

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

2013-2014 PARISH DRESS CODE POLICY

(Excerpt from NSPB District Handbook)

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 and Lakeview. Please note additional requirements for Natchitoches Central and Lakeview on page 24-25.**

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.**
- 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.**

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.

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.**
- No hooded jackets or hoods may be worn to school in grades 4-12.
- 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.**
- Hosiery is to be flesh tone, white or navy.
- 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. **Sandals with straps may be worn in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.**
- No shoes with lights or wheels are allowed.
- Boots must have slacks worn on the outside of boots and not tucked into the boots.
- 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.
- Feathers are not allowed to 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 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 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.

GRADES 9-12: Natchitoches Central & Lakeview

- Bottoms for grades 9-12 will be slacks or skirts only in khaki or navy blue color. No jeans of any color and/or type allowed. Skirts must not be more than **four (4) inches** above the middle of the knee.
- Tops for Lakeview High School/Annex will be Forest Green only (including jackets).

- Tops for Natchitoches Central will be Maroon only (including jackets).
- Students assigned to FRJ Technical Center will wear their designated school color.
- 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 (Grades 9-12: Natchitoches Central & Lakeview), high school 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 in grades 9-12 will wear the one designated school color top for their school with khaki pants or skirts.**

Cloutierville Elementary/Junior High Hunter Green
 East Natchitoches Elementary/Middle School Red
 Fairview Alpha Elementary/Junior High Purple
 George L. Parks Elementary/Middle Gold
 Goldonna Elementary/Junior Light Blue
 L. P. Vaughn Elementary/Middle Red
 Lakeview High Forest Green **only**
 M. R. Weaver Elementary Maroon

Marthaville Elementary/Junior High Gold
 Natchitoches Central Annex White/Maroon/Navy
 Natchitoches Central High Maroon **only**
 Natchitoches Magnet Orange
 NSU Elementary Lab. Purple
 NSU Middle Lab. Purple
 Provencal Elementary/Junior High Purple

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The Natchitoches Parish School Board believes that, in order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, discipline must be maintained in every school at all times. The Board further believes that teachers and administrators in this school system should have at their disposal forms of student punishment that do not require removal of students from school. Corporal punishment is one such form and may be administered to students in accordance with the following guidelines.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Natchitoches Parish School Board that the following provisions about corporal punishment be strictly adhered to:

1. Only the principal, assistant principal and/or their coordinator shall have the option to use or not to use corporal punishment in that school.
2. Corporal punishment shall never be used unless the student was informed beforehand that specific misbehavior could occasion its use, and should always be reasonable in severity. (Punishment is not to exceed four strokes.)
3. All students and parents are to be notified of the Board policy in regard to corporal punishment.
4. Corporal punishment shall not be excessive and should normally be used only if other types of punishment for misbehavior are not effective.
5. The student shall understand the breach of rule involved and the reason for the punishment. He shall be given an opportunity to