

NMCHS DRESS STANDARDS

North Monterey County High School promotes a campus environment where students' appearance and behavior support a positive learning environment. Students are requested to dress and groom themselves as individuals with a sense of responsibility and self-respect. It is not a matter of what a student must wear, but rather a matter of what is appropriate and acceptable. The school staff recognizes legal rights to freedom of expression while requiring student appearance that does not disrupt the educational process and atmosphere.

Clothing that is offensive, threatening, provocative, vulgar, displays tobacco, alcohol or drug advertising, or displays profanity, racial slurs, or has images of gang-related symbols is disruptive to the educational process and may not be worn.

Acceptable Appearance Includes:

- Shoes and shirts for safety reasons
- Clean clothing to promote healthy, sanitary conditions
- Tops that have straps (at least two inches thick)- no strapless or tube tops
- **Clothing that fits no tugging or adjusting needed.**
- Clothing that is appropriate for the educational activities required without endangering students' health, safety or welfare

Inappropriate Appearance:

Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to modify their attire to fit the NMCHS Dress Code, to put on a special NMCHS t-shirt, or request a change of clothing from home. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary measures. The following are not allowed to be worn:

- Gang-related apparel (bandanas, belts, suspenders, jewelry, hats, or other clothing that by its color, arrangement, trademark, or symbol denotes membership in a gang) or grooming that denotes gang activities
- Hats, caps, head wraps, scarves, bandanas, beanies, or other head apparel during the school day, unless that head apparel is part of a student's customary religious attire. NMCHS hats, caps or beanies may be worn.
- Garments that expose a bare midriff or torso
- Short shorts, very short skirts (shorts/skirts/skort are to be no shorter than finger tips when the arms are fully extended straight down the student's side (this is to include skirts, skorts or shorts worn over leggings).
- Garments that reveal unusually large amounts of bare skin or underclothing
- Strapless tops are not allowed.
- Underwear worn as outerwear. No exposed underwear of any kind is permitted.
- Obscene, vulgar, or other inappropriate words or graphics on clothing, buttons, backpacks, binders, and/or other items
- Drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related logos, slogans, brand names, or references
- Beach wear, swimming attire, or clothing generally considered sleeping attire
- Pants worn in a sagging manner (below the hips). Pants shall not be ripped out (to include holes) above the fingertips.
- No Baggy/Sagging pants
- No chains hanging from pants
- NMCHS apparel may be worn on campus
- No big belt buckles, belt buckles with letters or numbers
- No shirts identifying area codes
- No shirts with following logos: SOCAL, NORCAL, CENTRAL VALLEY, FAMOUS, SOUTHPOLE, NORTHPOLE, DICKIES, G-UNIT, California flag, or Map of California
- No shirts with sports team logos
- No jerseys from local teams
- No sports apparel too include hats, jerseys, binders, and lanyards (This includes all professional/semi pro/local team wear). College sweatshirts and t-shirts may be worn if the name of the academic institution is spelled out, example: FSU (is not acceptable), Fresno State University, (is acceptable). No team mascot may be displayed (Remember no navy, red or burgundy)
- No navy blue, red or burgundy including shoes, laces, jewelry, hair accessories, shirts, pants. Denim/jeans are allowed. (This is to include any amount of navy blue, red, or burgundy even as a trim or accent color.)

Violations may result in parent notification and a warning. Students will be required to change attire before being allowed to resume academic activities. Repeat offenders will be subject to all appropriate discipline actions related to defiance.

Note: The administration reserves the right to exclude any apparel if it is deemed to interfere with the educational environment of the school.

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