



2026 - 2027

New Springs Christian Academy Dress Code Policy

At NSCA, we believe the way we present ourselves reflects our character, our respect for others, and our commitment to honoring God. Our dress code is intended to promote modesty, as a student's appearance should reflect his or her identity as a follower of Christ. Scripture calls believers to dress with modesty, self-control, and humility (1 Timothy 2:9) and to conduct themselves in a manner that honors and reflects Christ in every aspect of life (Colossians 3:17). In keeping with these biblical principles, our dress code is designed to cultivate a respectful and focused learning environment by minimizing distractions and encouraging students to demonstrate responsibility, self-respect, and consideration for others.

The NSCA Dress Code Policy outlines the standards our school has chosen to uphold. These expectations are intended to be clear, measurable, and enforceable. Parents are expected to support these standards by ensuring their students comply with the dress code. The administration reserves the right to make the final determination regarding dress code compliance, address situations not specifically covered by this policy, and amend the dress code as needed throughout the school year.

Please note: NSCA Spirit Wear is clothing purchased through the NSCA Spirit Wear Online Store typically in August, November and March.

Tops

- **Approved top styles:** crewnecks, polos, dress shirts, and NSCA Spirit Wear.
- Tops must be solid-colored with no patterns (except for NSCA spirit wear).
- Colors must be red, burgundy, white, navy, powder blue, gray, or black.
- Tops must be short-sleeved or long-sleeved (tank tops are not permitted).
- All tops must be hip-length or longer.
 - All tops worn with leggings must have a hemline at or below the middle fingertip when standing with arms relaxed at the sides.

Boys Bottoms

- **Approved pants styles:** performance pants, golf pants, or chino-style pants.
- **Approved shorts styles:** performance/flex shorts or chino style shorts.
 - Boy's shorts must completely cover the mid-thigh.

- All bottoms must be solid-colored with no patterns.
- Colors must be black, navy, khaki/tan or gray.
- Bottoms may not have holes, rips or frayed areas.
- Athletic bottoms are permitted only on PE days. NSCA approved length and colors apply.
- Shorts may be worn May 1–September 30 or when the forecast is 60°F or higher.

Girls Bottoms

- **Approved pants styles:** performance pants, chino-style pants, knit/cotton loose-fit pants/trousers, and leggings.
 - Colors must be black, navy, khaki/tan or gray.
 - To wear leggings, the shirt hemline must sit at or below the middle fingertip when standing with arms relaxed at the sides.
- **Approved shorts, skirts, skorts, and dress styles:** performance/flex, chino-style, or loose-fitting knit/cotton.
 - Colors must be red, burgundy, white, navy, powder blue, gray, or black.
 - Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must have a hemline at or below the middle fingertip when standing with arms relaxed at the sides.
 - Shorts may not be worn over leggings or compression shorts.
 - Skirts and dresses require shorts (not visible) or leggings to be worn underneath for modesty standards.
- All bottoms must be solid-colored with no patterns.
- Bottoms may not have holes, rips or frayed areas.
- Athletic bottoms are permitted only on PE days. NSCA approved length and colors apply.
- Shorts may be worn May 1–September 30 or when the forecast is 60°F or higher.

Layering & Outerwear

- **Approved outerwear styles:** crew neck, cardigan, quarter zip, and hoodies (sweaters and sweatshirts).
- Colors must be red, burgundy, white, navy, powder blue, gray, or black.
- Outerwear (not including outdoor coats) must be solid-colored with no patterns.
 - Outerwear with graphics and/or words are not permitted.
 - If outerwear has a logo, it should be no larger than a credit card.
- Hats, beanies, hoods, earmuffs, and winter coats are to be worn outside only and are not subject to NSCA approved colors.

Footwear

- **Approved shoe styles:** athletic shoes, sandals, fashion boots, and dress shoes.
- Shoes of any color are permitted with minimal decorative details.
- Sandals must have a back strap (exception: Birkenstock-style sandals).
- Cowboy boots, flip flops, light-ups, wheelies, or any shoe with a heel are not permitted.

Boy's Guidelines for Hair and Accessories:

- Hair should be neat, clean, above the shoulders, and kept out of the eyes.
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are not permitted.
- Facial hair is not allowed (unless approved by administration).
- Visible tattoos (real or fake) or body piercings are not permitted.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or nail polish.
- Jewelry must be modest and age appropriate.
- Watches are allowed but must not have internet or texting capabilities.

Girl's Guidelines for Hair and Accessories:

- Hair should be neat, clean, and kept out of the eyes.
- Extreme hairstyles, unnatural hair colors, and hair tinsel are not permitted.
 - Only natural-looking highlights are permitted.
- Accessories (jewelry and nail polish) should be simple and not cause a distraction to the student or the learning environment.
 - Large hoops or dangling earrings are not recommended due to safety concerns.
- Girls in grades 6th – 8th may wear minimal, natural-looking makeup and artificial nails. Nails must be reasonable length with neutral, non-distracting designs.
- Watches are allowed but must not have internet or texting capabilities.

PE Dress Code (Grades 5th – 8th):

- Students in grades 5–8 must bring a change of clothes for gym class.
- **Approved PE pants and shorts:** loose-fitting athletic bottoms (compression and leggings are not permitted).
 - Boy's shorts must completely cover the mid-thigh.
 - Girl's shorts must have a hemline at or below the middle fingertip when standing with arms relaxed at the sides.
 - All PE bottoms must be solid-colored with no patterns.
 - Colors must be black, navy, khaki/tan or gray.
- **Approved PE tops:** loose-fitting athletic tops or NSCA spirit wear (no tank tops).
 - Colors must be red, burgundy, white, navy, powder blue, gray, or black.
 - All tops must be hip-length or longer.

Dress Down Friday – New for 2026-2027

- Cost: \$50 per student.
- Students may wear athletic clothing, jeans, jean shorts, and Christian shirts (Christian bands, bible verses, etc.). NSCA school colors are not required.
- Standard NSCA dress code is required for those not participating in Dress Down Friday.
- Failure to follow Dress Down Friday guidelines will result in the privilege to participate revoked with no refund.

Dress Code Policy Enforcement & Notes

Dress Code Consequences

- **Modesty (midriff showing, shorts too short, visible undergarments)**
 - Students will be sent to the office to change into NSCA provided clothing. Parents will be notified and given the option to bring an appropriate change of clothing. Students will be required to remain in the office until changed.
- **Non-modesty violations**
 - Students may remain in school out of dress code for the day, but parents will be notified.
- **Repeated violations** may be considered defiance and can lead to suspension, following the Disciplinary Action policy.

Dress Code Policy Acknowledgement

We have read and understand the NSCA Dress Code Policy. We acknowledge that the dress code is intended to promote modesty, respect, and a Christ-honoring learning environment.

We agree to support and comply with the expectations outlined in this policy. We understand that it is the responsibility of both the student and parent/guardian to ensure the student arrives at school dressed in accordance with the dress code. We also understand that the administration reserves the right to interpret and enforce the dress code and to address situations not specifically outlined in this handbook.

By signing below, we acknowledge our understanding of and commitment to uphold the NSCA Dress Code Policy. Each student enrolled in grades 1–8 at New Springs Christian Academy is required to sign below, confirming that they have read and understand this agreement.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____