

Student Code of Conduct

If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the policy. Noncompliance could result in suspension or expulsion.

1st Offense

Covering of items and parent notification

2nd Offense

Maximum of 3 to 5 days suspension

3rd Offense

Maximum of 5-10 days suspension



**Vendors who will stock uniforms
but are not limited to the
following:**

Wal-mart	Citi-Trends
J. C. Penney	Old Navy
Family Dollar	Gap
Stitches Too	Target
Maxway	Children's Place
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School Uniform Station	
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Student Uniform/Dress Policy

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Northampton County Board of Education

Student Dress Policy

Purpose

The Northampton County Board of Education believes a safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a high performing school. The implementation of school uniforms will help minimize disruptive behavior, promote respect for oneself and others, build school/community spirit, and, more significantly, help to maintain high academic standards. The Board also feels that wearing of uniforms by students will ease the strain on parental budgets and help lessen socioeconomic differences. In addition, it allows for easy identification of intruders on campus, discourages gang related activities, and encourages students to concentrate on learning rather than on what they are wearing.

Implementation Process

The Northampton County School Uniform Committee made up of principals, teachers, parents, and students selected by the Superintendent or designee conducted meetings to determine what would be the school uniform. All students will be required to wear uniforms at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

Information Dissemination

School Officials will communicate with parents/guardians information concerning the uniform policy including general guidelines for implementation by using one or more of the following: newsletters, parent forums, telephone notification systems, PTA meetings, Parent Advisory Council meetings, TV and radio announcements, and flyers. School officials will provide all vendor information as it becomes available.

Exceptions / Special Circumstances

The administration shall exercise appropriate discretion in implementing this policy, including making reasonable accommodations on

the basis of a student's religious beliefs or medical conditions. Guardians seeking exemption from this policy should submit an application for exemption from the students uniform requirement to be reviewed by the School Uniform Committee.

- **Spirit Day or Picture Day will be an exception. Exceptions to the dress code policy for individual days may be approved in advance, in writing by the Superintendent upon written request of the school principal. Otherwise, the dress code policy will be enforced on all school days.**

Disciplinary Measures

Students shall be in full compliance with the uniform policy. A student not in proper uniform will be referred to the principal or a designee. Parents/Guardians will be contacted and required to bring their child a proper uniform to school. Students who fail to comply repeatedly with this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including, suspension. Students transferring in from other school districts will have a grace period of 10 school days in which to comply with the policy.

Dress Code Regulations

Pants/Capris/Gouchos: Navy, Khaki or Black

- If pants have a belt loops, students must wear a belt (solid black, brown, or navy) at the waist.
- Pants must have no more than 6 pockets, be worn at their regular length and with no cuffs.
- No baggy, saggy, tight, or low rise fitting pants.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- No pictures, logos, or lettering of any kind may be visible.

Dress Code Regulations (cont.)

Tops: Solid-White, Navy, or Gold

- Must have sleeves- No T-shirts, pictures, logos, or lettering of any kind may be visible.
- Polo style, turtleneck shirts, or white collared blouses/shirts are appropriate. Polo style shirts and blouses/shirts must be buttoned with the exception of the top collar button. All shirts should be collared.
- Shoulders, midribs and buttocks cannot be visible.
- Non-uniform colored clothing/ undergarments should not be visible.
- Shirts must be tucked inside the pants/skirts, etc.

Skirts/Shorts/Skorts/Jumpers: Navy, Khaki or Black

- No shorter than two inches above the middle of the knee.
- No pictures, logos, or lettering of any kind may be visible.

Outerwear:

- Light outerwear, such as sweatshirts, vests and sweaters may be worn in addition to the basic uniform. They must be in the school uniform colors. No pictures, logos, or lettering of any kind may be visible. The polo collar or turtleneck must be visible. Heavy coats of any color are permitted, but must be removed upon entry into the classroom/building.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be **solid** black.
- No picture, logos, or lettering of any kind may be visible.
- Shoes must be slip on, tennis shoes, clogs, mules or oxford (lace-up) style. Shoe laces must be black and tied at all times.
- Steel toes, cleats, bedroom shoes, high heels, flip flops, Chinese slippers or heellies are not acceptable.
- No boots higher than 2" above the ankle are permissible.

Other:

- No hooded garments, sweatpants, or pajama pants.
- No jeans of any color, style or material are to be worn to school.
- No grills, earmuffs or sunglasses.
- No caps, hats or head coverings of any kind (ex: bandana's, do-rags, etc.) may be worn on school property at any time. A student may wear a toboggan or winter hat outside of the school building in cold weather. In such cases, the toboggan or winter hat shall be a solid color and shall have no pictures, logos, or lettering of any kind and it shall be removed immediately upon entering the school building.
- **Large** chains/colored jewelry or belt buckles are prohibited.
- Socks/tights must be solid navy, white, black, or khaki.
- ****** Students are not required to wear the school uniform to extra-curricular events held at school after 3:30.