

PARISH DRESS CODE POLICY

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed appearance at school **and on the school bus**. No article of clothing shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The principal shall be the authority in determining the inappropriateness of any feature of clothing or grooming in accordance with the following guidelines.

Natchitoches Parish School Board has adopted a mandatory uniform dress policy in order to:

- Promote a general atmosphere of order and discipline in the school environment
- Promote a more effective climate for learning
- Increase campus safety and security
- Foster school unity and pride
- Eliminate “label competition”
- Simplify dressing
- Minimize costs to parents

Uniform Dress Code Policy Guidelines

This restricted dress code applies to all students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve at school **and on the school bus**.

Students who transfer to the parish will be allowed five (5) school days to obtain proper dress code apparel relative to the school they attend.

At the discretion of the principal, each school will be allowed up to nine days per school year for out-of-uniform dress.

Students will be allowed to wear organizational tops with school uniform bottoms at the discretion of the principal.

All clothing, including jumpers, trousers, skirts, shirts, blouses, etc., must be neat, clean and appropriate for school wear. Items must conform to established restricted dress code standards. No uniform items may be worn that are revealing, have holes, tears or cuts, or are excessively frayed.

All students must wear navy blue or khaki bottoms and white or navy tops. Each school is allowed to select one school color in addition to the white or navy tops **with the exception of Natchitoches Central, Lakeview Junior/Senior High, Natchitoches Junior High & Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr. Technical Center**. Please note additional requirements for Natchitoches Central, Lakeview Junior/Senior High, Natchitoches Junior High & Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr. Technical Center on page 25.

BOTTOMS

- Bottoms include: slacks, skirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts and capris.
- Slacks, skirts, jumpers, skorts and shorts may have only inside pockets and must be hemmed. **No cargo pockets are allowed. No jeans of any color and/or type are allowed.**
- No jeggings are to be worn as uniform pants.
- All bottoms must be worn at **waist level**. **No sagging, over-sized, or under-sized bottoms are allowed.**
- Bottoms with belt loops require the wearing of belts.
- No over-sized or decorative belt buckles are allowed.
- The entire length of the belt must be worn inside the loops. Hanging of any part of the belt outside the belt loops is not allowed.
- Shorts are permissible for students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight. All eligible students must wear **STANDARD UNIFORM** shorts in khaki or navy. Shorts, jumpers, skirts and skorts must not be more than four (4) inches above the middle of the knee. **Biking shorts are not permitted at any grade level.**
- **No bell bottom or low rise bottoms are acceptable.**
- Leggings are to be worn under a standard bottom and are to be SOLID, flesh tone, white, navy, or black.

TOPS

- Tops may be the “oxford style” or “polo style” (not the Polo brand name). **Natchitoches Parish School Board approved STANDARD UNIFORM shirts** with 2, 3, or 4 buttons **with all buttons fastened but the top button are allowed.**
- Tops must be tucked in. **No over-sizing or under-sizing of tops allowed.**
- All tops must have sleeves (no long sleeves to be worn under short sleeve shirts).
- Undershirts **must** be solid white.
- **No vests of any kind are allowed.**
- Pullovers (sweaters or sweat shirts) in the designated school colors may be worn.
- **No hoods may be worn in school buildings.**
- School t-shirts are allowed at the discretion of the principal.
- Monogramming is allowed on the upper-left chest of uniform tops.

JACKETS

- Lightweight “windbreaker” style and jackets (**solid color**) may be worn at school in white, navy blue, black, brown, gray or the designated school color. No logos allowed. **The school emblem is allowed on the jackets.**
- Jackets must not be excessively bulky.
- **No hood may be worn in school buildings or on the bus.**
- Dusters and trench coats are not allowed.

NOTE: Jackets that do not meet the above requirements may be worn to school, BUT must be taken off upon entering the school building.

FOOTWEAR

- **Proper footwear must be worn at all times.**
- Socks, tights, or hosiery are to be SOLID, flesh tone, white, navy, or black.
- Only closed toe shoes/boots are allowed.
- No heels 3 inches or higher are allowed.
- The backs of shoes must have straps or must be fully enclosed.
- No beach shoes, shower clogs, house shoes, sandals or crocs with or without straps are allowed.
- No shoes with lights or wheels are allowed.
- All footwear must be properly laced and tied.

HAIR GUIDELINES AND HEADWEAR

- Hair will be clean, combed, and uncovered.
- Facial hair will be clean, groomed and not distracting.
- **Any hair color deemed distracting to the learning environment by the school administrator is prohibited.**
- Pullovers/sock/knit/watch caps are allowed in the outdoor setting only. **No logos allowed.**
- No other headgear is allowed unless for religious, medical or safety purposes.
- Hairstyles may be further restricted when it pertains to the health and/or safety of students in specific subject areas or extracurricular activities.
- No gang affiliation allowed in hair design or headwear.
- Feathers are not allowed to be worn in hair.

ACCESSORIES

- Only prescription glasses may be worn inside buildings.
- Jewelry is permissible for both sexes as long as other mandates of this policy are not violated. **Earrings or studs may be worn in the ear lobe only. No gages will be permitted.**
- **No vulgar, suggestive, obscene, or gang related tattoos or other items that are visible are allowed (i.e. hair accessories.)**
- Accessories or other items worn or brought into school that display satanic/occult symbols or practices are prohibited.
- The principal has the discretion to prohibit articles of clothing not specifically discussed in this policy that create or could potentially create campus conflicts.

- Accessories or items worn may not advertise alcoholic beverages, drugs, or use of tobacco products or establishments generally associated with serving alcoholic beverages.
- Students in Grades 9-12, and students at NJH-FRJ, will visibly wear the Identification card on the shirt or jacket between the belt and shoulders while on campus during the school day except during PE activity classes.
- Each individual school may establish more specific dress code policies as long as they do not contradict the above. In such cases, students will be informed of these policies through printed handouts after having been approved by the Board.
- Book bags must be made of a clear or mesh material.
- Purses cannot be larger than a 12” by 8”. (i.e.: sheet of paper) No backpack purses are allowed.

Natchitoches Central, Lakeview Junior/Senior High, Natchitoches Junior High & Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr. Technical Center

- Bottoms will be slacks or skirts only in khaki or navy blue color. No jeans of any color and/or type allowed. All pants must have belt loops. Skirts must not be more than **four (4) inches** above the middle of the knee.
- Tops for Lakeview High School will be **Forest Green only** (including jackets).
- Tops for Lakeview Annex will be home school colors (including jackets).
- Tops for Lakeview Junior High will be **Orange only** (including jackets).
- Tops for Natchitoches Central will be **Maroon only** (including jackets).
- Tops for Natchitoches Junior High will be **Maroon & White only** (including jackets).
- Tops for Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr. Technical Center will be **Maroon only** (including jackets).
- Jackets, coats, and sweatshirts with hoods are not allowed.
- School administration approved school activity participant wind breakers or letter jackets are allowed if student is in good standing.
- In addition to the requirements in this section, Natchitoches Central, Natchitoches Central Junior High & Lakeview Junior/High students will adhere to the other areas of this dress code policy.

Consequences for Uniform/Dress Code Violations

The principal or designee shall exercise discretionary authority in determining the violations of the school uniform/dress code policy **at school and on the school bus. Any student that violates the school uniform policy will be removed from the classroom immediately to a designated “wait” area, where he/she will complete school work pending further disciplinary action.**

- **First Offense-** Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school, or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Once appropriately dressed, the student may return to class.
- **Second Offense** .Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school, or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Once appropriately dressed, the student may return to class. However, that student will be assigned one (1) day in Time-Out-Room (TOR), After-School Detention (ASD), or In-School Suspension (ISS).
- **Third Offense** .Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school, or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Once appropriately dressed, the student may return to class. However, that student will be assigned three (3) days in Time-Out-Room (TOR), After-School Detention (ASD), or In-School Suspension (ISS). In addition, a parent conference is required.
- **Fourth Offense** .Contact parents or guardian to pick up student. The student will be given a three (3) day Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS).

Designated School Colors

Our standard school uniform colors for pre-school through 8th tops are white and navy. All pre-school through 8th schools are allowed to choose an additional school color for the shirt. The individually selected school colors are listed below. **Students at Natchitoches Central, Natchitoches Junior High and Lakeview Junior High/High schools will wear the designated school color top listed for their school with khaki or navy pants or skirts.**

Cloutierville Elementary/Junior High	Hunter Green	Lakeview High	Forest Green Only
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Frankie Ray Jackson, Tech Center	Connections- Blue Only Redirection- Maroon Only
East Natchitoches Elementary/Middle	Red
Fairview Alpha Elementary/Junior High	Purple
Frankie Ray Jackson, Technical Center	Maroon Only
George L. Parks Elementary/Middle	Gold
Goldonna Elementary/Junior High	Light Blue
L. P. Vaughn Elementary/Middle	Red
Lakeview Junior High	Orange Only

Natchitoches Jr. High	6 th : Gold Only 7 th & 8 th : Maroon & White Only
M. R. Weaver Elementary	Maroon
Marthaville Elementary/Junior	Gold
Natchitoches Central High	Maroon Only
Natchitoches Magnet	Orange
NSU Elementary Lab	Purple
NSU Middle Lab	Purple
Provençal Elementary/Junior High	Purple