

DRESS CODE

PHILOSOPHY OF DRESS

New Bern Christian Academy will seek to follow the guidelines established in God's Word for His people. We believe the Bible establishes at least four minimum standards for Christian dress.

- **Modesty** (I Tim. 2:9, II Tim. 2:22)
- **Distinction** which involves men dressing like men and women dressing like women (Deut. 22:5, I Cor. 11:14-15)
- **Identification** with the Lord and not the world (I Tim. 4:12, Rom. 12:1-2 and I John 2:15-17)
- **Appropriateness** (I Cor. 10:31, I Thess. 5:22)

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Some of the world's styles are simply unacceptable to the Christian young person seeking God's best for his life.

For extracurricular activities, there may be occasions when normal school dress code is altered. The decision will be made prior to the activity. For athletics, please refer to Athletic Handbook.

Boys and girls alike are asked to dress in a neat manner at all times avoiding dress and casual wear that portrays a sloppy demeanor.

New Bern Christian Academy is a Christian School with emphasis on Christian. We fully expect our student body to act and dress as Christians should. The underlying principle is this: Christ should be seen in all I do, even in my dress and appearance. All students must abide by these standards at all school-related activities. Certain standards may be relaxed at the discretion of the administration for extracurricular activities. If so, announcements will be made to that effect.

Students found in violation of these standards will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. When a student is found to be in violation of the dress standards, they will be asked not to wear that article of clothing again in addition to the appropriate demerits.

NBCA chooses to limit additional, non-uniform attire based on design, neatness, excessive branding, or offensive messaging.

During Physical Education, students are to wear PE approved uniforms in cut & fits that adhere to NBCA dress code standards. Students will not be allowed to wear unapproved clothing during PE. Grades will be docked daily for students who do not have PE uniforms.

GIRLS:

Pants/Skirts/Shorts:

- Black, navy, or gray uniform style pants may be worn every day. Pants must be loose fitting. Girls' uniform pants **MUST** be purchased **ONLY** through NBCA approved accounts with www.frenchtoast.com or www.landsend.com. Girls may not wear jeans of any color, leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants. Girls may also wear khaki, black, navy or gray uniform skirts to the top of the knee or jean skirts to the top of the knee. *Khaki, black, navy and gray jumpers are permitted for elementary girls on any day.* All girls' clothing must be modest and loose fitting. Skirts and dresses must come to the top of the knee in length.
- If a skirt has a slit in the hem, the slit must not extend higher than the required dress length (the top of the knee).
- Girls are asked to wear shorts under their skirts when playing outdoors.
- Elementary girls may wear khaki, navy, black or gray uniform style shorts every day. Shorts must be loose fitting. Girls' uniform shorts may be purchased through NBCA approved accounts with www.frenchtoast.com or www.landsend.com.

Shirts:

- Polo shirts must have the school logo and **MUST** be purchased through Advanced Signs **ONLY**. The colors available are red, black, navy blue, royal blue, light blue, gray, light pink and purple. Elementary girls are to wear school logo uniform polo shirts or school logo uniform dresses every day (dresses are also available to purchase through Advanced Signs **ONLY**). Middle school and high school girls must wear school logo uniform polo shirts every day. A web link for purchasing through Advanced Signs will be available for two weeks in June, two weeks in July and one week at the beginning of each month during the school year.

Special Events:

- **Special Events** such as choir performances may require a separate dress code. Skirts and blouses or dresses must abide by NBCA guidelines (no spaghetti straps, no see through materials or low cut tops). Skirts and dresses must come to the top of the knee.

Shoes:

- Sandals with back straps, dress shoes, sneakers/tennis shoes or boots are permitted.
- Flip-flops and slides are not acceptable.

Socks:

- Girls may wear solid color (white, red, navy, royal blue, gray, light blue, light pink or black) ankle or knee socks. Girls may wear tights or ankle length leggings (white, red, navy, royal blue, gray, light blue, light pink or black) underneath skirts or jumpers. No mid-calf leggings. **Only specified solid school colors are allowed.**

Jewelry:

- Earrings are permissible for girls. Nose rings are allowed; 1 stud no larger than 2mm. No other piercings allowed.

BOYS:

Pants/Shorts:

- Khaki, black, navy or gray uniform style pants may be worn every day. Boys' pants must be loose fitting. Uniform pants may be purchased through NBCA approved accounts with www.frenchtoast.com or www.landsend.com.
- Boys may also wear jeans every day. The jeans should not be torn or ragged.
- Elementary boys may wear khaki, black, navy or gray uniform style pants every day. Uniform shorts may be purchased through NBCA approved accounts with www.frenchtoast.com or www.landsend.com.

Shirts:

- Polo shirts must have the school logo and **MUST** be purchased through Advanced Signs **ONLY**. The colors available are red, black, navy blue, royal blue, light blue, gray, light pink and purple. Boys are to wear school logo uniform polo shirts every day. A web link for purchasing through Advanced Signs will be available for two weeks in June, two weeks in July and one week at the beginning of each month during the school year.

Special Events:

- **Special Events** such as choir performances may require a separate dress code. Many special events will require boys in middle school and high school to wear a button-up shirt and tie and uniform style pants in khaki, black, navy or gray.

Shoes / Socks:

- Shoes and socks are required.
- Flip-flops and slides are not acceptable.

Hair:

- Boys' hair styles are to be cut and styled as to not hang below the eyebrows, over the ears, or on the collar; hair height must not exceed 3 inches upward, as styled. We do not allow faddish styles (i.e., ponytails, mullets, etc.). Any student with hair over the eyebrows, over the ears, or on the collar will be asked to get their haircut within 48 hrs. Demerits will be issued after one written warning. It is the parent's responsibility to keep hair trimmed and styled before coming to school.
- Facial hair is acceptable **ONLY** if it is evenly trimmed and presentable.
- For extracurricular activities, there may be occasions when normal school dress code is altered. The decision will be made prior to the activity. For athletics, please refer to Athletic Handbook.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- No piercings allowed for boys. One wrist band is acceptable.
- Hats and hoodies are not to be worn in buildings or on campus.

The administration reserves the right to disallow any hairstyle or dress that it deems as nontraditional and inappropriate. Student's hair must be a natural color. No unnatural coloration due to hair dye or other methods. **Students coming to school improperly dressed will be sent to the office or home immediately.** They will not be admitted to classes until they conform to the above standards. Students may return to class the same day if they are properly attired.

P.E. REQUIREMENTS

P.E. classes are taught in 6th-8th grades. All students are required to dress out unless they have a written excuse from a doctor. Grades will be lowered accordingly if a student decides not to dress out without a doctor's excuse or allowed cut. Grades can be based on objective skills criteria, as well as written academic work. Students may wear athletic pants or shorts for P.E. Shorts must be at or near the top of the knee for both boys and girls. T-shirts worn for P.E. should adhere to NBCA Dress Code Guidelines. NBCA chooses to limit attire based on design, neatness, excessive branding, or offensive messaging. Students are expected to wear shoes that allow them to fully participate in the P.E. class.