

NVA Dress Code

Students are reminded that their appearance (clothing and grooming) significantly affects the way others respond to them. Since it is the duty of the Board of Directors to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning, minimizing disruptions or distractions, and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, all students will abide by the uniform code of dress outlined by NVA when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location. NVA's Uniform Code of Dress is outlined below, and may be changed by the Principal with approval from the Board at any time.

Uniform Code (Principal may choose to alter the Uniform Code on a per student basis as requested by parent.)

1. Clothing must be clean and in good condition.
2. Students should appear clean and hygienic including washed and combed hair.
3. No denim is allowed.
4. No sweatshirt or athletic materials are allowed.
5. No head coverings are permitted indoors, including but not limited to hats, scarves, bandanas, hoods, and sweatbands except as permitted under special circumstances outlined by Principal/Designee.
6. Girls are allowed to wear minimal makeup beginning in the 7th grade.
7. Students may not attend school with extreme hairstyles or un-natural hair colors. Hair colors should be natural and conservative in color. Hair cannot hang in front of a student's eyes.
8. Boy's hair length may not hang past the collar in the back or over the ears on the sides.
9. Boys must be clean shaven every day. Facial hair is not permitted for students.
10. Girls are permitted to wear no more than one pair of conservative earrings while in dress code. Earrings are not permitted for boys. Facial or visible body piercings are not allowed for any student. Any other jewelry must be conservative and school appropriate.
11. Tattoos may not show at any time.
12. Girls may wear hair accessories that are conservative and red, white, or navy in color.
13. Girls are permitted to accessorize with red, white, or navy scarves.

Shirts

- Red, white, or navy blue shirts in solid colors.
- Polo or button down, long or short sleeve.
- Logos and emblems may be no larger than the size of a quarter.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Only one top button may be undone anytime on both polo and dress shirts. Buttons not staying buttoned up will not be a valid excuse for them to be undone. It will be assumed the shirt does not fit properly or needs repair.
- Shirts must fit comfortably without being too tight or baggy.
- Undershirts may be solid black or white only.
- May not be made of fleece or nylon material typically used in athletic wear.
- Must be made of opaque material.
- May not show any chest or torso in front or back.

Sweaters

- Sweatshirt material is not allowed.
- Sweaters must be knit material.
- Emblems or logos may be no larger than the size of a quarter.
- Colors must be solid red, white, or navy.
- No hoods are allowed.

Ties

- Girls are encouraged to wear scarves, and boys are encouraged to wear ties as business professional is a focus of our dress code.
- Ties must be solid in color or simple in pattern.
- Permitted colors are red, white, navy, and black.
- Novelty ties/scarves are not permitted.
- Ties must be worn in a traditional fashion.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts

- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be khaki, navy, or black in color.
- All pants, shorts, or skirts must be solid in color. No patterns are permitted except for school plaid.
- Pants, shorts, or skirts may not be made of denim, fleece, or athletic material.
- Pants, shorts, or skirts may have no more than 4 pockets.
- Rhinestones, excessive stitching, or flair of any kind is not permitted.
- Stressed material, rivets, holes or tears are not permitted.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must reach the hips or midsection.
- Undergarments may not show above the pant line.
- Shorts and skirts may reach no more than 3 inches above the knee when kneeling.
- Pants must fit comfortably without being too tight or baggy.

Belts

- Students in grades 3-12 must wear a belt at all times. Students in K, 1, and 2 grades are not required to wear belts.
- Exceptions will be made for pants, shorts, or skirts without belt loops.

- Belt colors must be solid brown, black, white, tan, or navy.
- No rhinestones, rivets, colors other than those above, or aesthetic accessories of any kind are allowed.
- Belts must be simple in style and color.
- No chains are allowed.
- Belts that hang below the waist are not allowed.
- Hemp belts are not allowed.

Footwear

- Socks/tights-solid colors of tan, brown, navy, red, tan, white, or black.
- Shoes must be dress or conservative styles.
- Shoes must be solid black, brown, white, tan, or navy with black, brown, white, tan, or navy laces. Colored laces are not allowed.
- Soles must be solid black, brown, white, tan, or navy. Colored accent soles are not permitted. Patterned shoes are not permitted.
- No flip flops are permitted; heels must be of moderate height.
- Sandals must comply with dress code colors and may not have dividers between the toes.
- All shoes must have a back or back strap around the heel.
- Closed toe shoes must be worn in science labs.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Winter footwear-must be removed at the door and replaced with appropriate footwear.
- Gym shoes must comply with PE instructor's regulations.

Outerwear

- Outerwear is not considered part of the dress code and must be removed while indoors.
- No jackets, coats, hats, sweatshirts, or gloves may be worn inside the building.
- Issues relating to cold temperatures may be resolved by wearing a dress code approved undershirt or sweater as described above.

Backpacks

- Backpacks may be worn to school and between classes to carry their supplies.
- Backpacks must be placed in a designated area of the classroom as directed by the teacher.
- Students may not keep backpacks next to them during class.
- Backpacks should contain items only appropriate for school. Electronics or any other valuable item should not be left in backpacks.

Prohibited Items

- Students are not allowed to carry, wear, or display items of apparel (accessories, tattoos, jewelry, etc.) which depict or allude to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, violence, sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, offensive, or illegal acts.
- Wearing, using, or displaying any gang clothing or attire such as jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, codes, or other things which evidence gang affiliation is no permitted.