

Dress Code - The character and nature of God's work in our lives is expressed through our interactions with the world around us. With the understanding that God looks at the heart while we often look at the outward appearance of man, we recognize that the fruit of His work within us should be evident in our day-to-day lives. Through our dress code, we seek to reflect the expression of God's nature and testament of His power within our lives. "As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart."
Proverbs 27:19

General Policy

All apparel must reflect standards of modesty and decorum. This general dress code applies to all NCA activities, unless stated otherwise, and includes sport activities and special events. The headmaster or assistant headmaster will have final say in dress code arbitrations.

GENERAL:

- All apparel must be neat, clean, and not see-through or tight-fitting.
- No athletic wear is permitted except for gym classes in grades 4th through 12th.
- Any clothing displaying secular bands, inappropriate language, alcohol, tobacco, violence, the occult or illegal activity will not be permitted. Clothing that ridicules other people or groups is not permitted. Coats, jackets and backpacks may not display any inappropriate inscriptions, pictures, images or symbols.

TOPS/DRESSES:

- Shirt, dresses, blouses and tops must have sleeves; no cutout sleeves.
- Shirts and dresses may not have plunging necklines (front or back). Backs, shoulders, midsections, and undergarments must be covered at all times; cut off shirts are prohibited.
- Coats may not be worn in the hallways or classrooms.

BOTTOMS:

- Hemmed, loose slacks or jeans, not touching the floor, are permissible.
- Dress/skirt hems and slits must be no shorter than two inches above the knee when standing and seated.
- Hemmed shorts (and capris for girls), no shorter than two inches above the knee, may be worn.
- Leggings and skinny jeans are only acceptable with an appropriate fingertip length tunic.
- Ripped jeans (any color) - must be ripped/torn/cut by the manufacturer (i.e., bought with the rips)
- No skin to be shown (i.e., wear something under the jeans)

ACCESSORIES/MISC:

- Hair styles must be in good taste. Extremes in style and color will not be permitted. Boys' hair may be no longer than to the bottom of the collar. Young men may have neatly groomed facial hair.

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- Girls' makeup and nail polish must be in good taste. Extremes will not be permitted. Boys may not wear makeup or nail polish.
- Girls may wear earrings. Boys may not wear earrings. No other body piercings or visible tattoos are permitted. Jewelry that is deemed inappropriate by staff must be removed immediately.
- Opened toed shoes/sandals may be worn in 6th-12th grade. Flip flops, sport slides and slippers are not permitted.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands and hoods are not to be worn in the building unless for religious tradition.

CHAPEL DRESS

- Jeans and t-shirts are not permitted. Girls will wear modest dress slacks or skirts with a nice top or dresses. Boys will wear dress or casual slacks and a dress or polo shirt.
- Physical Education Attire
- All students 4th through 12th grades must have sneakers, gym shorts, wind pants or sweatpants with t-shirts; no sleeveless shirts. Gym shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knees. Pre-K through 3rd grade students must wear sneakers

Dress Code Violation Procedures - The following procedures have been adopted to ensure that the dress code is enforced as fairly and consistently as possible:

- Parents will be notified.
- Dress will be adjusted to follow dress code.
- Appropriate apparel will be purchased, borrowed, or delivered from home.

Resistance to wear approved apparel could result in suspension, expulsion or any other disciplinary measure.