

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

(NCA FAMILY HANDBOOK – 2011-2012)

Appropriate dress for school should be conducive to as positive, productive learning atmosphere. We expect clothing to be attractive, neat, modest and without extremes. Parental involvement is extremely important and parents must carefully monitor what their children wear. The administration makes the final decision regarding issues of clothing. Please support us with your cooperation.

It is expected that all students wear the correct uniform, in good repair, to school each day. Uniform clothing purchased at stores, other than through NCA approved Uniform Companies, must comply in style, modesty, fabric, embroidery, logo, and exact color to the regulation garments.

UNIFORMS CRITERIA

All students are required to wear NCA uniforms. **Uniform information and requirements will be distributed prior to the new school year.**

APPEARANCE

Attire

Students are expected to abide by the school dress code policies and attend school in the proper attire. If a student's attire or appearance is deemed inappropriate for school, it will be brought to the attention of the teacher or administrator. K-3 parents will be notified by the teacher if their child is out of dress code. If the dress code violation continues, it will result in a detention. Students in the 4th through 8th grades are expected to come to school in appropriate uniform/dress. Failure to do so will result in a detention or changing an outfit before an event or performance. NCA staff members have the right to determine what is appropriate attire or uniform.

Concert or Performance or Social Event Attire

Students are expected to wear attire that meets NCA dress code values and guidelines. Students may be asked to change or, if available, will be provided a sweater or shawl. NCA staff members have the right to determine what is appropriate attire and if the student may be a part of the event

Hair

Hair is to be neatly groomed and out of the eyes for both boys and girls. Boys' hair length should never be longer than 1" (one inch) below the shirt collar. Extreme or sensational hairstyles such as spiked, colored, dread locks, long over shaved, etc. are not allowed. Dyed hair is allowed only if it is in natural hair tones. Hair extensions must be in the student's natural hair tones.

Shoes and Socks

Athletics shoes must be worn on P.E. days. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Socks or stockings must be in solid colors which match the NCA uniform. Health regulations require that shoes be worn at all times. Northshore Christian Academy requires that, for safety reasons, open-toed shoes or shoes without a back strap are not to be worn at school. Middle School girls may wear open-toed shoes but shoes must have a back strap. Flip flops or slippers may not be worn at school.

Hats and Coats

The official school vest, NCA sweater or NCA sweatshirt may be worn in the classroom for warmth. Outer garments such as coats or jackets may not be worn in the classroom. Baseball caps/hats may not be worn in the buildings except on free dress day.

Earrings, Piercing, Tattoos, Jewelry, Make-Up and Belts

Boys may not wear earrings at school nor may they have body piercings or permanent tattoos. Girls may wear a simple stud style pierced earrings however they may not have other body piercings or tattoos. Middle School girls may wear small hoop earrings (1 inch diameter). Girls in Pre-K-5th grade may not wear make-up to school. Middle School girls may apply light make up at home and wear it at school. No application of make-up is allowed at school. A simple (one) bracelet or necklace may be worn. No extremes. Belts must be black, brown or blue in color. They must be basic and without spikes, decals or chains.

Free Dress Day

All students are expected to come to school dressed respectfully, appropriately and modestly. For example sagging or tight pants, clothes that are sloppy and with rips, spaghetti straps, tank tops, short skirts or shorts may not be worn. Skirts or shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the mid-knee. Shoe requirements follow health and NCA standards.

Personalized Sweatshirts

Nick Names are subject to the administration's approval since our goal is that student dress reflects Christian values.

Current Trends

NCA reserves the right to address current trends and fads as they arise.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items are kept for only short periods of time due to lack of storage space. Items labeled with names may be returned to students. Parents are required to label (full names of student) your child's items to avoid loss. Unmarked items that are unclaimed at the end of each month will be donated to a local charity. NCA is not responsible for lost or misplaced items and is not liable if unclaimed items given to a charity of NCA's choice.

Role of an Exception to the Uniform Policy

Northshore Christian Academy reserves the right to grant an exception to its Uniform policy on a case-by-case basis and an exception granted to one individual applies only to that individual and does not apply to any other individual, parent, or guardian whose child(ren) attend NCA.