

Dress Code Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

The Administration of Northside Christian Academy has sought to develop a standard of modest dress and general appearance for students that will:

- Be a testimony from the whole student body.
- Be a testimony for the Christian atmosphere of our school.
- Enhance the educational process.

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage an environment that is conducive to learning. Classrooms are not arenas for freedom of expression and there is a correlation between appropriate attire and student performance and behavior. In general, the goal of the dress code is intended to address three areas: modesty, identity and propriety. The determination of whether or not dress standards meet these criteria is up to the discretion of the administration of Northside Christian Academy.

Modesty means the clothing should not be suggestive, revealing or overtly calling attention to one's body. Identity deals with association and can cover everything from style to advertising. Propriety asks if what one is wearing is appropriate to the occasion and with whom one is interacting as a representative of the Lord.

PARENT'S PLEDGE

As part of your enrollment agreement, our uniform policy will only work if both the home and school work together to maintain a consistent set of standards for student dress. While it is a parent's place to gradually hand over more and more responsibilities to their growing child, the parent is ultimately responsible to ensure that CampusWear standards are cheerfully followed.

UNIFORM VENDOR

Uniform items are available for purchase at French Toast. Spirit Shirts & additional outerwear are available at Awards Express after July. Students should not purchase items outside of the approved selections and should not have the NCA logo printed or embroidered on unapproved items. The following vendor is the only permissible provider of the NCA Uniform:

- French Toast: All of NCA's standard uniform items are available from French Toast. Items may be ordered online at www.frenchtoast.com. Click on "Shop by School," and use School Number **QS444AC**.
- Used Uniform Store at NCA: NCA will have opportunities to purchase used uniforms from our used uniform store throughout the year.

STANDARDS OF DRESS FOR BOYS/YOUNG MEN

The following dress code is a guide to help maintain an orderly environment in which students come to school ready to learn. Northside Christian Academy is committed to enforcing the dress code as fairly as possible. Daily parent partnership is important to ensure each students' attire aligns with the guidelines listed below. Students at NCA are expected to dress in a manner that reflects a Christian worldview while at school.

Uniform items must be new from French Toast, or from the NCA used uniform store, unless otherwise indicated.

	Do Wear	Don't Wear
Tops *NCA logo required	Polos (Long or Short-sleeved) in Red or Black	Non-Uniform shirts. Collarless shirts with or without the NCA logo (Fridays are the exception).
Bottoms	Pants or Shorts in Black or Khaki purchased from French Toast Neutral colored belt is required	Cargo, baggy, denim, athletic, and pants/shorts with alternative coloring (ex. white, dark brown, olive, patterned, etc.) Non-Uniform shorts. Shorts shorter than 3" from the top of the knee.
Outerwear *NCA logo required	NCA Sweatshirt, ¾ zip sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt	Any non-NCA outerwear. Coats and jackets are not permitted to be worn while inside the school building.
Footwear	Athletic shoes, closed toe shoes, or Crocs in sports mode.	No sandals, flip-flops or open back shoes, slippers, fur-lined shoes or slides of any kind.
Fridays	Uniform bottoms or Classic Blue Jeans. (NO HOLES/RIPS) Any NCA logoed shirt or t-shirt.	Pants or shorts that do not comply with the standards above. Jeans of any color other than blue (classic denim). Jeans or pants with rips or holes. Non-NCA shirts.
Seniors *with the exception of Chapel days	Uniform top as specified above Uniform bottoms or Classic Blue Jeans (NO HOLES/RIPS)	Any top or bottom that does not comply with the standards above.
Chapel	NCA Polo with uniform bottom as specified above. Shirt tucked in with a neutral belt.	Any top or bottom that does not comply with the standards above.

STANDARDS OF DRESS FOR GIRLS/YOUNG WOMEN

	Do Wear	Don't Wear
Tops *NCA logo required	Polos (Long or Short-sleeved) in Red or Black	Non-Uniform shirts. Collarless shirts with or without the NCA logo (Fridays are the exception).
Bottoms	Pants or Shorts in Black or Khaki purchased from French Toast. Neutral colored belt is required Uniform Jumpers in khaki purchased from French Toast Skorts in black or khaki purchased from French Toast. Middle/Elementary ONLY: If wearing leggings under skorts or jumpers they must be black.	Cargo, baggy, denim, athletic, and pants/shorts with alternative coloring (ex. white, dark brown, olive, patterned, etc.) Non-Uniform shorts. Shorts shorter than 3" from the top of the knee. Jumpers or skorts shorter than 3" from the top of the knee.
Outerwear *NCA logo required	NCA Sweatshirt, ¾ zip sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt	Any non-NCA outerwear. Coats and jackets are not permitted to be worn while inside the school building.
Footwear	Athletic shoes, closed toe shoes, or Crocs in sports mode. Socks must be white, black or red.	No sandals, flip-flops or open back shoes, slippers, fur-lined shoes or slides of any kind. Socks may not be worn over pants.
Fridays	Uniform bottoms or Classic Blue Jeans. (NO HOLES/RIPS) Any NCA logoed shirt or t-shirt.	Pants or shorts that do not comply with the standards above. Jeans of any color other than blue (classic denim). Jeans or pants with rips or holes. Non-NCA shirts.
Seniors *with the exception of Chapel days	Uniform top as specified above Uniform bottoms or Classic Blue Jeans (NO HOLES/RIPS)	Any top or bottom that does not comply with the standards above.

Chapel	NCA Polo with uniform bottom as specified above. Shirt tucked in with a neutral belt.	Any top or bottom that does not comply with the standards above.
Special Events	Occasionally, the school will have special dress-up events. Please refer to the specific instructions communicated for each event. In all events, students are expected to make an effort to maintain the standards set forth in our CampusWear policies.	

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM DETAILS

All tops, bottoms, and outerwear items must be purchased from one of the approved retailers. No other items are approved to wear during the school day unless otherwise indicated. Below are details about how Uniform items should be worn in addition to other dress standards for students.

- All clothing should be clean, appropriately fitted, and free of rips and holes or torn hems.
- Girls' jumpers and skorts should be no shorter than 3" above the knee. Leggings worn under skirts and skorts must be black.
- Polo shirts (and T-shirts on dress-down days) may be tucked or untucked.
- Short or long-sleeved T-shirts worn under Oxford shirts or polo shirts must be plain (no print or design), be either white, gray, or black, and must be tucked in.
- Outerwear: When worn inside, outerwear should be NCA approved and have a school logo. Students may wear a non-logoed coat during recess for elementary school. Non-NCA coats may not be worn in the classroom.
- Shoes should be suitable for an active learning environment and should not be a distraction. The administration reserves the right to ask a student to change their shoes.
- Belts, when worn, must be tasteful and complementary to the school uniform.
- Caps, hats, and hoods may not be worn inside school buildings.
- No NCA athletic wear is permitted. (Example: no game-day jerseys or team uniforms).
- After-school and at all NCA-sponsored events, students are expected to wear clothing that conforms to NCA values as well as basic standards of modesty and appropriateness.
- For students who are old enough: Tattoos must be non-offensive as determined by the school administration who reserves the right to request that a student cover their tattoo for the school day or while on campus. Remembering that we are in a K-12 environment, some examples of tattoos that may be considered offensive would include those portraying death, vulgar language, sexuality or mature themes unsuitable for younger children.

P.E. & Weight Training dress out clothes

Students should wear athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Or students may bring a change of shoes. Students will change clothes in the locker room to dress out for P.E. class. P.E. uniform consists of black, long athletic shorts, and NCA P.E. Shirt to be purchased through the school. Socks and athletic shoes must also be worn during P.E. class. During cold months, black athletic pants are acceptable. They must be plain black with no logos. Students may wear an NCA P.E. sweatshirt that can be purchased through the school.

Uniform Non-Compliance Consequences

- 1st Offense: A verbal warning is given. Change required.
- 2nd Offense: A Detention is issued. Change required.
- 3rd Offense: A Saturday School is issued. Change required.
- 4th Offense: In-School Suspension. Change required.