

APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE - GRADES K4-12

The principal and administrative team will have the final decision concerning any questionable clothing worn by a student. The school 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. 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. Secondary students participating in after-school activities or athletics must follow our PE dress below. Unless otherwise noted, school dress code applies to NCCS retreats and other school outings.

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:

- 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.
- The shortest part of all shorts are to be no shorter than 4" above the knee
- 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
- Pants with holes and fraying at the knee or below are allowed
- No dirty, unkempt, or inside out clothing
- No oversized clothes
- No skin-tight styles
- No sports shorts, gym shorts, sweat pants, or jogger pants (ankle-cuffed pants with elastic waistbands) in grades 6-12 (except during PE).
- Grades 6-12 may wear the sweat pants, jogger pants, or athletic shorts on Fridays that are sold through nccswarriors.org. Financial assistance is available for school-branded sweat pants, joggers, and athletic shorts.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist
- Jackets, coats, and other outer apparel are not to be worn in the classroom without permission.
- No undergarments showing except the tops of t-shirts with open-collared shirts
- No hats, hoods, or sunglasses are to be worn in the building
- Girls may have ear piercings; high school girls may have a small nose stud
- Boys may have small stud ear piercings
- No "wheelies," other roller-skate shoes, or slippers worn as shoes
- Hair is to be neat, clean, moderate, combed, allow eye visibility, and natural color
- Facial hair must be clean shaven or neatly trimmed/defined
- No makeup on boys
- No extreme makeup on girls

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 a staff member.