

Dress Code Rationale

When Northeast Baptist School began in 1994, the Executive Board voted for the student body to have a uniform dress code. The uniform dress code for students as explained in this handbook provides for **function**, **simplicity**, **respect**, **modesty**, and **conformity**.

- 1) Students will dress in a uniform standard of dress that de-emphasizes the competitive nature of fashions and fads.
- 2) Students will dress for the function of classrooms and physical education.
- 3) Students will dress modestly.
- 4) Students will dress respectfully according to standards of dress that will be expected of them in a professional work place or a place of worship.
- 5) Students will learn to follow rules as stated.

Students will be expected to follow the dress code each day. Any exceptions to the rules must be approved by the Principal. It is incumbent upon all the staff to enforce the dress code.

NBS uniforms are not acceptable if they have been altered or defaced in any way.
Shoes must be kept on at all times when inside the building due to the fire code.
No wrist devices that utilize internet access may be worn.
No gloves worn in the classroom. No scarf accessories.
ALL AGE GROUPS: School uniform shirts must be worn under school hoodies.

We ask for the parents' support in students maintaining a "uniform look." The school administration reserves the right to initiate policies on new fads and changes in style throughout the school year. We are unable to predict all fashion trends and will adjust the uniform requirements as needed. Appropriate fitting is important in all clothing. Pants and tops should not be oversized or too tight for the student. Items which have Spandex in the fabric should be purchased in a size that is larger than usual so that the fabric does not conform to the body (skin-tight). Pants should not be tight enough on the hips to be able to see the lines of the undergarments. Pants should be loose on the knees and ankles so that the contour of the pants does not reveal the contour of the body. Make sure there is room to spare around the hips, ankles and knees ...enough to comfortably fit your own fist in them at any snug point.

Hoods will be removed in the classroom. Large overcoats and down jackets will not be worn in the classroom. All garments worn for cold outside weather must be removed in the classroom
Teachers may ask students to remove any outer garment if it is distracting the students or interfering with class.

Field Trip Dress Code

For field trips, students should wear an NBS T-shirt with uniform long pants or shorts unless the teacher specifies blue jeans.

GIRLS

Uniform DRESS CODE

Shirts Polo style uniform shirt tucked into lower garment. Solid navy, white, or pale blue. 7th – 12th grades may also wear pale yellow.

Fridays Option - Any T-shirt that supports NBS or an NBS event may be worn.

Pants/Shorts/Skorts/Capri Solid Khaki or navy or NBS plaid uniform pants, shorts, skorts. Modesty guideline for shorts and skorts is approximately 5 inches from the floor while kneeling.

Jumpers/Dresses/Skirts Solid khaki, navy, or NBS plaid uniform jumpers, dresses, or skirts. Modesty guideline for dresses, jumpers, and skirts is approximately 5 inches from the floor while kneeling.

Belts Belts are worn with shorts, capris, and pants. Belts not required for K3, K4, and K5. Belts will be available for purchase (\$10) or may be checked out temporarily for one day from the library.

Jackets and Sweatshirts Solid navy sweatshirts or jackets or approved NBS hoodies may be worn in the classroom.

Undershirts Only solid white. Long-sleeve undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeve uniform shirts.

Shoes Tennis shoes or other shoes with full backs and enclosed toes. No boots. No Crocs.

Socks Socks that can easily be seen by a teacher must be worn every day. Leggings may be worn under dresses and skirts.

Hair Hair must be neat and clean. Hair must be a natural color. General guidelines for hair: must be kept out of the face and may not hang in the front of the eyes. No hats or bandanas allowed.

Extra Clothes Preschool students will need an extra set of clothes to keep in the classroom in case of accidents. They should be sent in a Ziploc bag with student name on it. These clothes may be non-uniform dress code.

Tattoos No visible tattoos allowed. No tattoo stickers. No pierced body parts are allowed except for ears.

Jewelry Only small stud earrings. No more than two earrings per ear. No necklaces or bracelets. Watches/FIT BITS are allowed as long as they are quiet.

Girls below 7th grade are NOT allowed to wear make-up. They are not encouraged to wear fingernail polish. For these young girls, these practices become a high-maintenance distraction for the students.

BOYS

Uniform DRESS CODE

Shirts Polo style uniform shirt tucked into pants/shorts. Solid navy, white, or pale blue. 7th – 12th grades may also wear pale yellow.

Friday Option - Any T-shirt that supports NBS or an NBS event may be worn.

Pants/Shorts Solid khaki or navy uniform pants or shorts.

Rules: No holes, either torn or tailored. Hemlines neatly finished. No raveled or unhemmed edges.

Belts Belts are worn with shorts, and pants. Belts not required for K3, K4, and K5. Belts will be available for purchase (\$10) or may be checked out temporarily from the library for one day.

Jackets and Sweatshirts Solid navy sweatshirts or jackets or approved NBS hoodies may be worn in the classroom.

Undershirts Only solid white. Long-sleeve undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeve uniform shirts.

Shoes Tennis shoes or other shoes with full backs and enclosed toes. No boots. No Crocs.

Socks Socks that can easily be seen by a teacher must be worn every day.

Hair Hair must be neat and clean. Short haircuts – general guidelines are hair not be below the shirt collar in the back and not below the top of the eyebrows in the front. Hair should be trimmed to the top of the ear. Sideburns should not be below the center of the ear. No “shaved” designs or “tails” allowed. Hair must be a natural color. No hats or bandanas allowed. Hair will be extended straight to measure for length.

Extra Clothes Each preschool student will need an extra set of clothes to keep in the classroom in case of accidents. They should be sent in a Ziploc bag with student name on it. These clothes may be non-uniform dress code.

Tattoos No visible tattoos allowed. No tattoo stickers. No pierced body parts are allowed to have adornments.

Jewelry No necklaces, earrings or bracelets. Watches/FIT BITs are allowed as long as they are quiet.

Non-Uniform Dress Code - All Students

All Students

All clothes should be in good condition. There are no color restrictions. No holes in the pants or tops.

Clothes must not have any boastful, critical, or inappropriate written messages. Students should not wear any clothes that promote a questionable message or theme. If you are unsure about something, ask the administration before it is worn.

No restrictions on jewelry, hair accessories, or belts except the following: No hats or bandanas are allowed. No feather accessories in hair. No Mohawks or extreme spiked designs.

Girls

Pants/Capri/Shorts/Skorts Blue jeans are acceptable. Pajama pants, warm-up pants, athletic mesh shorts, and scrubs are **not** acceptable. Pants may not be longer than the bottom of their shoes. Students should be able to walk without walking on the pant legs. No holes, either torn or tailored. No raveled or unhemmed edges. Shorts/Skorts must be 5 inches from the floor when kneeling. Long pants may not be worn under skirts. Leggings may be worn under a skirt or dress as long as the dress/skirt meets the dress code length. Pants shall be loose fitting so that no panty lines show or creases are formed across the front

Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses Must be no more than 5 inches from the floor when kneeling. Any slits must also be no more than 5 inches from the floor when kneeling. Skirts must be loose fitting so that skirts do not cup around the bottom.

Shirts Shirts do not have to be tucked in. No midriff may show when hands are raised. Shirts must have sleeves that extend a minimum below the shoulder of about 7 inches for Upper school and about 5 inches for Elementary and Preschool. Shirts may not come any lower than two inches below the collarbone. No visible cleavage or breasts. No shirts made of see-through fabric. No shirts that have lace at the neckline or hanging down from the shirt (imitating a camisole) are allowed. No underwear or undergarments should be seen. Shirts shall be loose fitting so that the shirt falls from breast to torso loosely. No spandex form fitting shirts.

Shoes Shoe restrictions include heel height limited to 2" and no roller skates in the sole. Socks do not have to be worn. Preschool and Elementary students must have their toes covered.

Boys

Pants/Shorts Blue jeans are acceptable. Boys may not wear their pants lower than the hipbones. Athletic gym shorts, pajama pants, warm-up pants, and scrubs are **not** acceptable.

Shirts Shirts must have sleeves that extend a minimum below the shoulder of about 7 inches for Upper school and about 5 inches for Elementary and Preschool. Shirts do not have to be tucked in. Shirts should be nicely pressed with no holes, graffiti, or markings (where they colored on their clothes.) T-shirts are not acceptable if they have been defaced in any way. No underwear should be seen.

Shoes No roller skates in the sole. Socks do not have to be worn. Preschool and Elementary students must wear shoes that cover their toes.

Formal Banquet Guidelines

The banquet is for students in the 9th – 12th grades. Students may bring a guest of the opposite sex from 9th – 12th grades.

Parents and extended family members are encouraged to attend. Younger siblings are also welcome and will be seated with family.

The Dress Code Guidelines:

Formal Banquet dress code for female students has been a difficult issue with which to give clear boundaries. The most important guiding principal is modesty. The young ladies should dress in a manner that does not draw attention to their bodily features, but rather their face. Our goal should be to look our best without sacrificing any respect or dignity.

*That being said, I am further defining our dress code with these guidelines for the **GIRLS:***

- 1) *Girls shall wear a dress.*
- 2) *No part of the breasts should be exposed. Wear a bra that conceals breast details. No cleavage should be exposed either while standing or bending over. If your dress does not sufficiently cover your breasts, you should wear a jacket, shawl, or shoulder cover and keep it on for the duration of the evening.*
- 3) ***No strapless dresses.** (Dress must have at least one strap). Backline should not expose any skin below the waist. No waistlines should be exposed. (Torso covered.)*
- 4) *Dress should fit loosely enough that the skirt does not tightly cup over the bottom.*
- 5) *Dress needs to be no shorter than school dress code skirts (4" from floor while kneeling.)*
- 6) *Wear shoes appropriate with a formal dress. (not tennis shoes)*

BOYS: *In addition we ask that no tennis shoes or traditionally athletic footwear be worn. Boys shall appropriately wear a tie with their dress shirt. Pants with a shirt tucked into pants shall be worn. Only dress hats may be worn. Pants need to have a belt. Suit jackets are recommended but not required.*

Parents, please discuss this as needed if it applies to your sons and daughters and relay this information to any guest that is not a student at NBS. Together we strive to teach the value of respectful dress. I have discussed this at length with our students. Thank you for reinforcing this matter of concern. Please contact the school if you have any questions.