



NWCS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The emphases of NWCS' dress code guidelines are **modesty, cleanliness** and **neatness**. All students are encouraged to dress in a manner that honors God and reflects well on Northwest Christian, no matter where they go in the community, while enrolled as students at Northwest Christian Schools. ***If in doubt, don't wear it.***

Casual Dress (worn most school days)

- Clothing is to be neat and well-fitting. Excessively baggy or revealing items do not conform to NWCS' standard of neatness and modesty.
- Some athletic apparel is acceptable for casual school dress. Nylon or polyester sweatpants are allowed (NO cotton sweatpants or yoga pants). Sweatpants must be neat and modest in appearance. Waist bands on athletic apparel **MAY NOT** be rolled down.
- Slight distressing of denim is acceptable with minimal skin showing.
- Shorts should be at the knee or below in length.
- Pants are to be worn above the hips covering under apparel.
- If clothing has printed words/designs, they must be in good taste and above question (e.g. Not allowed: rock bands that ARE NOT consistent with the mission of NWCS, anarchy, skull, Goth symbols or any other type of symbol that is deemed inappropriate for a Christian school).
- No tattoos or look-alikes are allowed.
- P.E. attire must be modest. P.E. Instructors will communicate special dress requirements for their classes.

Unacceptable Clothing Includes

- Spandex shorts and spandex style pants, cutoffs, yoga pants, cotton sweatpants, visible boxer shorts or other underwear, pajama pants, slippers, halter tops, spaghetti straps, loosely woven or see-through material.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building during normal school hours.
- For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear slippers or go barefoot on campus.

Additional Guidelines

- ***Professional Dress*** - Required every **Wednesday** unless informed otherwise. See specific guidelines under "Girls" and "Boys" headings below.

- **Graduation** - Professional dress only. Wear what is issued by the school and wear it properly. All students must adhere to grooming, neatness and modesty standards.
- **School Sponsored Functions/Games** - Casual dress code applies.
- **After Practices and Games** athletes must comply with reasonable dress guidelines. (e.g. tight-fitting shorts, sports bras or bare chests (boys) require cover-up.)
- If backpacks have printed words/design or patches and pins, they should be in good taste and above question and must be consistent with the mission of NWCS.

Guidelines for Girls

- In general, girls must pay close attention to modesty in their choice of clothing.
- Hemline for dresses and skirts must extend past the fingertips and reach mid-thigh.
- Tops should fully cover the bodice, front and back, with no cleavage showing. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, racer back or halter tops may be worn at any time. Sleeveless tops and dresses are allowed if they meet the above guidelines.
- Shirts must cover the belt line of pants at all times—no bare midriff between shirt and pants.
- Hair, jewelry and makeup are to be natural looking, not distracting or drawing undue attention.
- No tattoos or body piercing. No immodest or excessive adornment.
- Hats are acceptable if they are neat and consistent with the outfit being worn; however, baseball-style caps and stocking/ski hats are not acceptable at any time. Also, hoods are not to be worn inside the building during normal school hours.
- Cheerleading outfits are not to be worn in class.
- Tight-fitting jeans, pants or leggings require that the top (sweatshirt, T-shirt, etc.) must be long enough to cover your derriere when bending over.
- Hair must be styled in such a way that both eyes may be clearly seen.

Professional Dress Worn Every Wednesday

- Some combination of a dress, skirt, professional style dress pants or capris (**no blue denim**) with a sweater or blouse. Colored denim is acceptable chapel wear. Flip flops are not acceptable; however, professional appearing sandals are acceptable.

- Other examples of unacceptable professional dress clothing are t-shirts, sweatshirts, cargo pants or shorts.
- **Exceptions:** professional dress is not required for Spirit Week and finals.

Guidelines for Boys

- Generally, boys must pay close attention to neatness in their choice of clothing and personal grooming.
- Shirts should cover the shoulder, stomach, chest and back.
- Shorts are to be at or near the knee in length.
- Hair should not touch the collar and front and side hair length should not be longer than the bottom of the ear. Hair should be worn out of eyes during school days and school events. Hair is to be natural looking, with no two-tone or peculiar dying. Hair may not be spiked or worn in any way that would cause a distraction (e.g. Mohawk-style). The appropriate administrator will make the final decision on questionable haircuts.
- Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns should extend no longer than the bottom of the ears.

Unacceptable clothing includes:

- Hats (including hoods) of any kind are not to be worn during regular school hours (from 8:20am—2:50pm.) Exception: hats may be allowed for spirit day.
- Earrings, spacers or other body piercings are not acceptable.
- No immodest or excessive adornment including chains, dog collars or tattoos.

Professional Dress worn every Wednesday (even if there is no chapel):

- Some combination of dress pants, colored jeans (NO blue denim), dress joggers and collared shirt must be worn.
- Other examples of unacceptable professional dress clothing are sweatshirts, athletic pants/shorts, blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts, sandals and flip-flops.
- Exceptions: professional dress is not required for spirit days and during finals.

Procedure for non-compliance

Attitude is the key. Students are encouraged to take personal responsibility for their offenses. Each offense will be documented. The student will be given a warning on the first offense and the second offense will result in a lunch detention during which the student will copy the dress code guidelines, take it home and have parents sign. Each violation beyond the second will result in an after-school detention. *Detentions will become subsequently longer and Saturday*

service may be assigned. Saturday services are 3-hour work sessions completed at either campus or at the Northwest Christian School Thrift Store. Students will "reboot" at the semester.

Please note: *Continued offenses will result in serious administrative consequences. Also, offensive or immodest violations will result in the immediate requirement of a change of clothing. If the student cannot get a clothing change from his/her locker, "Crusader Apparel" will be provided by the office before the student returns to class. Parents will be called.*

