



## STUDENT DRESS CODE (NVCA UNIFORM)

### Kindergarten–Grade 12

2022-2023

NVCA’s dress code is designed to provide a standard that eliminates the distraction of competition and emphasis on dress. Students are expected to be in uniform during school hours, except when special dress days are formally identified. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child follows the uniform dress code for daily and special events.

#### **Basic Uniform**

Uniform shirts must be purchased from an approved school vendor. Khaki and navy-blue uniform bottoms (shorts, skorts, skirts, and pants) may be purchased from any retailer. All NVCA high school students must visibly wear their NVCA-issued photo ID card while on campus.

The following is a list of school uniform items that can be purchased through an approved vendor listed on the NVCA website.

Girls may wear:

- Navy-blue, light-blue, gray, or white polo shirt (long or short-sleeved) with NVCA logo (kindergarten–grade 12 only)
- Navy-blue, khaki skirts, shorts, skorts, or pants
- Approved plaid jumpers (may be worn through fourth grade) and skirts ([see NVCA website](#))
- Approved plaid skirts or skorts ([see NVCA website](#))
- Navy-blue, black, brown, or khaki belt
- Monogrammed sweatshirts or jackets with NVCA logo
- Navy-blue cardigan sweaters with NVCA logo
- White, navy-blue, tan, or black socks or tights

Boys may wear:

- Navy-blue, light-blue, gray, or white polo shirt (long or short-sleeved) with NVCA logo
- Navy-blue or khaki shorts including cargo shorts or pants
- Navy-blue, black, brown, or khaki belt
- Monogrammed sweatshirts or jackets with NVCA logo ([see NVCA website](#))
- White, navy-blue, tan, or black socks

**Outerwear:** Only NVCA monogrammed apparel may be worn during school hours for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

**Fridays and Casual Days:** Fridays are casual days. Students may wear plain denim pants, capris, Bermuda shorts (no short shorts), and denim skirts (slightly above the knee). Students may wear an optional, current year Friday T-shirt, ordered through [Greggory Design](#) or a uniform polo.

**Formal Attire:** The following standards will be adhered to at all student events where formal wear is required.

Girls must wear dresses that meet the following criteria:

The back of the dress may not fall below a standard bra line.

1. Dresses should not expose excessive cleavage or the midriff; lace, netting/tulle, or other see-through materials are not acceptable to cover these areas.

2. The length of the dress, or a slit in the dress, may be no more than three (3) inches above the top of the knee when standing.
3. Exceptionally tight-fitted skirts or dresses are unacceptable. Material that causes the apparel to rise more than three (3) inches above the knee when walking, etc. is unacceptable.
4. Lace, netting/tulle, overlays, or other see-through materials will not be considered for the three (3) inch guideline.

**Boys** must wear the following:

1. A tuxedo, dress suit, or blazer with dress slacks
2. A long-sleeved, dress shirt, with or without a tie
3. Dress shoes

**NOTE:** If students are unsure whether their formal wear meets these guidelines, they are encouraged to bring the item into the administration for approval. If the student's attire does not meet these standards, he or she will not be admitted into the function. The guidelines also apply to guests of NVCA students.

### **General Appearance**

- Sweatshirts and sweaters must have an approved NVCA logo.
- Hats are to be removed upon entering the school building.
- The bottom of shorts, skorts, and jumpers must not be higher than slightly above the knee.
- Shorts must be worn underneath skirts and must not be seen.
- Girls in kindergarten through fifth grade may not wear makeup. Girls in grades six through twelve may wear light, modest makeup.
- Girls in kindergarten through twelfth grade must have hair of a modest style and natural color.
- Boys in kindergarten through twelfth grade must wear hair in a modest cut and length with natural style and color.
- Shoes must fit securely on the child's feet and allow him/her to run and jump safely on the playground and in the gym. Shoelaces must be tied. Heels/soles of shoes cannot exceed one inch. Shoes with characters (including skulls), flashing lights, or wheels are not allowed. Boots, flip-flops, and high heels are not allowed.

- White, navy-blue, tan, or black socks must always be worn with shoes. No-show socks for girls are allowed if they cover both toes and heels.
- Tights and leggings worn under skirts must be solid white, navy-blue, tan, or black and have no designs on them.
- Tattoos are highly discouraged. Students with tattoos may be asked to cover their tattoo if it is deemed inappropriate by the principal. Coloring or drawing on body parts is not permitted. Boys are not permitted to color their fingernails.

### **Accessories/Jewelry**

- Girls may wear barrettes, bows, ribbons, or traditional style headbands of any color. (No “cat ears,” “unicorn horns,” etc.)
- If jewelry is worn, it must be tasteful. Earrings may only be worn on the ear and on no other body parts (small nose studs are permitted at high school level only). Jewelry from facial piercings and other non-ear piercings must be removed.
- Excessive jewelry (necklaces, hoops, rings, etc.) is not allowed. Chokers, choke chains, spiked collars, and wallet chains are not allowed.
- Elementary students: Kindergarten through fifth grade girls are only permitted to wear small stud earrings.

**Note:** Jewelry/accessory guidelines are in effect during casual dress days.

### **Dress Code Violations**

#### **Disciplinary Process for Students in Violation of Uniform Policy at the Elementary Level:**

- First and Second Offense: A written note or a call home to remind parents.
- Third Offense: Parents are called to bring the correct attire, while the child waits in the office.

#### **Disciplinary Process for Students in Violation of Uniform Policy at the Middle School Level:**

- First Offense: Student will receive a “NO” on their PRIDE form and the “P” will be circled for the student not being properly prepared for school and class.

- **Second Offense:** Student must call home to have parents bring in the correct attire and a “NO” will be issued on the student’s PRIDE form.

**Disciplinary Process for Students in Violation of Uniform Policy at the High School Level:**

- **First and Second Offense:** Student will be asked to call home to have parents bring in the correct attire if the student is unable to borrow needed items. The student’s telephone will be confiscated for the day and returned after school.
- **Third Offense:** Student will be sent to the office and asked to call home to have parents bring in the correct attire if unable to borrow needed items. The student’s telephone will be confiscated for the day and returned only to a parent/guardian. The student will have additional consequences as determined by the principal.
  - Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be excluded from class and/or events until the problem is corrected.
  - Repeated offenses will be considered in defiance of school policy. This will result in a parent conference with appropriate action taken by the administration.
  - Students who receive three skirt/short length violations will be required to wear pants for the remainder of the school year.