

Dress Code for Grades 1-12

Northside Christian School

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General Guidelines for All Students – Uniform & Non-Uniform

- **Girls**
 - Hair should be neat, well-groomed, clean, and of a natural color. No extreme hairstyles are permitted.
 - Skirts must come at or around the knee.
 - No low-cut or tight-fitting tops; no crop tops, or tank tops.
 - No tight-fitting or low-riding pants or skirts.
 - No nose jewelry (rings, studs, etc.)
 - Shorts for gym class, special activities, or athletic practice should be at least mid-thigh and not be excessively short or tight.
 - Hair must not be an unnatural color.
 - Students are not permitted to wear hats or head coverings.
 - Students are not permitted to wear scarves during the school day.
 - Outerwear (coats, jackets) and hats are only permitted outside of the buildings.
 - **All apparel items should be in a good state of repair and should not have holes, rips, or stains.**
- **Boys**
 - Hair should be neat, well-groomed, clean, and of a natural color. No extreme hairstyles are permitted (ie, mullets, shaved lines, etc).
 - Hair should be off the collar, above the ears, and above the eyes; No defined designs cut in the hair.
 - Boys in 9-12th grade may have neatly trimmed facial hair with sideburns not below the mid-ear.
 - Boys in 5th-8th grade must remain clean shaven.
 - No tight-fitting or low-riding pants.
 - Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or nose jewelry (rings, studs, etc.).
 - Boys may wear 1 chain (no bigger than 3 mm) with a pendant. The pendant must remain in their shirt during the school day.
 - Boys may only wear a maximum of 2 bracelets (no bigger than 5 mm). This does not include a watch.
 - Boys are not permitted to wear nail polish.
 - Shorts for gym class, special activities or athletic practice should be at least mid-thigh and not be excessively short or tight.
 - Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but must remain in good repair.
 - Students are not permitted to wear hats or head coverings.
 - Students are not permitted to wear scarves during the school day.
 - Outerwear (coats, jackets) and hats are only permitted outside of the buildings.
 - **All apparel items should be in a good state of repair and should not have holes, rips, or stains.**

School Uniform (Grades 1-6)

- **Girls: Basic Uniform**
 - Uniform jumper, plaid, khaki, or navy (Educational Apparel – Plaid 57, Land's End - Classic Navy Plaid) - choice of 2 styles of jumpers as listed in Educational Apparel online.
 - A-line or box/back pleats or "all around" pleats
 - Must come at or around the knee, sometimes listed as Top of the Knee
 - No performance or athletic materials are permitted
 - Uniform tennis/polo dress, khaki or navy.
 - No performance or athletic materials are permitted.
 - Uniform skirt, plaid, khaki or navy (Educational Apparel – Plaid 57, Land's End - Classic Navy Plaid) - multiple styles available from school uniform line of retailers listed below.
 - A-line or box/back pleats or "all around" pleats
 - Must come at or around the knee, sometimes listed as Top of the Knee
 - No performance or athletic materials are permitted
 - Skort options are approved as long as they meet the above skirt requirements
 - Polo shirts (white, navy blue, light blue or yellow) or oxford (standard white or blue), without brand logos
 - Navy Blue or khaki Chino trouser style Pants
 - Tights or Leggings with socks (white, navy, black or grey) under skirts (optional)
- **Boys: Basic Uniform**
 - Navy Blue or khaki Chino trouser style pants
 - Polo shirts (white, navy blue, light blue or yellow) or oxford (standard white or blue), without brand logos
 - Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but must remain in good repair
 - Belts are not required, UNLESS pants sag below the waist.
- **OPTIONAL ITEMS for Girls & Boys**
 - Bermuda Style Long Khaki or Navy Blue School Uniform Shorts (Only during Months of August, September, October, April, May)

- NCS Logo Sweatshirt from Educational Apparel
- Logo wear purchased at NCS – ¼ zip, fleece jacket, crew neck sweatshirt polos, (Note: ¼ zip pullover and crew neck sweatshirt can be worn as a standalone top with a white, black, navy, or gray under shirt). Both academic and athletic logos are approved as long as they are left-front-pocket sized. NCS logo hoodies are ONLY allowed on Spirit Wear Fridays unless otherwise noted.
- White turtlenecks under top.
- Sweater (choice of styles) – Navy Blue cardigan or pullover from school uniform line of acceptable retailers listed below.
- **Shoes for Girls & Boys**
 - Non-Marking shoe that covers the entire foot (closed toed and closed heel) with a heel that does not exceed 1 1/2"
 - Indoor athletic shoes /sneakers are permissible.
 - Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, and slippers are not permitted.
 - Boots are permitted during cold weather months.
- **Pants styles & details NOT permitted:**
 - Pants with designs on pockets or legs
 - Capri or crop pants (pants may not be rolled or cuffed)
 - Cargo style
 - Corduroy, Jeans, Denim or knit fabrics
 - Contrast stitching or rivets
 - Oversized pants (in length or width)
 - Oversized pockets
 - Pants with frayed hems
 - Tight fitting pants
 - Jeggings
 - Colors other than traditional khaki or navy blue

School Uniform (Grades 7-12)

- **Girls: Basic Uniform**
 - Uniform skirt, plaid, khaki, or navy (Educational Apparel – Plaid 57, Land's End - Classic Navy Plaid) - multiple styles available from school uniform line of retailers listed below:
 - A-line or box/back pleats or "all around" pleats
 - Must come at or around the knee, sometimes listed as Top of the Knee
 - No performance or athletic materials are permitted
 - Skort options are approved as long as they meet the above skirt requirements
 - Khaki or Navy Blue Chino Trouser style pants
 - Polo shirts (white, navy blue, light blue or yellow) or oxford (standard white or blue), without brand logos
 - Tights or Leggings under skirts (optional)
 - Sports teams' jerseys or current team warm-up tops may be worn to school on game days together as a team during the season with permission of the administration or the Athletic Director (see guidance below).
- **Boys: Basic Uniform**
 - Navy Blue or Khaki Chino Trouser style pants
 - Polo shirt (white, navy blue, light blue or yellow) or Oxford shirt (standard white or blue), without brand logos
 - Belts are not required, UNLESS pants sag below the waist.
 - Sports teams' jerseys or current team warm-up tops may be worn to school on game days together as a team during the season with permission of the administration or the Athletic Director (see guidance below).
- **OPTIONAL ITEMS for Girls & Boys**
 - Sweater (choice of styles) – Navy Blue cardigan or pullover from school uniform line of acceptable retailers listed below.
 - NCS Logo Sweatshirt from Educational Apparel
 - Zip-up Pullover Fleece - Navy with crest from Educational Apparel
 - Students may wear an NCS logo windbreaker or fleece jacket as the only acceptable outerwear during the day. A uniform polo must be worn underneath it.
 - Logo wear purchased at NCS and approved for uniform dress – ¼ zip, fleece jacket, crew neck sweatshirt, polos (Note: ¼ zip pullover and crew neck sweatshirt can be worn as a standalone top with a white, black, navy, or gray under shirt). Varsity letter jackets are permitted. Both academic and athletic logos are approved as long as they are left-front-pocket sized. NCS logo hoodies are ONLY allowed on Spirit Wear Fridays unless otherwise noted.
 - **NOTE:** NOT all items containing a NCS logos are approved for school uniform dress. From time to time, uniform acceptable items and NCS logo items from custom logo wear websites (e.g. SquadLocker, Eastbay, etc.) may be added as acceptable for uniform dress during the school year. These will generally be limited to collared shirts, sweatshirts or outerwear. Updates will be provided as items are deemed acceptable. **Please check with the NCS office about acceptability for uniform dress before making purchases.**
- **Shoes for Girls & Boys**
 - Non-marking casual shoe that covers the entire foot (closed toed and closed heel) with a heel that does not exceed 1 1/2"
 - Indoor athletic shoes /sneakers are permissible.
 - Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, and slippers are not permitted.
 - Boots are permitted during cold weather months.

- **Pants styles & details NOT permitted:**
 - Pants with colors or designs on pockets or legs
 - Capri or crop pants (pants may not be rolled or cuffed)
 - Cargo style
 - Corduroy, Jeans, Denim or knit fabrics
 - Contrast stitching or rivets
 - Oversized pants (in length or width)
 - Oversized pockets
 - Pants with frayed hems
 - Tight fitting pants
 - Jeggings
 - Colors other than traditional khaki or navy blue

Acceptable Uniform Retailers

The following online stores have uniform assortments created specifically for Northside Christian School. Check out their School Uniform assortment on their website and Search for NCS. The items on these pages are compatible with the uniform dress code delineated above:

- Educational Apparel Online
- Land's End Online

There are other retailers with acceptable items in their school uniform assortments. Our goal is to provide families with plenty of options for price, make, and quality. We have reviewed the school uniform offerings from the retailers below. There are acceptable options from their assortments that are compatible with the guidelines listed above. Visit their websites and search for school uniforms:

- [Educational Apparel](#)
- [Land's End](#)
- [JC Manny](#)
- Kohls
- JCPenney
- Old Navy
- Wal-Mart
- French Toast Brand (Costco, Meijer, etc.)
- Amazon

Spirit Wear Fridays/Non-Uniform Dress School Day Guidelines

General dress code guidelines for Spirit Wear Fridays and "Non-Uniform" school days (announced by the administration and listed on our NCS Calendar)

Spirit Wear Fridays occur on MOST Fridays during the school year unless otherwise noted by the administration. On Spirit Wear Fridays, students may wear either their normal NCS school uniform or the following alternate option:

- Denim or jeans (solid, in any color — see above for pant styles and details that are NOT permitted).
 - 1st-6th grade students are permitted to wear denim shorts as long as they follow the shorts Uniform Dress Code Guidelines for length, style, and condition (see above).
 - Denim or Jeans are NOT acceptable when NOT paired with NCS logo tops, NCS sports team warm-up tops, or an NCS team jersey.
 - Track pants, joggers, sweatpants, and pajama pants are NOT allowed for school-day dress.
- Tops with NCS logos (T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, ¼ zips, fleece tops, varsity letter jackets, and hoodies).
- On specific days determined by coaches and/or NCS staff, student athletes and other student organizations with approved apparel (NCS sports team warm-up tops, NCS team jersey or tops with NCS logos) are permitted to wear denim pants in any solid color — please see above for pants styles and details NOT permitted.
- All garments are to be in a good state of repair and should not have holes or rips or stains. Pants should not drag on the ground.

PE Uniform Dress Guideline

PE T-shirts MUST be purchased in the NCS Office -- they are \$10 each. PE shorts will be available for purchase in the NCS Office for \$15 OR families can purchase their own PE shorts as long as the following guidelines are met:

- Shorts must be at least mid-thigh and not excessively short or tight fitting.
- Shorts must be an athletic style with fabrics for comfort and movement. Shorts should not be excessively tight fitting.
- Shorts may be blue or black in color. Shorts should be a solid color, not patterned or with graphic prints.

Students may also wear blue or black athletic pants for PE as long as the following guidelines are met:

- Pants must not be excessively tight fitting.
- Pants must be an athletic style with fabrics for comfort and movement.

- Pants should be a solid color, not patterned or with graphic prints.
- No joggers, sweatpants, or leggings can be worn for PE. Leggings can be worn ONLY when under approved PE shorts.

General Dress Guidelines for other School Events

General dress code guidelines for school events (off-campus school activities, other school-sponsored events, and athletic events)

- Unless otherwise noted and when appropriate, students are permitted to wear jeans/denim pants, cargo pants, leggings, track pants or sweatpants but not pajama pants (usually a flannel or fleece fabric).
- “Leggings” are acceptable when made from a thick material that is not see-through and paired with a long top that covers the bottom when standing, bending over, or sitting.
- When shorts are permissible, they should be at least mid-thigh and not be excessively short or tight.
- **All garments are to be in a good state of repair and should not have holes or rips or stains. Pants should not drag on the ground.**
- Hair should be neat, well-groomed, clean, and of a natural color. No extreme hairstyles are permitted.
- No inappropriately imprinted T-shirts, sweatshirts, or other garments. No crop tops or tank tops.
- Hoods on sweatshirts or jackets should not be covering the head inside buildings.

Students who attend any school-sponsored event (e.g. home or away games) must comply with the general dress code guidelines as stated above.

