



# NORTH HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## NHCS UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

In an effort to be consistent with Biblical standards, our primary focus with regards to the dress code is upon the modesty issues of student attire and overall appearance. Current styles pose problems in the area of modesty, and there is no doubt that future styles will as well. We want our students to learn principles of modesty while being able to still dress in style. If current styles are immodest, then the student must choose not to wear that style or to modify it. Additionally, what is modest in one setting may not be in another. Students should use discretion with their attire. All clothes should fit properly and not be oversized or too tight.

Parents: If a child arrives at school wearing significantly immodest clothing, the school will have the child contact you to ask you to bring the child more appropriate school attire. The child will not be permitted to return to class until he or she has changed. Parents are encouraged to be mindful of the dress code before their children leave the home; it may save you the inconvenience of a trip to the school.

Students are expected to follow the Dress Code below while on the NHCS campus and during school-sponsored events. Infractions will be addressed by NHCS faculty, staff, or administration.

**Shirts:** Skin must not be visible between the bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants/skirt (midriff) during normal school activities such as sitting at a desk or getting books from a locker. Girls must wear modest necklines so that no cleavage is visible.

Sheer tops are not permitted unless worn with at least a full tank or undershirt. Girls' tops may be sleeveless as long as the straps are at least 3-fingers wide and undergarments are not showing. Spaghetti-strapped tops are not permitted. Shirts may not have inappropriate or offensive writing or pictures (i.e. guns, drugs, tobacco or alcohol references, sexual innuendo)

**Skirts/ Dresses:** Skirt and dress hems must not come more than three inches above the crease of the back of the knee. Slits may not come above the three inch measurement. Tops of dresses must fit appropriately and show no cleavage. Dresses may be sleeveless as long as the straps are at least 3-fingers wide and undergarments are not showing. Spaghetti-strapped dresses may only be worn if a t-shirt is worn underneath.

**Pants/Shorts:** Rips and holes in pants are permitted, but must be no higher than fingertip-length. Length of shorts can be no shorter than fingertip length, when the student is standing upright with arms at their sides.

Bottoms should fit appropriately. No undergarments should be visible when wearing shorts or pants. Leggings and jeggings are permitted as pants as long as a top that is no shorter than fingertip length (when the student is standing upright with arms at their sides) is worn. Athletic pants and shorts are not allowed except for certain days for school spirit; Athletic leggings are ONLY permitted for athletic events, and should not be worn during the school day - students must adhere to athletic dress requirements regarding athletic leggings.