

2023-2024 NCMS/NCHS Dress Code – Quick Reference Guide

Rationale

Supports standards set by the Diocese of La Crosse to encourage personal respect and responsibility. The dress code is designed to minimize distractions and maintain an appropriate learning environment. If a student is unsure if an article of clothing or accessory is in compliance they are encouraged to ask in advance. For a quick visual reference click here: <https://vimeo.com/743556590?share=copy>

Adherence to the dress code as stated below is the student and family's responsibility. Failure to adhere to the dress code may result in students being required to change, a request for a parent to bring dress code appropriate clothing to school or a detention may be issued.

NCS administration and staff expect students and families to comply with the Dress Code.

General Guidelines

Neat, clean, no visible rips, frays, or holes. No see-through fabrics. Modest styles. Undergarments should not be visible. No outerwear or blankets may be worn inside.

Logo, Color, and Pattern Guideline for all Clothing

Neutral content – Newman, college and athletic brands, (Nike, Under Armour etc...) logo/emblem/trademark are acceptable only. No additional messaging or promotions allowed. No camouflage prints or military style clothing allowed. Solids, stripes, plaids, overall prints i.e. geometric, floral, polka-dots, patterns are permitted.

Pants/Slacks/Capris

Khakis – any color is approved. No blue denim jeans, other colors are allowed. Neutral solid color leggings, and yoga pants can be worn, **provided the top covers to the back of the mid-thigh**. No pajama bottoms, sweatpants, spandex, warm-up/workout pants, are allowed.

Shorts/Dresses/Skirts

Modest styles of knee length are allowed. No athletic shorts except for gym. Middle School student can wear shorts in August-September and May ONLY. High School students can wear shorts all year long.

Shirts/Sweaters/Sweatshirts

No short-sleeved athletic t-shirts may be worn as primary wear. Shirts must cover the entire upper torso during classroom/school activities. **No** tank tops, cut-off sleeves, off-the-shoulder, or spaghetti straps as primary wear. Sleeveless shirts for females, only if shirt covers majority of shoulder and collared/chest/neck area. **No** Midriff or short shirt styles. Undergarments should not be visible and shirts should have modest necklines.

Sweatshirts/Hooded Sweatshirts **must** follow logo guidelines listed above. Hoodies allowed, but **not** to be worn on Mass days or with hood up while in school. Crew sweatshirts permissible. **No** outdoor coats worn in school. (Fashion jackets & blazers in solid neutral colors are allowed.)

Shoes/Socks

Shoes must be worn at all times and comply with student safety and activity needs. Sandals are acceptable as long as they have a strap across the toe. **No** roller shoes, steel-toed or combat boots, athletic slides, water shoes or Crocs.

Hair/Make-up/Accessories

Neat, clean, reasonable length, **natural – neutral** colors. Boys must be clean-shaven and no long sideburns. No caps, hats, bandanas, or sunglasses indoors unless medically necessary. **No** accessories that distract or draw attention. Piercings in ears only – standard – **no** plugs. **No** visible tattoos.

Mass, Prayer Services, Dress Up Days

Dress to a higher standard than other school days. Mass is special! **No** shorts, athletic style clothes, hoodies or sweatshirts.

Gym Class

P.E. classes for all grades require athletic style shoes and socks. School appropriate t-shirt and shorts and must be worn for middle and high school.

NCS Jeans Day (Most Fridays)

Blue jeans may only be worn with NCS Spirit Wear. If not wearing an NCS Spirit shirt, or sweatshirt regular dress code must be followed.