.

DO...	BECAUSE...
...sign in <u>and sign out</u> on the laptop near the front office, if you are a Family Volunteer...	...we need to know who is in the building at all times; we use the computer to track volunteer hours.
...get a Volunteer Pass and go only where you sign in for...	...if the building is to be secure, our visitors cannot wander; and we must ensure that they have a legitimate reason to be in the school; remember that our staff does not know everyone and we must treat every visitor the same.
...sign in and sign out on the Volunteer Form (and provide id) if your name cannot be found in the computer...	...we can keep track of all volunteers, and we will add your name to the system by the end of the week.
...sign in and sign out on the Visitor Log (and provide id) if you are a visitor...	...we need to know who is visiting our building to keep students safe.
...enter for breakfast at Baltimore Street...	...breakfast is available for all students and you are welcome to sit with them.
...leave messages, money, goodies for your children at the front office . . .	...front office staff will make the delivery and will not distract from instruction.
... if you want to observe, call ahead or ask the front office to call up to the class to make sure it is a good time for observation...	...the class may be in a special, or taking a test, and it may not be a good time for observation.
...observe between the hours of 9:00 and 2:00...	...teachers need time to get the class settled down and ready to learn; the end of the day is a critical time for teachers to wrap up instruction, to make sure the children “got it.”
...turn off cell phones when visiting...	...buzzing and ringing cell phones will take children’s attention from instruction.
...limit the amount of time observing to that which you really need...	...long periods of observation will distract both the children and the teacher; if you feel like you need a long time, please consult with

	the teacher.
...make appointments when you need a conversation with a teacher...	...teachers plan their days to provide the best possible instruction; they need lunch and planning time; they must plan for conversations.
<b>DO NOT...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>
...while observing in a classroom, interrupt instruction by talking to teachers or children...	...all interruptions distract from instruction and all children will learn less...
... bring children who should be in class into the Family Resource Room,	...all students must be in class during instructional time, no exceptions.
... leave children unattended when visiting the Family Resource Room, ...	...the school cannot be responsible for children who are not its students or students after school hours.
...ask to return to a classroom after school is out to retrieve homework or other forgotten items...	...generally, classrooms are locked after school and office staff does not have authority to enter locked classrooms. In critical cases, consult with an administrator.

The following additional notes apply to visitors in our school:

- Children's doctor and other appointments should be made outside school hours if at all possible. The front office will not call a student from class in the last half-hour of school because it is too disruptive to the instruction that reviews the entire day's work.
- All volunteers are expected to abide by the same rules as every other member of the school community, including staff and students. At PPPCS, we celebrate family and community involvement and dedicate significant resources to ensuring that there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available with an emphasis on those activities that directly support a successful educational experience for all our students. Teachers may set their own rules for use of volunteers, including who may volunteer in the classroom.
- When someone comes to pick up a child after school, they must ask the front office to call for the student. Please wait at the front office for your child to meet you. See the section on Safety and Security.

**If for any reason you feel unwelcome at our school, or if you have a situation that requires special consideration, please call Jane Lindenfelser at extension 396 or e-mail [jlindenfelser@pppcs.org](mailto:jlindenfelser@pppcs.org). We do our best to accommodate the needs of all our families.**

## **BEFORE & AFTERCARE**

PPPCS has developed a partnership with Fitness Fun and Games to provide on-site before and after care for our students. Before care hours are 6:30-7:30 am, and after care hours extend until 6:30 pm. Information, including fee structure, schedule, and activities provided, on these services are available from Fitness Fun and Games at 410 558 1230 ext 368, and [www.fitnessfunandgames.org](http://www.fitnessfunandgames.org). Child care vouchers from the state are accepted (for free or reduced registration). Additionally, PPPCS offers several after-school programs and partners with other programs in the community that are available for students at no or low cost. Resources can be found on our website.

## **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Hands on Patterson Park Public (HOPPP)**

We believe that we enroll families, not just students. Family involvement is an important component to a child's education. We are committed to partnering with our families to form a strong community that shares the responsibility to educate and shape our children in ways that uphold the Patterson Park Public Charter School vision and mission. Hands on Patterson Park Public (HOPPP) is the independent family and community organization through which we support that partnership; therefore, the school strongly encourages involvement in HOPPP.

### **Mis Raíces (My Roots)**

Mis Raíces is a group that meets at PPPCS and involves Latino immigrant parents in the Patterson Park community. Mis Raíces is a program for Latino families that offers social networking and support, builds connections during the school day and empowers families to become more involved.

### **Family Resource Room**

PPPCS is dedicated to the involvement of our families in our students' education. The Family Resource Room (FRR) is a place in the school set aside for our families' use, where families can connect with each other, the school and the community. Families are welcome to use the FRR as a place to connect, find support, and access information. The FRR is also available for families to attend workshops and classes, and to explore ways to be involved in the school and their children's education. Additionally, the FRR serves as a workspace for volunteers and HOPPP, for meetings, projects, and other school-related activities.

The FRR also offers: computer and internet access, educational materials for loan, informational materials regarding parenting, child development, and educational strategies, notices and information about community resources and events, opportunities for career exploration and advancement, and a play area for young children

The FRR is generally open during school hours between 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Thursday and 7:30am to 3:30pm on Fridays. The FRR may be open other times evenings for events, meetings or classes.

### **Maryland State Parental Information Resource Center (PIRC)**

An additional resource for families is the Maryland State Parental Information Resource Center, which has a wealth of resources to assist parents in supporting their children in school.

Maryland State Parental Information Resource Center  
5272 River Road, Suite 340  
Bethesda, Maryland 20816  
<http://www.mdpirc.org/>  
phone: (301) 657-7742 fax: (301) 657-8782  
Toll-Free Bilingual Hotline: 1-877-MD-PARENTS (1-877-637-2736)

### **Title I Family Involvement**

As a school that receives Title I funding, PPPCS engages its families in the development of plans and documents related to the involvement of families. Each year the Family and Community Engagement Lead will ask families to participate in the joint development of the Parent Involvement Allocation Budget, the Parent Involvement Plan, and the School-Parent Compact. Opportunities for feedback are generally communicated via flyers, Parent Link phone calls, or in the Monthly Announcements. The finalized documents can be found on the school's website, [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org).

### **Community School Resources**

The Community School effort is designed to remove barriers to learning, support families and build healthy communities. As a Community School, PPPCS offers many resources for students, families and community members in the area of academic support, health, family and community engagement, recreation, employment and adult education.

### **Volunteering**

We know that family involvement in education benefits students in many ways. Therefore, we ask each family to commit to being engaged in the school at least 20 hours per year. The fulfillment of family volunteer hours is flexible so that families can participate in a variety of traditional and non-traditional ways. This includes volunteering in school, afterschool and involvement in learning activities outside of school.

### **Being Good Neighbors**

Please remember that our school is part of a larger community, and that we need to be respectful of the neighbors that live around the school. **Please do not park on sidewalks, double-park, or leave your car unattended and blocking other cars. Please be courteous about noise, garbage and language as well.**

## APPENDIX 1: Uniforms

Families may purchase FLYNN O'HARA uniforms at any time on-line, by mail, by phone, or at their local retail store. Their local store is located in North Plaza Shopping Center at 8868 Waltham Woods Road Parkville, MD 21234. You may also order on-line at [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com), or through the PPPCS Uniform Committee on [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org).

Uniform items marked with an asterisk (below) must be the Flynn O'Hara Uniform brand, in the school's stated colors, styles, and logos.

<p><b>Regular Uniform for Boys &amp; Girls (Grade PK)</b></p> <p>PK boys and girls can wear their gym uniforms each day as described below:</p> <p><u>Warm weather (Sept.-Oct. 15 &amp; April 30-End of school year)</u></p> <p>Navy PPPCS uniform gym shorts or uniform sweatpants</p> <p>PPPCS t-shirt</p> <p>White socks</p> <p>Tennis shoes (non-marking shoes)</p> <p>Cold weather (October 16- April 30)</p> <p>Navy PPPCS uniform gym sweatpants</p> <p>PPPCS t-shirt</p> <p>White socks/Tennis shoes (no black shoes)</p> <p>Optional</p> <p>PPPCS Sweatshirt</p> <p><b>Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.</b></p>	
<p><b>Regular Uniform Boys (Grades K-5)</b></p> <p><b>Mandatory Daily except Gym Day</b></p> <p>Clean navy blue PPPCS uniform trousers*</p> <p>Dark belt with inconspicuous buckle</p> <p>Light blue PPPCS uniform polo shirts (unisex)*</p> <p>Solid navy or white socks</p> <p>Solid white, light blue, or navy undershirt/layering shirt (if worn)</p> <p>Brown, black, or navy school shoes (no canvas, no tennis shoes, no boots)</p> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <p>Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform cardigan sweater*</p> <p>Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform sweater*</p> <p>Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform vest*</p> <p>Navy blue PPPCS uniform walking shorts*</p> <p>PPPCS sweatshirt*</p>	<p><b>Reminders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Belts must be worn with trousers except for Kindergarten and First. Shirts must be tucked in, allowing the belt of the pants to show (except for 1 and K).</li> <li>▪ Pants can be no larger than 1 measured size.</li> <li>▪ No bracelets, necklaces, or dangling/hoop earrings.</li> <li>▪ Only PPPCS uniform sweaters/vests/sweatshirts may be worn over uniform.</li> <li>▪ Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.</li> <li>▪ No Oxford shirts, no ties for K-5.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regular Uniform Girls (Grades K-5)</b></p> <p><b>Mandatory Daily except Gym Day</b></p> <p>Clean plaid PPPCS uniform jumpers*</p> <p>Light blue PPPCS uniform polo shirts (unisex)*</p> <p>Solid white, light blue, or navy undershirt/layering shirt (if worn)</p> <p>Solid Navy blue or white socks OR solid navy blue or white tights</p> <p>Brown, black, or navy school shoes (no canvas, no tennis shoes, no boots). No high heels (greater than 1 inch)</p> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <p>Navy blue PPPCS uniform trousers (two styles)*</p> <p>Navy Blue PPPCS uniform walking shorts*</p>	<p><b>Reminders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hemlines are to be at no more than 2 inches above the knee.</li> <li>▪ No make-up</li> <li>▪ No bracelets, necklaces, or dangling earrings</li> <li>▪ Only PPPCS uniform sweaters/vests/sweatshirts may be worn over uniform.</li> <li>▪ No long pants/jeans may be worn under girls' jumpers. Solid white or navy leggings or PPPCS uniform sweat pants can be worn on cold days.</li> <li>▪ Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.</li> </ul>

Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform cardigan sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform vest\*  
 PPPCS sweatshirt\*  
 Plaid cross tie\*

- No skorts, skirts, oxford shirts or plaid clip-on ties for grades K-5.

**Regular Uniform Girls (Grades 6-8)**

**Mandatory Daily except Gym Days**

Plaid PPPCS uniform skorts or skirts\*  
 Light blue PPPCS uniform Oxford shirt\*  
 Blue plaid clip-on tie\*  
 Solid navy blue or white socks OR Solid navy blue or white tights  
 Brown, black, or navy school shoes (no canvas, no tennis shoes, no boots)  
 No high heels (greater than 1 inch)

**Optional**

Plaid PPPCS uniform skirt\*  
 Clean navy blue PPPCS uniform trousers (two styles)\*  
 Navy blue PPPCS uniform walking shorts\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform cardigan sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform vest\*  
 Plaid PPPCS uniform tie or cross tie\*

**Reminders:**

- Hemlines are to be at no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- No make-up
- No bracelets, necklaces, or dangling earrings
- Only PPPCS uniform sweaters/sweatshirts may be worn over uniform.
- No long pants/jeans may be worn under girls' skorts or skirts. White or navy leggings or uniform sweat pants can be worn on cold days.
- Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.
- No jumpers
- No polo shirts.

**Regular Uniform Boys (Grades 6-8)**

**Mandatory Daily except Gym Days**

Clean navy blue PPPCS uniform trousers\*  
 Dark belt with inconspicuous buckle  
 Light blue PPPCS uniform Oxford shirt\*  
 PPPCS middle school uniform tie\*  
 Solid navy or white socks  
 Solid white, light blue or navy undershirt/layering (if worn)  
 Brown, black, or navy school shoes (no canvas, no tennis shoes, no boots)

**Optional**

Navy Blue PPPCS uniform walking shorts\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform cardigan sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform sweater\*  
 Solid navy blue PPPCS uniform vest\*  
 PPPCS sweatshirt\*

**Reminders:**

- Belts must be worn with trousers.
- Shirts must be tucked in, allowing the belt of the pants to show.
- Ties must be worn with uniform Oxford shirt
- Pants can be no larger than 1 measured size.
- No bracelets, necklaces, or dangling/hoop earrings.
- Only PPPCS uniform sweaters/vests/sweatshirts may be worn over uniform.
- Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.
- No polo shirts.

**Gym Uniforms (Boys and Girls grades K-8) (The Gym Uniform is the Regular Uniform for Pre-K student.)**

Warm weather (Sept.–Oct. 15 & April 30–End of school year)

Navy PPPCS uniform gym shorts or uniform sweatpants \*  
 PPPCS t-shirt\*  
 White socks  
 Tennis shoes (non-marking soles)

Cold weather (October 16- April 30)

Navy PPPCS uniform gym sweatpants\*  
 PPPCS t-shirt\*  
 White socks/ Tennis shoes (no black soles)  
**Optional**  
 PPPCS sweatshirt\*  
**Gym uniform and tennis shoes (non-marking soles) must be worn to school on scheduled gym days.**



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**Child(ren)'s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**We have received the Patterson Park Public Charter School Family Handbook and understand the information outline therein. We are aware of the policies and understand them as outlined in the handbook. I/We have read and will discuss this information with my/our child(ren).**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

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**Date**

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