

MIDDLE AND 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 the 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, comes 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 rule, the first period teachers 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. The Principal and Administration will go over dress code policy at Open House so there will be a clear understanding of the dress code policy for the students and parents.

Students in violation of dress code will be called to the office for a dress code compliance review. If a student is out of dress code, they and their parent/guardian may choose one of the following remedies to be in compliance with school policy. Missed class will be an unexcused absence/tardy.

Option 1: Receive permission from parent/guardian to check out, return home, and change clothing to be in compliance with school policy. Missed class will be an unexcused absence/tardy.

Option 2: Have a parent/guardian bring clothes to school that are in compliance with the dress code. The student will remain in the office awaiting the clothing. Missed class will be an unexcused absence/tardy.

Each dress code violation will be documented.

Excessive violations can result in consequences as outlined in the code of conduct.

General Rules for All

Clothing and accessories with inappropriate language or innuendoes, dark and demonic symbols or groups will not be allowed.

Dress code for athletes on game days and club special workdays must be approved prior to the event.

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

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DRESS CODE FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

Clothing must be clean and must not be form or tight fitting. Sloppiness or immodesty in attire is not acceptable.

Acceptable Tops

- A shirt with a fold-down collar, either solid or patterned. A fold-down collar may include a mock-collar, mock turtleneck with enough material above the hem that it **could be** folded-down. Non-Northside logos cannot exceed 2 square inches.
- Sweaters
- Northside T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies
- A plain t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie. Non-Northside logos cannot exceed 2 square inches.
- Christian T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies
- Traditional collegiate t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies (name of the university only, no graphics)

Unacceptable Tops

- Sleeveless tops
- Plunging Necklines with exposed cleavage.
- Crop tops with exposed belly or back when sitting, standing, lifting the arms, or bending over. A camisole shirt, tucked in to pants, must be worn underneath any cropped shirt that would expose the belly or back.
- Undergarments visible at the arm-hole, back, or with a shirt that hangs off the shoulders.
- Non-Northside logos that exceed 2 square inches, with the exception of collegiate wear.

Acceptable Bottoms

- Solid color or patterned pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts.
- Any color jeans or denim, free from rips or tears.
- Pants frayed at the hem are permitted.

Unacceptable Bottoms

- No shorts, skorts, or skirts, including a slit, that fall more than 4 inches above the top of the knee
- No shorts, skorts, or skirts that can be cinched on the sides.
- No leggings, joggers, athletic pants, or sweatpants.
- No shorts, skorts, or skirts rolled at the waist.
- No holes anywhere on bottoms.
- No inappropriate print including, but not limited to, skulls, demonic images, or images that promote drugs or alcohol.

Dresses and Jumpers

- Dresses are permitted but must not fall more than 4 inches above the top of the knee, including slits.
- Jumpers and maxi-dresses are permitted making sure that the top meets the above standards.
- Patterned maxi dresses are allowed.

Shoes and Accessories

- Athletic shoes may be worn at any time in good condition and are required for gym floor and weight room use.
- Sandals, crocs, slides, and flip flops are permitted.
- No bedroom shoes/slippers.
- No shower shoes.
- Closed toe shoes are required for lab situations.
- Sunglasses and hats of any kind are not permitted inside any building or classroom.
- No tongue piercing, body piercing, nose rings, 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 may not cover the eyes. No extreme hair colors (ex: pink, purple, blue, green, etc.).

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DRESS CODE FOR MALE STUDENTS

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Acceptable Tops

- A shirt with a fold-down collar. Non-Northside logos cannot exceed 2 square inches.
- Sweaters
- Northside T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies
- A plain t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie. Non-Northside logos cannot exceed 2 square inches.
- Christian T-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies
- Traditional collegiate t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies (name of the university only, no graphics)

Unacceptable Tops

- Shirts that have been cut to remove the sleeves or shorten the length of the shirt.
- Non-Northside logos on collared tops or sweaters that exceed 2 square inches.

Acceptable Bottoms

- Solid color or patterned pants or shorts. Shorts must not fall more than 4 inches above the top of the knee.
- Any color jeans or denim free from rips or tears
- Pants frayed at the hem are permitted.

Unacceptable Bottoms

- No shorts, including a slit, that fall more than 4 inches above the top of the knee.
- No shorts rolled at the waist.
- No shorts that expose undergarments at the waist or leg.
- No leggings, joggers, athletic pants, or sweatpants.
- No athletic shorts.
- No holes anywhere on bottoms.
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- Facial Hair: Students are allowed to have facial hair, but it must be neatly groomed and trimmed.

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FORMAL EVENTS 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 2 weeks prior to the event. Any event where girls may wear one shoulder, sweetheart, halter, or V-neck lines must be approved for that event by Administration and or staff members. **Dresses will be checked at the door of the dance or event to make sure that the dress is the same one that was approved and/or altered. Students will be turned away at the door of the dance or event if they do not meet our requirements and policy.**

Prom

Girl’s formal wear may have one shoulder, sweetheart, or halter neck lines for the lead-out, dinner, and dancing. If you plan on wearing the same dress to the dance 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 waistline. Slits 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, that are solid and not sheer, can be used to modify the dress to meet modesty standards. Dresses will be monitored again at the arrival of the dance, and students who have changed their dress from the time it was approved will be asked to leave. No tongue piercing, body piercing, nose rings, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.

Homecoming and other dances and events

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 waistline. 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. Dresses will be monitored again at the arrival of the dance, and students who have changed their dress from the time it was approved will be asked to leave. No tongue piercing, body piercing, nose rings, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.

Dance Attire: Boys

Prom

Prom attire is **formal wear**. Boys must wear a nice shirt and pants with a tuxedo or suit and tie. Dress shoes, clean sneakers and clean boots are acceptable. No tongue piercing, body piercing, nose rings, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.

Homecoming and other dances

A dance may be formal or semi formal. Homecoming is a semi-formal occasion. Semi-formal attire for boys is nice slacks, a button-down dress shirt, and optional coat and tie. Dress shoes, clean sneakers and clean boots are acceptable. No tongue piercing, body piercing, nose rings, gages, or permanent tattoos of any kind can be seen on exposed skin while the student is enrolled at Northside.

Administration reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of formal and special event dress not covered by this code.

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND DRESS UP DAYS

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 not fall more than 4 inches above the top of the knee.

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.

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.

Banquets and Graduation (Sports Banquet, Honor Society Induction, etc.)

Female Students: 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. Dresses and skirts cannot be shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee on all sides, including slits and graduated hems. Graduation and banquet dresses may be subject to approval.

Male Students: Banquet attire for boys is semi-formal. Nice slacks or nice jeans, coat, tie, button down, and dress shoes or clean boots are suggested.