

## **NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Northside Christian School dress code is designed to help promote a neat and orderly school environment where education can flourish. While the initial purchase of uniforms can be expensive for parents, once uniforms have been purchased, a large wardrobe for school is not necessary. Thus, in the long run uniforms can save money for parents. Uniforms are supplied by Young Fashions and Crowley Sewing Center. Other items may be purchased from the vendors mentioned above or other merchants. Uniforms can be purchased on a regular basis during the year from T-Shirts Etc. in Crowley, Young Fashions in Lafayette located at 2722 Kaliste Saloom Rd. or Crowley Sewing Center in Crowley. Special orders may be placed at any time during the year by calling Young Fashions at 1-800-824-4154 and having the order mailed to your home.

### **Boy's uniforms:**

Boys must wear navy blue twill pants. No blue jean material allowed for boys in any grade! Examples of navy twill pants are Duckhead, Dockers, Dickies or Young Fashions. Pants cannot be rolled at the cuff and must fit properly. Split cuffs will not be allowed. Pants frayed at the leg bottoms will not be allowed. An official uniform shirt with the school insignia must be worn. Boys in grades 8-12 may choose between the polo style or button down oxford shirt. A navy, black or brown belt must be worn along with a matched pair of solid white crew socks with no writing/symbols. Only standard solid white T-shirts (no writing) may be worn under school shirts. Shirts must be neatly tucked in at all times while on the school grounds.

### **Girl's uniforms:**

Girls in grades K-4 must wear our official plaid jumper with navy shorts underneath. Girls in grades 5-12 must wear our official plaid skirt with navy shorts and a white camisole under the uniform. All girls must wear short or long sleeved white blouses with buttons and collars. Blouses must be tucked into skirts at all times while on the school grounds. All girls must wear a matched pair of solid white crew socks with no writing/symbols. On very cold days in freezing weather, girls may wear navy blue or white tights/stockings under the uniform jumper or skirt. (No long-John material allowed.) Skirts are measured by teachers on a regular basis and can be no shorter than 2" from the floor when measured kneeling down on the floor.

### **Girls and Boys shoes:**

Students must wear a matched pair of shoes. Shoestrings must be a matching solid color and be tied at all times. Black, brown, navy, white or gray leather or tennis shoes will be allowed. Florescent or distracting color shoes or shoe strings are not allowed. Sandals, flip flops, heelies, slides, or boots may not be worn. Also not acceptable are plaids, polka dots, stripes, sequins, or ornamentation on shoes.

### **Make up and Jewelry:**

Make up and fingernail polish is not allowed at any time in grades K-7<sup>th</sup>.

Fingernail polish for girls in grades 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> must be clear or pale and natural shades.

Jewelry around the neck, bracelets and pendants are not allowed for boys or girls in K-5th grade. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed the following:

**Earrings** - GIRLS ONLY! - 1 set of small matching studs. (Dangling or hoop earrings are dangerous and not allowed.)

**Watches** - Any style appropriate for Christian students. (K-5 students OK)

**Rings** - Small and appropriate for Christian students. (limit to two on each hand)

**Necks and Wrists** - Only small linked, fine jewelry; one around neck, one on each wrist. (No fabric, plastic, rope, or heavy linked (chain links or otherwise) materials may be worn)

### **COLD WEATHER OUTER WEAR**

Jackets, coats, sweaters may be worn only on days which are cold enough to make the clothing appropriate. Please write the student's name on the inside for identification purposes.

**Coats and Jackets** - To make the student dress code more in line with a Christian school and a standard uniform policy, the N.C.S. administrators have decided that a uniform jacket/coat is mandatory. The following criteria are in effect:

1. Solid color - navy or black.
2. No insignia or logos.
3. May have buttons or a full length zipper.
4. No "sweatshirt" or similar material.
5. Attached hoods are permissible, but may be worn only outside of the buildings.
6. N.C.S. award jackets may be worn.

**Sweaters** - Only navy or black "V" neck and cardigan sweaters will be allowed. Sweatshirts will not be allowed at N.C.S.

**Other** - Only solid white or navy turtleneck shirts may be worn under girls or boys uniform shirts during cold weather! (No long -John material)

**Not Allowed** - Sweatshirts, camouflage jackets, flannel jackets, jackets from other schools, sports jerseys, and any other item deemed inappropriate for school wear.

**Head Wear:** Students may wear hoods that are attached to winter coats. Cowboy hats, baseball caps, etc. are not allowed at school except on specially announced days. This includes P.E. classes or anytime while on the school grounds. Students in grades K-7 may wear appropriate knit, solid-colored caps on cold days and only while outdoors.

**Hair:** Hair must be worn in a standard, conservative and acceptable style and at a length that does not interfere with the educational process. No extreme hair styles on girls or boys, including bangs which fall below the eyebrows. Hair styles such as "spikes", and tints which are colors not natural to the student, are not allowed. No extreme side burns (not lower than the ear lobe or too wide). Boys are to be clean shaven!

**Student Appearance:** Students must look neat at all times while on the school grounds, the "alternative look" is not allowed at N.C.S. Male students are to wear pants at an appropriate level at the waist, and may not be low at the hip area. Tattoos are not allowed!

**Shirts:** From arrival on campus until after departure, boys must keep shirts neatly tucked into pants and girls must keep blouses neatly tucked into skirts.

**P.E. Uniforms:** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> must wear P.E. uniforms for P.E. class. Uniforms consist of navy blue shorts with the school emblem. Grey shirts with the N.C.S. emblem are to be worn. (No writing on the shirt) Parents must put names on the inside of the P.E. uniforms. P.E. clothes are to be brought home regularly for washing. Students who have P.E. 7<sup>th</sup> period are to change into their school uniforms before dismissal.

**Other Items:** The uniform code is applicable from the time a student arrives at school until he or she is picked up or leaves to go home. The uniform code is also applicable at school events where uniforms are required. Items not listed in the code may not be worn (i.e. suspenders, sun glasses).

**Athletes:** Students participating in athletic practices will be allowed to change into their practice uniforms after school has been dismissed.

**Identification:** Parents must use a permanent marker of some kind to put the student name inside of each item of clothing including P.E. uniforms, shoes, jackets, school shirts and sweaters. Many unclaimed articles are left in the lost and found every year.

**Care of Property:** Students must take care of their property. Uniforms must be kept neat, clean and in good condition. Students must never write on their clothes, or on their bodies. Signing autographs on uniforms at the end of the year is not allowed! Usable uniforms should never be destroyed or damaged. Boys are to wear pants at an appropriate length, as to prevent fraying. Pant cuffs are not to be cut at the seams.

**Book sacks:** Book sacks should not have wheels. They should not be written on. They should have only the label that is purchased attached to it. No other items may be attached to book sacks.

**Homecoming:** Homecoming at N.C.S. is a school sponsored activity. All students must dress neatly and conservatively. All girls on the Homecoming Court must wear modest church dresses. All girls attending the Homecoming Banquet must wear either long dresses or pants. **If the dress has a slit it cannot be above knee level.**

**Out of Uniform:** The most common infractions of the uniform code are the following: boys who do not wear belts, girls before 8th grade who try to wear make-up and fingernail polish, boys and girls who wear socks of the wrong color or with writing/symbols, girls in 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade wearing off color fingernail polish. Parents must help us to enforce all the uniform codes!

**THE PRINCIPAL SHALL BE THE FINAL INTERPRETER OF THE DRESS CODE.**