

## **DRESS CODE POLICY**

*Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJV)*

Our outward appearance is important to our Christian testimony. We want to help guide our students in exercising good taste and judgment in their dress. **Students are expected to follow the school dress code; parents can help by monitoring this before your child leaves home. The educational atmosphere should not be jeopardized due to students not complying with NCA dress code policy.**

NCA uses Sir Walter Uniform Company for our uniform shirts and P.E. uniforms. Uniform bottoms may be purchased elsewhere. Sir Walter's number is: 800-621-8263. Their website is [store.sirwalteruniforms.com](http://store.sirwalteruniforms.com). Our school code is 159.

All violators of dress code policy will be sent to the school office for appropriate discipline. Please keep in mind that discipline will always be approached as a means of correction, not punishment, the purpose being to bring about a positive behavioral change. Final authority to decide appropriateness of an outfit worn on campus and at all activities rests with the administration.

## **DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS**

### **TOPS**

- Sir Walter polo with NCA logo in choice of NAVY, GRAY, OR WHITE.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times, no exceptions.
- Jackets, when worn, should be NAVY, GRAY, or WHITE with no logos, graphics and/or writing. Only plain zip-up or button-up jackets are allowed. No pullovers permitted. If a Sir Walter jacket was purchased, that is also acceptable. No hats, caps, or hoods are to be worn in the building.
- Undershirts must be solid in color and adhere to the color options for tops.

### **BOTTOMS**

- Bottoms will be loose fitting uniform style bottoms and in the following colors: KHAKI and NAVY ONLY. No BLACK or faded garments are acceptable.
- Acceptable bottoms include: pants, capris, shorts, skorts, and skirts.
- ABSOLUTELY NO TIGHT FITTING BOTTOMS are to be worn – only loose fitting bottoms will be acceptable.
- ALL pants and shorts must be worn at the natural waistline.
- Length of shorts, skorts, and skirts should be no shorter than 3" above the knee. (You can use a 3"x 5" card as a ruler to check your child. Place it horizontally at the top of the knee – bottoms should meet the top of the card.)
- A plain (no decoration of any type or metal grommets permitted) black or brown leather belt must be worn at all times when belt loops are present on the garment. Braided leather belts are acceptable.

### **FOOTWEAR**

- Dress/casual and athletic shoes are acceptable. Crocs, sandals, slippers, and backless shoes are NOT acceptable.

- No heels or open-toed shoes are permitted due to safety concerns.
- When grommets are present, shoes must be laced and tied.
- Socks or stockings must be worn at all times. Solid color tights/nylons need to match the color of bottoms being worn.
- No boot length sneakers. Pant legs cannot be tucked into boots.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Hair should be neat and clean in appearance.
- Hair color should be of the natural colors only – no pink, blue, etc. **NCA reserves the right to determine if any hairstyle is a violation due to style or color trend.**
- Caps, hats, and sunglasses are for outdoor use only.
- Earrings are permitted for girls only and should be modest in appearance. Maximum of 2 holes per ear.
- One necklace or chain is permitted. Excessive jewelry that is distracting to the atmosphere of the classroom is not permitted. All jewelry should be left in lockers during P.E.
- Tattoos and body piercing are strictly prohibited.
- Any makeup worn should be tasteful and appropriate.

## **DRESS CODE FOR YOUNG MEN**

### TOPS

- Sir Walter polo with NCA logo in choice of NAVY, GRAY, or WHITE.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times, no exceptions.
- Jackets, when worn, should be NAVY, GRAY, or WHITE with no logos, graphics and/or writing. Only plain zip-up or button-up jackets are allowed. No pullovers permitted. If a Sir Walter jacket was purchased, that is also acceptable. No hats, caps, or hoods are to be worn in the building.
- Undershirts must be solid in color and adhere to the color options for tops.

### BOTTOMS

- Bottoms will be uniform style bottoms and in the following colors: KHAKI and NAVY ONLY. No BLACK or faded garments are acceptable.
- Acceptable bottoms include: pants and shorts.
- ALL pants and shorts must be worn at the natural waistline.
- No cargo styles are permitted.
- A plain (no decoration of any type or metal grommets permitted) black or brown leather belt must be worn at all times when belt loops are present on the garment. Braided leather belts are acceptable.

### FOOTWEAR

- Dress/casual and athletic shoes are acceptable.
- Crocs, sandals, and slippers are NOT acceptable.
- When grommets are present, shoes must be laced and tied.

## **DRESS CODE FOR YOUNG MEN CONTINUED**

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Hair should be neat and clean in appearance. Hair should not touch the eyebrow, must be above the collar of the shirt, and NO LONGER on the sides than the bottom of the ear. No Mohawks and no shaved hair art.
- Hair color should be of the natural colors only – no pink, blue, etc. **NCA reserves the right to determine if any hairstyle is a violation due to style or color trend.**
- Boys should be clean shaven in appearance. No facial hair.
- Caps, hats, and sunglasses are for outdoor use only.
- One necklace or chain is permitted. No earrings allowed. All jewelry should be left in lockers during P.E. Excessive jewelry that is distracting to the atmosphere of the classroom is not permitted.
- Tattoos and body piercing is strictly prohibited.

## **FOR ALL STUDENTS**

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be required for all students in 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. These are available only from Sir Walter Uniform Company.

### FRIDAY T-SHIRT DAY

On Fridays, students may wear a NCA Friday T-shirt with uniform bottoms only or regular school uniform. **NO JEANS ARE ALLOWED.** You may purchase a NCA logo Friday T-shirt in the school office.

### PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS/BANQUETS FOR GIRLS & BOYS

When attending an academy-sponsored event/banquet, please keep in mind that our school is an extension of our church. Attire should reflect a Christ-centered, modest image.

**Girls:** Dresses and skirts are permitted. On a long dress, the slit may not be more than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " above the knee. The length of the skirt, dress, or gown should be no more than a maximum of three inches above the knee when kneeling. The back of the dress, gown, or blouse should be no lower than six to eight inches from the top of the shoulder and the front should be no more than 2 inches below the collar bone. There should be no plunging necklines, high-cut or form-hugging dresses/skirts, no halter tops, no strapless, revealing or transparent clothing. No cleavage should show. Undergarments should be appropriate but not seen. Appropriate footwear should be worn.

**Boys:** Suits, tuxedos, blazers (jacket optional), dress shirt, tie, and dress slacks (no corduroy pants or jeans) should be worn. If dress shirt is not made for a tie, the coat must remain on. Socks, belts, and appropriate footwear are to be worn.

**NCA reserves the right to determine if a student's uniform and/or event attire is inappropriate for school.**