

The Newman School - Dress Code

Newman is a school where serious studies take place “in a welcoming and supportive environment where self and community are paramount.” Each individual student has the freedom to express themselves as unique individuals and as members of our learning community. At Newman, students are personally responsible to dress appropriately which provides ample room for individual expression that enhances the learning environment for one and all. Students should dress in a way that is appropriate, respectful, and comfortable for school while allowing for free expression of themselves, their identity, and their culture(s). This dress code is designed in a way to allow students to be comfortable, active, and safe throughout the school day (accounting for things like labs, performances, city activities, field trips, etc.).

The following expectations apply to ALL Newman School students and faculty:

- Adherence to the Newman dress code is a community expectation and a personal responsibility.
- Students hold personal responsibility to adhere to our community expectations for appropriate dress while participating in all school-related activities.
- The school is ultimately responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student.
- The school is ultimately responsible for seeing that a student’s attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any community member.
- The school may choose to intervene should any attire be found to be of significant concern in regard to student or community standards or safety, even if it does not explicitly violate the below expectations.
- All attire should be neat and clean.

Students MUST wear:

- **Shirt/top** which covers the entirety of the midriff. Shoulders should be completely covered (i.e no tank top or tank top style shirts). The shirt must cover the chest appropriately.
- **Bottom:** pants, shorts, skirt, dress, etc. If a shorter option is chosen, the length of the clothing should be no less than that which extends down to five inches above the knee.
- **Shoes** which must be close-toed and close-heeled.

Students are allowed to wear hair of any style, jewelry, and religious attire of any kind.

Students MAY NOT wear:

- Attire which has violent language or images, curse words, hate speech, profanity, pornography, reference to drugs or alcohol, or speech/images depicting any illegal item or activity.
- Headgear or helmets that obscures the face (except as a religious observance).
- Any attire which creates a hostile, inappropriate, or intimidating learning environment.

- Torn or ripped clothing.
- Athletic attire other than Newman School logo wear.*

Dress-Up Days/Assembly Attire:

On certain occasions or for larger school events, students may be requested and required to wear more formal clothing. In these instances, students should follow “business formal” dress guidelines. Examples of appropriate attire would be: suits/blazers, ties, button up shirts/blouses, dresses, pants suits, etc. Students should not wear “casual” clothing on these days. Tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts, etc. are not acceptable attire. Students will be notified in advance when dress-up days are scheduled.

Dress-Down Days:

From time to time, students may be participating in school athletics, physical education, or outside special events such as field day or house competitions which warrant wearing more casual clothing. On these days, students may wear more casual clothing, athletic uniforms, or physical education/athletic-type clothing. Attire should still adhere to the modesty policies given above. If a student is going to be doing something more active, they should be careful to not wear clothing or jewelry that could get caught on something and cause injury. Students will be notified in advance when dress-down days are scheduled.

FAQs

**May I wear athletic clothing at School?*

- Students may wear athletic gear - appropriate for sports activities - **provided that it is Newman School athletic wear.**

May I wear “hoodies?”

- Hoodies are considered athletic wear. Therefore, if you would like to wear a “hoodie,” it must be a Newman “hoodie.”
- Sweatshirt hoods and hats must not be worn in the school buildings.

May I wear “leggings?”

- So-called “leggings” are permissible provided that there is an additional layer/covering such as: scarf, shirt tail from the waist area to the top of the thigh.