



2020 – 2021 Mandatory NHS Standardized Dress Code

The Norman Howard School has a mandatory standardized dress code policy. This policy outlines the colors and styles that the students will be required to wear, but allows the parent the freedom to purchase acceptable clothing from the retailer of their choice. The standardized dress code is as follows:

TOPS

SHIRTS

- White, navy, light blue, cobalt blue, black or gray oxford, dress shirt, polo, turtleneck or collared blouse; long-sleeve or short-sleeve with no writing or graphics
- Official NHS t-shirt or NHS hoodie

SWEATERS/BLAZERS

- Any solid colored vest with no writing or graphics
- Any solid colored long-sleeve lightweight fleece or sweater—pullover, cardigan, V-neck, crew or zip-front with no writing
- Any solid colored blazer with no writing or graphics

JUMPER/KNIT DRESS

- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored pleated, or flare jumper with no writing or graphics
- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored polo, knit or shirt dress with no writing or graphics
- Jumper/dress must have a collar or be worn over a collared shirt
- Jumper and dress hemline must be no more than 3 inches above the knee

BOTTOMS

PANTS

- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored chino, twill, corduroy or pull on pants, full-length or capri, that must be worn at the waist with a belt, if necessary
- Pants can be plain front, pleated, elastic-waist, with or without pockets – cargo pants are acceptable

SHORTS

- Navy, black, gray, or khaki-colored chino, Bermuda, cargo or pull-on shorts that must be worn at the waist, with a belt, if necessary.
- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored skort (skirt + short)
- Shorts and skorts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee

SKIRTS

- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored pleated or flare skirt
- Skirts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee

LEGGINGS/TIGHTS

- Any solid colored full length or capri leggings or tights may be worn under a skirt, jumper or dress

FOOTWEAR

- Shoes, sneakers, or low-heeled boots—laces must be tied, sandals must have backs

GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS

- T-shirts are not permitted by themselves or over collared shirts. T-shirts with writing or graphics may not be visible beneath shirts or sweaters. The official NHS t-shirt is the only t-shirt that can be worn during the school day.
- Hats, headgear that covers the entire head, sweatpants, sweatshirts (hooded or not hooded), denim jeans, pajama pants, tight fitting straight skirts, sleeveless tops, halter tops, tube tops, and tops or dresses with spaghetti straps are NOT permitted. The official NHS hoodie is the only hoodie that can be worn during the school day. However, students cannot wear their hoods 'up' during the day.
- Athletic apparel is only allowed in the gym.
- Polyester training/soccer/sports jackets are NOT permitted.
- No flip-flops, backless sandals or high heels.
- No fish-net tights.
- No outdoor jackets, coats, heavy down vests, and sunglasses may not be worn in the classroom.
- Clothing should provide coverage that is not revealing. Clothing that exposes the midriff or under garments is not acceptable.
- Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate, not ripped, torn or frayed.
- Students who are on a district sports team will be allowed to wear team jerseys or whatever is indicated as district designated dress for game days.
- Students who go to another educational placement during the school day, or to a job after school, will be allowed to change into other clothes prior to departure, if desired.
- Students may wear jewelry, accessories, necklaces, wristbands that contain expressive messages as long as they are not considered inappropriate.
- Any clothing or accessory which is likely to cause a disruption or distraction from school activities is considered inappropriate for students to wear during the school day as outlined in the Code of Conduct. A school administrator will decide if clothing or an accessory is inappropriate.

GYM CLOTHES *(2020-2021 School Year update: For the time being students will not change clothes for Phys Ed.)*

- Short sleeve T-shirts—no tank tops or muscle shirts, no writing or graphics
- Sweatshirt or track jacket
- Sweatpants
- Athletic shorts—no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
- Sneakers

OUTDOOR FIELD TRIPS--Students will be notified if their field trip warrants wearing clothing other than the standardized dress.

JEANS DAY FRIDAYS—Students will be allowed to wear jeans, without holes, the last instructional Friday of each month. Students must be in dress code shirts or the NHS T-shirt.

Jeans days are as follows:

- September 25
- October 30
- November 20
- December 18
- January 29
- February 26
- March 26
- April 30
- May 28
- June 11

Religious or Health Accommodations

When the religious beliefs or health needs of a student conflict with the standardized dress code policy, the school will provide reasonable accommodation. The parent/legal guardian of any student desiring standardized dress code policy exceptions must notify the school administrator in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practices or beliefs will not be prohibited under this policy. Medical documentation will be required for health accommodations. The procedures for this process are set forth below:

Procedures for Exemption

- A parent/legal guardian may request an exemption from the mandatory standardized dress for religious or medical reasons using the Application for Exemption Form that may be obtained from the school.
- A request must be made within 10 operational days of the beginning of the school year or within 10 operational days of being enrolled at NHS for the first time ("operational days" is defined as days when school is in session).
- Medical exemption requests must be signed by a medical doctor.
- A school administrator will meet with the parent/legal guardian within 5 school days to discuss the NHS standardized dress code policy and to verify the accuracy of the information on the Exemption Form.
- The parent/legal guardian will be notified in writing of the outcome of the conference within 3 school days. If the parent/legal guardian does not agree with the decision, they have a right to appeal to the Executive Director within 5 days by submitting a letter.
- Consideration will be reviewed on a case by case basis.