



Uniform Policy/Dress Code 2021-2022

Students at Northwest Catholic School are expected to wear a uniform. We believe that what a person wears does both influence and reflect school behavior and learning. School is a child's place of business; their business is learning; and uniforms help create a businesslike atmosphere that says our emphasis is on learning.

The following guidelines are established to clarify the minimal expectations for students' attire. The descriptions are intended to assist in minimizing distractions and time spent "enforcing" dress code policies. Concern for students' safety shall be a consideration in determining appropriateness of attire. Students' attire should reflect a sense of respect for themselves and those around them.

Dress and appearance are the responsibility of the parents/guardians and students. The uniform policy is in effect every day and includes field trips, unless otherwise stated by the teacher or administration. Parents will be informed through school correspondence of the dates of any special dress days. Clothing should be modest, neat, clean, and in good shape and of appropriate size and length. Clothes should be comfortable and appropriate for the day's weather. It is advised that all articles of clothing be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name.

Skin-tight clothing, too low of necklines, shirts that are unbuttoned, underwear that is visible, and dresses/skirts that are more than 4 inches above the knee are prohibited. Any student who is not in compliance with the dress code will have their parent/guardian contacted and/or the school will attempt to provide appropriate clothing from donated items. If a parent/guardian is contacted, he/she will be asked to bring appropriate uniform clothing to school. Repeated violations of the dress code will bring additional consequences.

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Item	Color	Type
Shirt	Red Navy/Dark Blue White Must be a solid color.	Shirt with a collar; turtleneck shirt; blouse with a plain collar; oxford style button down; long or short sleeves. No monograms, insignia, or logo other than that of NWCS are allowed. All shirts must fit appropriately. Undershirts, if worn, are to be solid white, red, navy blue, or black with no graphics.
Sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, fleece jackets	Red Navy/Dark Blue White Must be a solid color.	Cardigan or long-sleeve pullover sweaters; sleeveless fleece vests; sweatshirts; fleece jackets. *Sweaters with hoods are permitted; however, the hoods should not be worn inside the school or church buildings. *NWC sports sweatshirts (without hoods) may be worn during the school day. Team t-shirts are not permitted but may be worn on spirit wear days.

<p>Pants – boys and girls</p>	<p>Navy Blue, Black or Khaki</p> <p>Must be a solid color.</p>	<p>Cotton, twill, or corduroy. Pants must be fastened securely at the waist. If pants cannot be worn securely at the waist, a belt must be worn.</p> <p>The following are NOT allowed: cargo pants, jeans, jeggings or tight fitting pants.</p>
<p>Shorts -- boys and girls</p>	<p>Navy Blue, Black or Khaki</p> <p>Must be a solid color.</p>	<p>Cotton, twill, walking or dress short. Shorts must be fastened securely at the waist. If shorts cannot be worn securely at the waist, a belt must be worn</p> <p>The following are NOT allowed: cargo shorts, jeans, jeggings or tight fitting shorts.</p> <p>Length should extend past the fingertips when arms are relaxed at the side.</p> <p>Girls may wear shorts of any style under their uniform skirts/ jumpers provided they cannot be seen below the hem.</p>
<p>Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts</p>	<p>Navy Blue, Black or Khaki</p> <p>Must be a solid color.</p>	<p>Girls may wear solid navy blue uniform style jumpers. Girls may wear solid navy blue uniform style skirts or skorts.</p> <p>Length should extend past the fingertips when arms are relaxed at the side. All skirts and skorts should be worn at the waist. They may NOT be rolled at the waist.</p> <p>Shorts or uniform leggings should be worn under skirts or jumpers at all times.</p>
<p>Leggings</p>	<p>Red Navy/Dark Blue White Black</p> <p>Must be a solid color.</p>	<p>Girls are allowed to wear leggings that fit tightly to the legs under their skirts, skorts, or jumpers. Any leggings containing holes are not allowed. Leggings should cover the ankle bone. *Leggings may not be worn alone as uniform pants.</p>
<p>Socks/Tights</p>	<p>Red Navy/Dark Blue White Black</p> <p>Must be a solid color.</p>	<p>Socks or tights are required at all times.</p> <p>Girls in grades K4-4 may wear decorative tights.</p>

<p>Shoes</p>		<p>Shoes must have backs to fit securely; must be safe and practical for playground wear.</p> <p>Sandals, flip-flops, open toe, Healys, or backless shoes are not allowed.</p> <p>Boots of any kind (fashion, work, or snow) are NOT to be worn with the uniform. Students may change into boots to go outside.</p>
<p>Belts</p>	<p>Solid colors Preferably navy, brown or black</p>	<p>Belts are not required; however, if pants/shorts cannot be worn securely at the waist, a belt must be worn. cannot be worn securely at the waist, a belt must be worn.</p>
<p>Hair Hair Accessories/Hats</p>		<p>Hair accessories should not be distracting or inappropriate. Mustaches, beards, and goatees are not acceptable.</p> <p>Hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, do-rags, etc, are to be removed when entering the building.</p>
<p>Make-up/Nails</p>		<p>Makeup and artificial nails are not allowed. This rule includes mascara, eye-shadow, lipstick, rouge, body glitter, eyeliner, and tattoos.</p> <p>Nails should be kept short and clean.</p> <p>Lip gloss/chapstick must be stored in backpacks or pencil cases.</p>
<p>Piercings/Tattoos</p>		<p>Body piercing, tattoos or body drawings are not allowed.</p>
<p>Jewelry</p>		<p>No jewelry should be worn in school. This includes necklaces, rings, bracelets, and anklets. Exceptions may be made for religious jewelry. Faculty/Administration must approve any exception regarding religious jewelry.</p> <p>Students may wear one watch. Smart Watches are not allowed. Smart Watches are considered a phone/electronic device and will need to be kept securely in the office.</p> <p>For safety reasons, students may only wear stud earrings. No hoop or dangling earrings of any size are allowed at school.</p>

Non-Uniform Days

Periodically throughout the school year, students will be permitted to be out of uniform. When out of uniform, it is important that students continue to practice making appropriate clothing choices. Therefore, clothing should be modest, neat, clean and in good shape and of appropriate size and length. Offensive pictures and messages on shirts, shorts, or other articles of clothing are not acceptable. Clothes should be comfortable and appropriate for the day's weather.

Shirts/ Sweaters/ Sweatshirts: Tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, bare mid-drifts and muscle shirts are not permitted. Sweatshirts with hoods or strings are not permitted.

Shorts and Skirts: Shorts and skirts may be worn provided the length extends past the student's fingertips when arms are relaxed at their sides. Torn off pants, shorts and skirts, spandex biking shorts or volleyball shorts are not acceptable.

Pants: Pants should be of a looser fit and worn at the waist. Clean, non-baggy blue jeans may be worn. Jeans with cuts or tears are not appropriate. Leggings may be worn if a shirt/sweater/sweatshirt is longer and covers the buttocks.

Athletic Attire: Athletic suits or athletic pants are allowed as long as they meet the criteria above.

Footwear: Shoes must have backs to fit securely and have a hard sole; they must be safe and practical for playground. No sandals, open toe or backless shoes, including Crocs and Healy's, are allowed in the school building even on out of uniform days. Tall boots and ankle boots/ fashion boots with hard soles will be permitted on out of uniform days as part of an outfit. Soft boots such as Uggs are not allowed in school but may be worn outside for warmth. Socks are to be worn at all times.

It is the tradition at Northwest Catholic School that students may be out of uniform on the day of their birthday. Students that celebrate their birthday over the weekend, or who have summer birthdays, may choose a Friday to celebrate their birthday by being out of uniform. It is suggested that the classroom teacher be informed prior to arriving at school out of uniform.

Determination of Appropriateness: If a school leader deems a student's attire is not appropriate for school, the school leader may:

- Provide alternative clothing
- Give the student a warning
- Phone the parent/guardian
- Issue a consequence

If the attire is deemed a distraction or a hazard, a parent will be asked to bring proper clothing to school and the child may not be allowed to attend class until he/she is dressed appropriately. This procedure will also be used for subsequent infractions after a warning is issued.