



NBMS DRESS CODE

The Spirit of the Dress Code

The spirit of the dress code is centered on students being able to place a high value on education, not their appearance. Style and status are not priorities at school. Students and parents are encouraged to find ways of enhancing the self-esteem and individuality of the child beyond appearance. The written dress code cannot speak to all issues. Therefore, the administration will make the final determination as to the appropriateness of clothing and the spirit of the dress code. Please check our website at www.onslow.k12.nc.us/nbms for dress code updates and pictures of appropriate clothing and footwear. We trust that families carefully consider appropriate dress for all events representing New Bridge Middle School.

Beginning the 2025-26 School Year!

We have some exciting news to share about student lanyards for this year. Each student will be given a clear plastic pouch designed to hold their student ID, hall pass, and punch card. However, we want to encourage our students to let their personalities shine! They have the option to purchase a lanyard that truly reflects their own personal interests. Of course, we remind them to ensure that their chosen lanyard is school-appropriate. Students will not be permitted to add pins for safety reasons.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to express themselves while maintaining a respectful and cohesive school environment. If a student is not able to purchase their own lanyard, then one will be provided.



Dress Down Days/Dance Dress Code

On occasion the principal will allow a “Dress Down Day” day for purposes of school-wide incentive or fundraising. On these special days, students are permitted to wear clothing of their choice instead of the prescribed uniform. This means they can enjoy the freedom to dress casually, including wearing jeans and T-shirts.

Please note: If any student arrives at school dressed inappropriately or outside of the approved dress down code, they will be required to report to the detention room until the necessary corrections can be made. Parents will be contacted in such cases to ensure that the appropriate adjustments are implemented.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining the standards of our dress code while allowing students to enjoy these special days.

Please adhere to the following dress code rules:

- T-shirts are permitted; however, no offensive/suggestive material on any clothing is allowed.
- No sleeveless tops or shirts, low necklines, spaghetti straps, midriff-baring or revealing tops or open back shirts may be worn.
- Modest and appropriate is the goal (no see-through material, no midriff or underwear showing).
- Overly short apparel is not permitted. Skirts, skorts and shorts must be at least fingertip length, even if pants/leggings are worn under a skirt

Fingertip length defined: Student is standing straight and tall with hands to the side and fingers stretched out.

- Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are permitted; however, flip-flops, mules, open back shoes, Crocs or similar type shoes, high-heeled shoes and sandals are not allowed due to safety concerns.
- No low necklines or tight-fitting tops, pants, shorts, etc.
- No cut-off shorts, frays, or clothing with holes/slits (One inch above the knee is the standard guideline). If holes exist above the 1-inch guideline, no skin should be visible.
- No Cargo pants/shorts
- No sagging or bagging of pants
- No Leggings, jeggings, exercise, or lycra stretch pants allowed.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
- No Pajamas or Pajama bottoms unless approved for special school spirit days.



Daily Dress Code

DRESS CODE (Uniform Policy)

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- Be solid-colored
- Fit properly for normal daily activity
- Be clean
- Be in good repair

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Any student deemed by a faculty or staff member to be out of dress code will receive a dress code violation, a copy of which will be given to the assistant principal with the following consequences within a semester:

- 1st offense – Warning
- 2nd offense – Warning and parent contact
- 3rd offense – Written notice and parent contact - assignment of 1/2 day In-School Detention
- 4th offense –Written notice and parent contact - assignment of 1 day In-School Detention.
- 5th offense - Written notice and parent contact - assignment of 1 day In-School Suspension.

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- 1st offense – written notice to parents from school.
- 2nd offense – written notice to parents and hole punch.
- 3rd offense – written notice to parents and assignment of 1/2 day In-school Suspension.
- 4th offense – written notice to parents and assignment of 1 day In-School Suspension.
- Subsequent offenses will be referred to the administration.

Shirts, Blouses and Outerwear

- White or navy blue, collared, button or snap-front shirts and blouses with short or long sleeves are required. They must remain buttoned except for the top button. They must also remain completely, always tucked in. Solid white undershirts may be worn but the sleeves must not exceed the length of the shirt.
- No undergarments should be visible through the shirt. This includes colored undergarments.
- There should be no visible Logos on shirts or blouses.
- Solid white, navy blue or light tan/khaki knitted collarless and **non-hooded** cardigans and pullovers and vests are allowed. No zippers.
- Outerwear, other than sweaters, may not be worn in the building.

Acceptable Polos

Polos must have collar, button or snap-front, short or long sleeve. They must remain completely always tucked in.



Not Approved Polo Shirts



There should be **NO visible Logos** on polo shirts.



Other Approved Items

- Sweaters – Crewneck only (No hooded Sweaters): Solid White, Navy Blue, Cream/Light Khaki
- Sweatshirts – Crewneck ONLY - No Hoodies
- Sweater/suit vests: Solid white, Navy Blue, Cream/Light Khaki knitted collarless and **non-hooded** cardigans and pullovers and vests are allowed. NO ZIPPERS.
- Sweaters may not be longer than the students' fingertips. Hands must be visible.
- No dusters or long sweaters that are past fingertip length.
- Students' collars must be always visible. There should be no visible Logos.
- **Blazers:** Navy blue or light Khaki blazers are allowed.

Sweaters, Cardigans, and sweatshirts

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Approved sweater:
White, Cream/Light Khaki, Navy Blue



NBMS 
sweatshirts



*****NO hooded sweatshirts permitted**

Belts & Socks

- **Belts:** Solid brown, black or navy-blue leather (or pleather) single prong belts with non- decorative buckles are required. Belts must go through the belt loops.
- Belts should not be braided, have logos, words, or decorations.
- No canvas material belts.
- A belt must be worn if pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, or jumpers have belt loops. Belt loops should not be removed/cut from clothing.
- **Socks:** Matching solid white socks are required. Females may substitute design free, solid natural-colored or white hose.
- Socks must be visible at all times.
- **“No-show”** socks may not be worn.

Pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, jumpers:

- Solid light tan/khaki or navy-blue pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers are required.
- Jean style pants and pants with **rivets** may not be worn. Form fitting or stretch type pants (Jeggings, leggings, and yoga/exercise pants or shorts) may not be worn.
- Short and skirt hems must reach the tip of the longest finger of your hand when extended at your sides.
- The top of any slit may come no higher than the longest finger of your hand when extended at your sides.
- No logos can be visible.
- Overalls may not be worn.
- No Performance/Athleisure (Dry-fit) attire may be worn during the school day. Some exceptions apply to PE.
- Blue jeans and denim are not allowed. Leggings, jeggings, lycra and stretch material are also prohibited. No Pajama Bottoms.
- No sagging and bagging of clothes is permitted.
- No cut-off shorts, frays, or clothing with holes/slits (One inch above the knee is the standard guideline). If holes exist above the 1-inch guideline, no skin should be visible.

Approved Shorts

Golf Shorts



Drawstring Shorts



Bermuda Shorts



Approved Shorts

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Golf Shorts (with pockets and button)



Not Approved Shorts



Cargo Shorts



**Performance
Or Athleisure shorts- PE
only**
(Zipper pockets and stretch.)



Not Approved Shorts



**Performance
Athleisure shorts
(ok for PE only)**



**Must be fingertip
length**

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Approved Pants

Pants must have a zipper and button with pockets or drawstring.



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Not Approved Pants



Joggers



Cargo Pants



Not Approved Pants



Jeggings



****No Skintight Pants**
(leggings, jeggings,
stretch pants)

Joggers



Cargo Pants



Physical Education (PE)

- Athletic shorts with a **minimum four-inch inseam**
- No biker shorts, yoga pants or any leggings of any sort are allowed. We are not requiring students to purchase PE shirts this year.
- Students may wear a school appropriate t-shirt for PE. (No offensive/suggestive material on any clothing is allowed.)
- Athletic tennis shoes are required for PE at all times.

Acceptable Shorts for P.E.

(Minimum 4inch inseam)



Not Approved Shorts/pants for P.E.



Shoes

- **Solid** navy blue, brown or black leather (or pleather)
- Canvas lace up shoes or frayed edges are not permitted.
- Shoe soles must be the same or similar color as the shoe.
- They must have closed toes and heels.
- Shoes may not enclose the ankle.
- No skateboard/tennis shoes
- No shoes with heels exceeding two inches are allowed. Shoelaces must remain tied and match the color of the shoe.
- Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education. Shoes must be worn appropriately (tied/secured to foot and with back of shoe up and behind the heel).

Shoes

Solid navy blue, brown or black leather shoes. Soles must be the same color as the top portion of the shoe.



 These are **NOT** Approved Shoes

Lace up all black



Canvas all black



“Billfish”



Not Approved Shoes



Jewelry, Headwear, Make-up

- Students may wear one bracelet and one necklace and one ring.
- If the teacher finds any jewelry distracting, the student may be asked to remove it.
- **Note- no facial piercings are allowed, including tongue and/or nose piercings.**
- *Headwear* - including sweatbands, scarves, bandanas sunglasses, etc. - will not be worn.
- *Hairbands* must be black, white, tan or navy blue and no wider than 1".
- Scrunches must be black, white or navy blue and worn as they are designed to be worn only in the hair.
- *Makeup* that is not distracting is allowed.
- No visible permanent or temporary tattoos.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

Jewelry

**Approved: One bracelet
One necklace**



Not-Approved



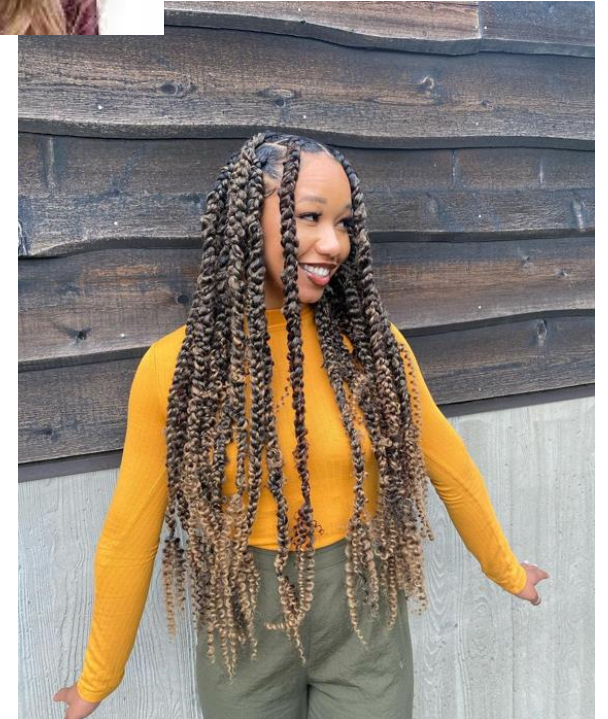
Hair Guidelines

Hair will be clean and neatly groomed. No distracting hair styles or designs in the hair.

- No shaved sides or undercuts.
- Hair must be styled out of face.
- Hair paints or colored sprays are NOT permitted. While students may have professionally dyed hair; **color choice should remain natural.**
- No feathers or colored extensions. If a parent permits a student to wear a wig or hairpiece, it should look natural and not be distracting.
- No hair/head carvings/etchings
- No eyebrow carvings are allowed.
- No Mohawks, faux hawks

HAIR DYE

Hair dye must be natural color and appear natural.



Hair Accessories



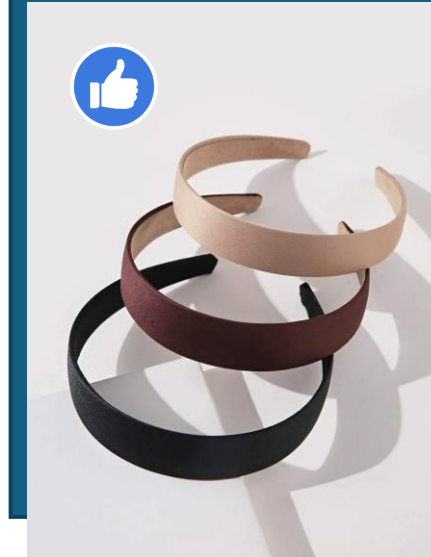
*Plain black, tan, wooden, white, clear or navy-blue accessories and beads are permitted



*No colorful/shiny thread, hair jewels on beads or braids



*No distracting clips are to be present in hair.





Not Approved



Unnatural hair colors are not allowed.

