

## APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE - GRADES K4-12

Modesty should be the goal for both boys and girls. Honor and deference for others is demonstrated by avoiding garments that give rise to temptation or judgmental attitudes. The principal will have the final decision concerning any questionable clothing worn by a student. The administration reserves the right to require any student dressed unacceptably to change into acceptable clothing before attending classes., and each staff member has the authority to address questionable clothing.

Ultimately, the job of monitoring and adjusting student clothing choices to comply with school dress code rests with the parents. Our dress guidelines are not a substitute for the necessary and sometimes challenging conversations required in the home prior to students leaving for school.

The following are basic guidelines in our dress code:

- Girls are encouraged but not required to wear skirts and dresses
- Boys are encouraged but not required to wear slacks with belts and shirts with a collar
- All students are encouraged to dress up on Wednesdays for chapel
- The shortest part of skirts/dresses must come to 2 inches above the top of the knee (including slits), even when worn with leggings or shorts.
- No tights or leggings worn as “pants/slacks” (except in grades K4-3)
- Tops must completely cover midriff, even when arms are raised
- No low-cut necklines, shirts unbuttoned to the extreme, sleeveless garments, tanks, or open-shouldered shirts
- No hole-ridden, ripped, or “fashion-frayed” clothing. Pants with holes may be allowed if they are patched or if there is clothing underneath.
- No dirty, unkempt, or inside out clothing
- No oversized clothes
- No skin-tight styles
- The shortest part of all shorts are to be no shorter than 4” above the knee
- No sports shorts, gym shorts, sweat pants, or jogger pants in grades 6-12 (except during PE)
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist
- Shirts are to be appropriately worn, buttoned, and sized
- Jackets, coats, hoods, and other outer apparel are not to be worn in the classroom
- No undergarments showing except the tops of t-shirts with open-collared shirts
- No hats or sunglasses are to be worn in the building
- Girls may have ear piercings; high school girls may have a small nose stud
- No piercings for boys
- No “wheelies” or other roller-skate type shoes
- No untied shoes
- Hair is to be neat, clean, moderate, combed, allow eye visibility, and in good taste

- No unnatural hair colors or extreme hair styles
- Facial hair must be clean shaven or neatly trimmed/defined
- No makeup on boys - No extreme makeup on girls

**Students are expected to dress according to our dress code from the time they arrive on campus for school until they leave the campus for the day or begin practice for after- school activities. Unless otherwise noted, school dress code applies to NCCS retreats and other school outings.**

**Dress Standards for Formal Events at NCCS:** MODESTY STANDARDS for formal events such as the Valentine Extravaganza and Junior/Senior Banquet are as follows: Strapless gowns are not allowed as well as gowns with backs designed to be open below the shoulder blades. Slits should not be open above the top of the knee. Questions in regard to modesty are to be referred to the principal or a secondary staff member.