



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

2017 – 2018

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

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Northside Catholic Academy students are expected to dress appropriately for school. The following dress code requirements have been established so that students become accustomed to a norm of neatness, self-respect, and modesty that will be expected of them in high school and the world of work. Our dress code allows students to experience a sense of belonging to the Northside Catholic Academy community.

Enrollment at NCA implies agreement with, and acceptance of, the dress code policies. Decisions on dress code matters are at the sole discretion of the principal. Students will receive warnings on the first two (2) violations and letters will go home explaining to parents what the violation(s) were. Upon the third violation the student will receive a detention. On the fourth violation a parent/guardian will be asked to pick up the student so that they may return home to change into the appropriate uniform. Failure of students to return to class will result in an absence.

School Uniform: Year Round

<i>Girls K-8</i>	<i>Boys K-8</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plaid Jumper with White Collared Shirt <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plaid Skirt/Skort with White Monogrammed Collared Shirt <u>or</u> Plain White Collared Shirt with Monogrammed Sweater/Vest <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Pants/Shorts* with White Monogrammed Collared Shirt <u>or</u> Plain White Collared Shirt with Monogrammed Sweater/Vest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Pants with White Monogrammed Collared Shirt <u>or</u> Plain White Collared Shirt with Monogrammed Sweater/Vest <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Shorts* with White Monogrammed Collared Shirt <u>or</u> Plain White Collared Shirt with Monogrammed Sweater/Vest

***Shorts should only be worn during Warm Weather Uniform time period: August 23, 2017 through September 29, 2017, and May 1 through the end of the school year. Students and parents will be notified of any exceptions to the Warm Weather Uniform time period.**

Gym Uniform

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Girls & Boys K-4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Sweatpants and Navy Blue T-Shirt with NCA Logo <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Gym Mesh Shorts and Navy Blue T-Shirt with NCA Logo• Gym Shoes• <u>OPTIONAL</u>- Navy Blue Sweatshirt with NCA Logo	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Girls & Boys 5-8</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Sweatpants and Gray T-Shirt with NCA Logo <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Gym Mesh Shorts and Gray T-Shirt with NCA Logo• Gym Shoes• <u>OPTIONAL</u>- Navy Blue Sweatshirt with NCA Logo
<p>NCA Spirit Wear, NCA Athletic Wear/Uniforms, hoodies and non-NCA sweatshirts are NOT allowed to be worn during school hours. NCA Spirit Wear, NCA Athletic Wear, hoodies, and non-NCA sweatshirts can be used as outwear and kept in the coatroom or student's locker.</p>	
<p>Please note that for 2017-18 there will only be one gym short available for all students grades K-8. We have a new closed mesh gym short that goes down to size XXS. The jersey knit short previously available will no longer be sold as an approved NCA gym short.</p> <p>For 2017-2018, we will have a "phase in" year for the new shorts. If a family already has the knit shorts they will be allowed ONLY if the length reaches the student's mid-thigh. The knit gym shorts will NOT be allowed if they do not meet these length requirements and families will need to order the new mesh gym shorts.</p> <p>Starting in 2018-2019, all students must wear the old or new mesh gym shorts.</p>	

General Standards

- Neatness, cleanliness, appropriate sizing, and modesty should guide appearance.
- No article of clothing may be thrown around the waist or over the shoulders.
- All outerwear must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival at school. It is not to be brought to class (i.e., coats, jackets, sweatshirts, boots, etc.).
- No ripped or torn clothing.

Shirts/Blouses

Standardized dress code shirts/blouses must be worn by students during the school day. Shirts may be short sleeved or long sleeved. Shirts must always be tucked in for Grades 4-8. Any shirt/blouse that exposes the midriff is inappropriate. Solid white shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt. Undershirts may not extend past the uniform shirt sleeve.

Pants/Shorts

Students may only wear traditional classic cut or relaxed fit chinos, often referred to as khaki or Dockers' style, with flat or pleated fronts. Students are required to wear the waist of the pants at the navel and they must extend to the ankles. The pants/shorts must always completely cover underwear/boxers. No jean styled pants regardless of the material, and no velour, fleece, lounge pants, sweatpants, cargo pants/shorts, corduroys or pants with drawstrings. Pants may not be worn under skirts. Shorts under skirts should not extend past the hem of the skirt. Skirts/Shorts/Skortis must be no more than 2 inches above the knee.

Socks

Socks are always to be worn in school. Socks must be visible above shoes. No inappropriate stockings (i.e., Thigh-High, fishnet, patterned tights, patterned leggings, etc.). Only solid color socks, tights or leggings are to be worn. Tights and leggings must cover the entire leg. These solid colors include black, navy blue, red, or white.

Shoes

Rubber soled and non-marking shoes are preferred. If applicable, shoelaces must always be tied. No shoes with heels in excess of 2 inches. No shoes with built in rollers are allowed anywhere on the school campus. Open toe or open heel shoes, moccasins, sandals, slippers, clogs, ballerina or any type of boot are inappropriate for school.

Hair/Head Coverings

Hats are not to be worn in the building at any time. Hats with inappropriate logos will be confiscated and parents will be asked to pick them up from the principal. Only natural hair colors are acceptable. The use of hair dye is highly discouraged and not appropriate for school days. Hairstyles must be neat, clean and well-groomed, no unusual haircuts (i.e., Mohawks) or shaven sections of hair. Hair must be kept out of the eyes. This includes boys and girls.

Jewelry

The wearing of jewelry is not allowed. The only exceptions are religious medals, wristwatches, and small pierced post earrings, one per earlobe (for girls only). No body piercings beyond earrings are allowed for boys or girls.

Beauty Products

Makeup is **NOT** allowed. Nails must be kept neat, clean and well-groomed. If nail polish is applied, only light or pale colors should be used for nails. Bold, florescent, vibrant colors are unacceptable during school hours.

Dress Codes for Out of Uniform Days

- Any writing on clothing must be acceptable and in good taste.
- Any garment, regardless of type, should not communicate a message that conflicts with the mission and values of NCA.
- Shoulders and midriffs must be covered at all times.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must follow the uniform length guidelines.

Dress Code for Field Trips

- The NCA school uniform (not gym uniform) is to be worn on all field trips