

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

All students are required to dress neatly, conservatively, and modestly in accordance with the Christian testimony of Northside. Scripture contains several general commands and guidelines pertaining to dress:

- Modesty (1 Timothy 1:9; II Timothy 2:22)
- Distinction between sexes (Deuteronomy 22:5; I Corinthians 11:14,15)
- Not being squeezed into the mold of the world (I Timothy 4:12; Romans 12:1,2; I John 2:15,16)
- Being aware of the effect of personal choices on those around me (Romans 14:13-21)

Recognizing these guidelines, we also believe that God has created each of us uniquely. Therefore, our school dress guidelines are not built to “squeeze students into a mold,” but to teach how to dress appropriately for different occasions inside of these guidelines. There are increasing choices for older students, but with those choices come increasing responsibility. No guidelines come without consequences. Failure to dress appropriately will be quickly addressed, and consequences will increase with each offense.



ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

As a general rule, the homeroom teacher will be responsible for making sure that students are dress code compliant. However, any teacher or administrative staff is authorized to enforce the dress code. The administration believes that the documentation of dress code is a sufficient warning. Students will be given a written warning and will need to keep that warning with them throughout the day to ensure that they are not punished multiple times for the same dress code violation. Offenses will be turned into the high school office by the teacher who issues the violation. Each violation will result in an increased consequence and will be documented. Students are expected to read and become familiar with changes and adhere to them beginning the first day of school. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' DRESS CODE

Clothing must be clean and free from holes, frayed edges, and tears. Clothing must not be form or tight fitting. Sloppiness in dress is not acceptable. Immodest clothing cannot be a distraction to other students which hinders learning.

- Tops
 - All tops must be modest. Plunging necklines, midriffs, lower back, and cleavage should not be showing. No strapless, tanks, or spaghetti strap tops are allowed.
 - Styles include polos, blouses, button downs, regular and mock turtlenecks. All tops must be buttoned. No t-shirts or V-neck t-shirts are allowed.
 - If tops have straps, they must be three finger widths wide, and a cardigan or shrug must be worn over it
 - Solid colors, patterns, and stripes can be worn.
 - There are to be no words or logos on the shirts except a Northside logo or a manufacturer's logo. Clothing and accessories with inappropriate language or innuendoes, dark or demonic symbols or groups will not be allowed.
- Dresses
 - Short dresses are not permitted; maxi-dresses are permitted making sure that the top meets the above standards. Jumpers must be worn with an appropriate shirt. Pattern maxi dresses are allowed.
- Bottoms
 - All solid colors of slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, and jumpers are allowed. Yoga pants, jeggings, and sweatpants, and athletic shorts not are allowed unless it is part of a game day attire for a particular sport. Pants and shorts should not be form fitting.
 - Solid color and patterned maxi skirts are allowed and must not be sheer.
 - Plaids skirts are allowed with approved NMA plaid colors from Land's End.
 - Length of shorts, skirts, or skorts must no shorter than 4" from the top of the knee. Measurements should be taken in the front and the back. This measurement must include slits in skirts.
 - Leggings and tights can be worn under skirts, but the skirt has to meet the required length. Leggings and tights may not be worn as pants.
 - Spandex or shorts must be worn underneath skirts.
- Sweaters, Hoodies, Jackets, and Sweatshirts
 - Same rules apply for sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts as do with tops. Approved school top must be worn under all approved sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts. Sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts may not be worn by themselves. Patterns on jackets and outerwear are allowed.
 - Sweatshirts with a Northside logo, a solid color, a manufacturer's logo, or collegiate wear is allowed. Other high school or middle school's sweatshirts and shirts are not allowed.
- Shoes and Accessories
 - Athletic shoes may be worn at any time. Sandals, Crocs, and flip flops are permitted, but no house shoes or shower shoes are allowed. Closed-toed shoes will be required for lab situations. Shoes should be in good condition and in conservative styles and colors. If shoes have laces, they must be tied.
 - If pants or shorts have belt loops, a belt should be worn.
 - Sunglasses and hats are not to be worn inside classroom or any building on campus.
- Other Notes
 - No tongue piercing, body piercing, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.
 - Hair should not be worn in extreme styles and must be worn where eyes can be seen.
 - Dress code for athletes on game days and club special work days must be approved prior to the event.

*** Administration reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of dress not covered by this code.**

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DRESS CODE

Clothing must be clean and free from holes, frayed edges, and tears. Clothing must not be tight or form fitting. Sloppiness in dress is not acceptable. Immodest clothing cannot be a distraction to other students which hinders learning.

- Tops
 - All tops must have a collar and sleeves. Styles include polos, button downs, regular and mock turtle-necks. Tops must be buttoned.
 - Solid colors, patterns, and stripes can be worn.
 - There are to be no words or logos on the shirts except a Northside logo or a small manufacturer's logo about the size of a quarter. Clothing and accessories with inappropriate language or innuendoes, dark or demonic symbols or groups will not be allowed.
 - Bottoms
 - All solid colors and patterns of slacks and shorts are allowed. Denim blue jeans are also allowed. No gym shorts are allowed unless it is part of the game day attire for a particular sport.
 - Length of shorts should come close to the knee. Shorts should be no shorter than 4" from the top of the knee as a general rule.
 - All pants and shorts must be worn at waist level.
 - A belt must be worn at all times.
- Sweaters, Hoodies, Jackets, and Sweatshirts
 - Same rules apply for sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts as do with tops. Approved school top must be worn under all approved sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts. Sweaters, hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts may not be worn by themselves.
 - Sweatshirts with a Northside logo, a solid color, a manufacturer's logo, or collegiate wear are allowed. Other school's sweatshirts and shirts are not allowed.
- Shoes and Accessories
 - Athletic shoes may be worn at any time. Shoes should be in good condition and in conservative styles and colors. If shoes have laces, they must be tied.
 - Sandals, Crocs, and Flip Flops are permitted, but no shower shoes are allowed.
 - If pants or shorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
 - Caps or hats may not be worn in the classrooms, chapel, cafeteria, or any building on campus but are permitted outside.
 - Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the classroom or any building on campus.
- Other Notes
 - No tongue piercing, body piercing, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.
 - Hair is to be worn so that it is neatly maintained. Hair should not be worn below the eyebrows, past the collar or the earlobe. No extreme haircuts are allowed.
 - The growth of facial hair is not permitted for grades 7th-10th. Side burns should not come below the bottom of the ear. Juniors and seniors are allowed to have facial hair but must be neatly groomed and trimmed.
 - Students must adhere to the AISA competition guidelines when competing, or the student will be fined and possibly disqualified from the competition. (See page 63.)

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DRESS CODE—FORMAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The administration and the Board will not allow students to bring same sex dates to any social events including “friends” as “dates.”

Dance Attire—Girls

All dresses for prom, prom after party, homecoming court, homecoming dance, or any other occasion where dancing will be involved must be approved **one month** prior to the event. Any event where girls may wear strapless, sweetheart, halters, or V-neck lines must be approved for that event by a committee made up of 2-3 teachers.

Prom

Girl’s formal wear may have strapless, sweetheart, or halter neck lines for the lead-out and dinner only. If you plan on wearing the same dress to the dance, also known as the “after party,” or any event where dancing is involved, the dress must have straps. No plunging V-necks or low sweetheart necks will be allowed. In the back, dresses cannot come any lower than the natural waist line. Splits cannot come any higher than 4 inches from the top of the knee; this includes hi-low dresses. Cut outs cannot come any farther forward than the midline of the side of the rib cage. Modesty pieces and liner fabric can be used to modify the dress to meet modesty standards.

Homecoming and other dances

A dance may call for formal or semi-formal wear. Homecoming is a semi-formal occasion. All dresses worn to dances must have straps and must not come higher than 4 inches from the top of the knee, including a slit. No tight or form fitting, plunging V-necks, V-backs, or low sweetheart neck lines will be allowed. In the back, dresses cannot come any lower than the natural waist line. Cut outs cannot come any farther forward than the midline of the side of the rib cage. Approval is needed for all dresses worn to a dance event.

Dance Attire—Boys

Prom

Prom attire is **formal wear**. Boy’s must wear a nice shirt and pants with a tuxedo or suit and tie with dress shoes.

Homecoming and other dances

A dance may be formal or semi formal. Homecoming is a semi-formal occasion. Formal wear is a tux or a suit as stated for prom. Semi-formal attire for boys is nice slacks, a coat and tie with a button down and dress shoes.

Banquets/Graduation (sports banquet, honor society, etc.)

Girls

Dress for banquets and all graduation ceremonies is semi-formal as for dances. Semi-formal pants suits or a Sunday dress that meets the semi-formal wear standards is also acceptable. Graduation dresses must be approved.

Boys

Banquet attire for boys is semi-formal. Nice slacks, coat, tie, button down, and dress shoes are required.

Casual Dress

For most other events, including our sporting events, unless otherwise specified, the dress may be casual. Jeans and t-shirts are allowed. Writing and symbols on shirts and jackets must not conflict with the Northside mission and philosophy. Dresses must be modest and meet dress code standards; low neck lines are not acceptable, and shorts, pants, and skirts should also be modest. If leggings are worn, shirts must be long enough, reaching about mid-thigh, to cover the crotch and bottom.

Please be aware if you attend any NMA event and your attire does not meet these standards, you will be asked to leave; further consequences will be considered as deemed necessary.

CASUAL FRIDAYS

Fridays are casual dress days where students are allowed to wear jeans in any color (no jeggings) with any Northside t-shirt. If a student does not wear a Northside top, then the standard Northside shirt can be worn. Clothing must be clean and free from holes, frayed edges, and tears. Clothing must not be tight or form fitting.

DRESS UP DAYS

Costumes worn on dress up days (like during the week of homecoming, pep rallies, and other occasions) must also follow the dress code requirements and must remain modest.