NHCS Lower School Uniform Policy

(Updated August 2022)

Lower school students are required to wear the uniforms each school day.

All uniform polos are required to be purchased through the online, NHCS-approved French Toast Catalog detailed below. All new polos must be embroidered with the NHCS shield logo. This logo will be automatically added when shirts are added to your cart.

All students must have at least one royal blue polo shirt to wear for specified events. This polo shirt may be long or short sleeved.

Uniform Polos:

The following items must be purchased through the NHCS-approved French Toast Catalog, at frenchtoast.com. The NHCS source code is QS4443U:

* Embroidered black, white, and royal blue (long sleeve or short sleeve) polo shirt

Khaki Bottoms:

The following items can be purchased through either a retailer of your choice or though the NHCS-approved French Toast Catalog at frenchtoast.com. The NHCS source code is QS4443U:

* Pleated or plain front khaki pants and shorts. These may be cotton or a blend.

Please note, shorts should be at least fingertip length, when the student is standing upright with their arms at their sides

Optional: Female students have the option of wearing the khaki, two-tab scooter; khaki, pleated jumper; and khaki, knee-length straight skirt offered through the NHCS-approved French Toast Catalog.

<u>In-Class Layered Wear:</u> Any jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt that is to be worn **in the classroom** must be NHCS approved spirit-wear or plain royal blue, black, or white. These items must be free of all other company/brand logo.

P.E.: All students must wear tennis shoes or other rubber-soled shoes for P.E. class. Lower School students remain in uniform apparel during P.E. class.

Outerwear, Lunch Boxes, Backpacks, and Shoes:

Hats/hoods may not be worn inside school buildings. Exceptions will be given on designated spirit days with administrative approval.

Non-violent and non-objectionable commercial characters are permissible on outerwear, lunchboxes, backpacks, and shoes.

All students' shoes must be secured as designed. Backless shoes are not permitted in grades JK - 5.

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<u>Spirit Days</u>: Most Fridays are Spirit Days, and all students have the option to wear either an NHCS-approved spirit shirt. Spirit shirts are available for purchase in the NHCS front office. All other requirements of the dress code will still apply.

<u>Hair:</u> Hair colors or hairstyles that draw unnecessary attention or present a distraction in the learning environment are not permitted. Hair must be neatly groomed and styled. Hair length must not obscure vision.

Jewelry: Junior Kindergarten students are not permitted to wear jewelry, except for studded earrings. Boys and girls may wear all standard jewelry in grades 5K through 5th.

Tattoos: Temporary tattoos are allowed for Spirit Days or other special events with administrative approval.

Student Athletes:

Athletic Practices: Students may wear athletic shorts, athletic pants, and t-shirts. Shorts should be at least fingertip length when the athlete is standing straight up, with arms at their sides. No biker shorts or Spandex, unless covered by shorts that meet the fingertip requirement. Appropriate footwear is required, as noted for gym floor use.

Athletic Game Days: Athletes may wear school-approved warm ups or team tee-shirt/hoodie or the regular policy uniform. Contact the Athletic Director if you have any questions. All other requirements of the dress code will still apply.

School-Sponsored Banquets/Awards Ceremonies: If occurring after school hours, girls should wear dresses, skirts or dress pants and a blouse. Boys should wear a dress shirt and dress pants.

The NHCS Uniform Closet

If you are interested in gently-used NHCS uniform items, please contact Aimee Merrell at 704-877-6776, or amerrell1@hotmail.com.

The NHCS Uniform Closet is a free service and operates on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There is a limit of 3-5 items per child every 60 days, as items are available.

- **If you have uniform items to donate to The NHCS Uniform Closet, please drop them off by the NHCS front office.
- *Please bring ALL "unusable" NHCS logo apparel at the front office. We prefer that all North Hills apparel items begin and end on our campus