

NBHS Student Dress Code

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Expectations for All Secondary Students: The school administration has the final decision regarding appropriate dress. The dress code is effective upon student arrival to school and until the student leaves campus at the end of the day.

- Clothing should be appropriate to weather conditions and daily school activities. Long/trench coats will not be worn in the school.
- Shoes will be worn at all times during the school day and should be comfortable with consideration being given to safety and gym activities. No house slippers or steel-toed shoes.
- All headgear like caps, hats, hoodies, and scarves are not allowed to be worn inside the building except on special occasions or situations as designated by the campus principal.
- All clothing must be free of holes, rips, and tears and should not reveal skin when sitting or standing. Tape and/or leggings will not be allowed to "fix" or "cover" rips, holes, or tears.
- Clothing must not display profane or obscene language, gestures, or pictures.
- Clothing must not advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, sex or violence.
- Clothing must not display gang names or symbols. Any currently known gang-related apparel or name brands are subject to dress code violation, including (but not limited to) bandanas.
- Oversized shirts are not allowed. Shirts are not to be covering the front pant pocket when standing.
- No over-sized sweatshirts or hoodies.
- No see-through clothing or clothing with holes. Clothing must not reveal bare midriffs.
- Clothing must be of an appropriate size and design for school wear i.e.: the student's mid-section will not be revealed when her arms are raised above her head or when she is seated. The garment is expected to cover appropriate undergarments, i.e.: no backless, strapless or spaghetti strap garments are to be worn. Necklines may not be lower than a line drawn from one armpit to the other (to cover cleavage).
- No tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, muscle shirts, biker pants and/or wind shorts worn as outer garments.
- Undergarments will be worn only under outer garments, i.e.: boxer shorts, white undershirts, muscle-style athletic shirts, tank tops, camisoles, spaghetti strap tops, halter-tops, pajamas, and sports bras. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.

- Fabrics such as spandex or Lycra, creating tight or body-hugging clothing, is not appropriate for the classroom. This does not include tights or leggings if worn under a garment that is at least “fingertip length”.
- Leggings with mesh inserts are not allowed.

Additional Specifications and Expectations for All Secondary Students:

Skirt and dress lengths

- Must be no shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap when standing from the front and back.
- Dresses and/or skirts may not have slits above the knee.

Shorts

- Must be hemmed
- No shorter than 3 inches above knee.
- No elastic or drawstring waistband.
- No oversized shorts.

Pants

- No holes in pants allowed.
- Pants must not be baggy, sagging, or hanging below the waist. High enough not to reveal undergarments and to cover the buttocks.
- A belt is to be worn as needed.

Hair

- Hair will be clean, neat and out of the student’s eyes. The student’s hair will be of a natural hair color and hairstyle that does not cause a distraction or disturbance to the educational setting. At the discretion of administration, exaggerated hair modifications such as symbols shaved on the head, spikes, mohawks or dreadlocks are prohibited in the educational setting.
- Eyebrows will maintain a solid natural arch.

Facial Hair

- Beards and mustaches, if worn, must be trimmed and neat.

Tattoos, jewelry, chains, etc.

- Tattoos must be covered.
- Girls are allowed to wear earrings in their ears only. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Students will not wear tongue/face jewelry, belly rings, or other body piercing jewelry or expanders (“Ear Plugs”, “O Rings”, “Rings”, or “Gages”, or plastic piercing [clear or colored]).
- Students will not wear jewelry with sharp-pointed or round marble size objects, spikes, and/or chains (i.e.: ¼” link) of any type, these items will not be worn outside pant pockets nor allowed on backpacks. This includes, but is not limited to, wallet chains, safety pins, fishhooks, straight pins, mouth grills, etc.

If the principal determines that a student’s grooming or clothing violates the school’s dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the **Student Code of Conduct**.