

Northwest Christian Academy Dress Code

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT:

It is our desire at CCA that students live and conduct themselves in a manner pleasing to God. This policy is intended to serve as a tool in fostering academic excellence and positive character development. Scripture references that support our philosophy can be found in Col. 3:17, I Cor. 10:31, Rom. 12:1-2, 12:10, 13:1, Heb. 13:17, and Philip. 2:3-4.

The best policy is to bring any item that you are unsure about to the office and let the administration determine whether it meets our dress code requirements before the student wears it to school.

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

- Students' appearance should be modest and conducive to a positive, consistent Christian witness.
- Hair should be neat and clean and any coloring should be of a "natural" color. Any exceptions to this need to be approved by the administration.
- Girls only - Ear piercings are acceptable. No gauges or extreme piercings.
- Permanent tattoos are not allowed.

CLASSROOM ATTIRE:

Any text/writing on clothing must not be suggestive or in any way a violation of Christian values. Please do not wear shirts that might be scary for young children, (i.e. graphic depiction of blood). Insignias or logos are allowed on shirts except when the insignia or logo is suggestive, or in any way violates Christian values. No political pictures or sayings are allowed on T-shirts. The administration has the responsibility to determine what is acceptable.

DRESS CODE SPECIFICS:

- All clothing must be clean.
- Clothing must fit properly; it must not be too tight or too revealing.
- Tops must be long enough that when the arms are fully extended and raised over the head the midriff is not exposed.
 - No halter tops, racer backs, spaghetti straps or see-through tops can be worn.
 - No undergarments may be showing. Sleeveless shirts must be at least 3 finger widths on shoulder.
 - Shirts/Tops must have modest necklines; no low-cut necklines, low-cut arms holes or low-cut backs.
- Pants must be worn at or above the hipbones. No baggy or saggy pants.
 - No tears or holes above the knee.
 - Sweats with a wider waste band and wide band at the bottom are allowed as well as nylon and cotton athletic pants with an open leg and pockets.
 - No lycra or yoga pants.

- Leggings may not be worn as pants. Leggings are only permitted when worn with a dress, skirt or shirt no shorter than 3” above the knee.
- Loose fitting knit pants are allowed.
- Shorts may be worn year around.
 - Shorts must be no shorter than 3” above the knee.
 - No swimsuit type shorts.
- Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 3” above the knee.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
 - No shoes with wheels are allowed.
 - **Sports shoes and socks are required for P.E.** It is recommended to have your student keep a pair of sport shoes in their locker for P.E. Sandals, dress shoes and boots are not appropriate footwear for P.E.
- Hats, baseball caps, stocking caps and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building. Hoods need to remain off in the building.

P.E. ATTIRE:

- Please make sure your student has a pair of athletic (sport) shoes to keep in their lockers for P.E. days. Sandals, boots and other non-athletic shoes are not allowed during P.E.
- Acceptable shorts and shirts are recommended for grades 5th - 8th.
- You may receive further guidelines from the P.E. Teacher
- **Students in grades 5 - 8 may change into shorts or sweatpants for P.E. provided:**
 - Spandex may only be worn under P.E. shorts.
 - No yoga pants or leggings.
 - Modesty and cleanliness should be represented at all times.

The Dress Code is in effect whenever students are on school premises, for any campus events that are off-campus, or where CCA or NCHS are being represented (i.e., field trips, sporting events, school programs and concerts, etc.).