

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Elementary Dress Code for 2016-17

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

We believe God’s Word has a practical application to the dress and grooming of students. It is appropriate to ask our students to dress modestly and appropriately. Extreme fads and styles in clothing and jewelry that are contrary to our Christian testimony are inappropriate. The NCS dress code is most effective when parents support this philosophy. The dress code has been established by considering various factors such as comfort, safety, modesty, appropriateness and ease of enforcement.

Enforcing the dress code is not the sole responsibility of the school. We expect parents to cooperate with the school in monitoring their child’s daily attire to assure compliance with the NCS dress code.

Denim/Jean Days: When students are allowed to wear denim/jeans (blue or black) the apparel is to reflect the school dress code. Attire must fit modestly, not too tight and not too loose, without rips, appropriate length in skirts and shorts with any décor not being contrary to our Christian testimony.

K-5th grade – Shirts are limited to polo shirts (short or long sleeves). Good sources to purchase school attire include the uniform section in most department stores as well as Target and WalMart. Students are to wear uniform or “Docker” style shorts, slacks, skirts, skorts, capris, or jumpers made from twill or corduroy in black, solid navy or tan (khaki) colors. Please be aware that not all the clothing in the uniform section or department meet our dress code requirements.

- Polo shirts are to be one solid color of your choice. If it has a logo, it must be no larger than a credit card. The logo should not be contrary to our Christian testimony. Shirts have a button placket (no snaps, zippers, laces, etc.), a collar, with long or short sleeves. Shirts must be long enough to fully cover the stomach when arms are raised. Shirts may be visibly layered under a standard polo shirt.
- Pants, shorts, or capris must be of a dress pant twill/cotton or corduroy material. Pants may not be made of spandex, lycra, nylon, rayon or other material that have a tendency to cling to the body. No leggings are permissible. Levis or blue jeans are not allowed, nor are pants made of denim or blue jean material. Pants must be of a navy blue, black, khaki tan color only. For Girls’, Capri pants are acceptable. Cargo pants or overalls are not acceptable. No jeans are allowed for regular school dress days. Shorts are to be longer than the fingertips and no longer than the bend of the knee. Cargo shorts are acceptable.
- Jumpers, skirts, or skorts are to be longer than the fingertips. Skirts may be straight or pleated. Girls are encouraged to wear shorts under jumpers and skirts for modesty. No dresses are allowed. Plaid skirts and jumpers may be worn if they are the NCS approved apparel purchased from Dennis Uniform. They are to be made of heavy twill or corduroy, no jumpers made of tshirt material are allowed.
- Footwear is limited to tennis/athletic style shoes as students do not dress out for PE until they are in the secondary program. There are to be no inset wheels in any shoes worn on campus. Shoes with laces must be laced tightly and tied securely. Slip on shoes, like Vans and Toms, must stay fast on the child’s feet when walking. It is preferred that students wear socks with their shoes.

GENERAL:

- All clothing must be neat, clean, modest, and fit appropriately. Oversized or too-tight garments are not allowed.
- All outerwear (including sweaters, sweatshirts, windbreakers, jackets, etc.) worn in the classroom must be one solid color or NCS apparel and worn over an approved uniform shirt. Coats and jackets are not restricted to one solid color, but cannot be worn in the classroom. If there is a design, logo, picture, or word, it must be appropriate for a Christian school.
- Hats/caps may be worn outside for protection from the sun. They may *not* be worn in the classroom or any other school building. Hats are not restricted to one solid color. If there is a design, logo, picture, or word, it must be appropriate for a Christian school.
- Girls - No cosmetics are allowed (includes face glitter). Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. Earrings should not “hang” but be solid posts. This protects ears during PE.
- Boys – No earrings are allowed. Hair must be shorter than collars and cut so their eyebrows and at least part of their ears are visible.
- Hair for both girls and boys is to be kept neat and clean. Extreme styles are to be avoided.
- The school administration reserves the right to make modifications of the dress code for special occasions such as jog-a-thon, field trips, spirit days, or other fun/reward situations.
- Any attire not described in this policy is not allowed.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION POLICY:

Parents have the responsibility to send their children to school dressed and groomed appropriately. Parents of students in violation of dress code will be notified, and the student may not go out to recess until the violation is corrected. Failure to wear the defined school attire will be treated as a disobedience issue and will be handled as such. Students unsure of the appropriateness of any clothing should receive administrative approval before wearing it.