

## **DRESS CODE (Uniform Policy)**

Students are expected to be dressed for the business of learning. Consequently, it is mandatory that all students arrive at New Bridge Middle School in full dress code and remain in full dress code through dismissal. All clothing must...

- Be solid-colored
- Fit properly for normal daily activity
- Be clean
- Be in good repair

Any student deemed by a faculty or staff member to be out of dress code will receive a dress code violation, a copy of which will be given to the assistant principal with the following consequences within a semester:

- 1st offense – written notice to parents from school.
- 2nd offense – written notice to parents and hole punch.
- 3rd offense – written notice to parents and assignment of After School Detention
- 4th offense – written notice to parents and assignment to In-School Suspension.
- Subsequent offenses will be referred to the administration.

## **DRESS CODE- Required Items**

**Shirts and Blouses:** White or navy blue, collared, button- or snap-front shirts and blouses with short or long sleeves are required. They must remain buttoned except for the top button. They must also remain completely tucked in at all times. Solid white undershirts may be worn but the sleeves must not exceed the length of the shirt. No undergarments should be visible through the shirt. This includes colored undergarments. There should be no visible logos on shirts or blouses.

**Pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, jumpers:** Solid white, navy blue or tan knitted collarless and non-hooded cardigans and pullovers and vests are allowed. Solid **tan or navy blue** pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers are required. Jean style pants and pants with rivets may not be worn. Form fitting pants may not be worn. Short and skirt hems must reach the p of the longest finger of your hand when extended at your sides. The top of any slit may come no higher than the longest finger of your hand when extended at your sides. No logos can be visible. Overalls may not be worn.

**Belts:** Solid brown, black or navy blue leather (or pleather) single prong belts with non- decorative buckles are required. Belts must go through the belt loops. Belts should not have logos, words, or decorations . No canvas material belts.

**Socks:** Matching solid white socks are required. Females may substitute natural-colored or white hose. Socks must be visible at all times (“No-show” socks may not be worn).

**Shoes:** Solid navy blue, brown or black leather (or pleather), canvass-no laces or frayed edges are required. Shoe soles must be a neutral color-no florescent colors. They must have closed toes and heels.

They may not enclose the ankle. No skateboard shoes or shoes with heels exceeding two inches are allowed. Shoelaces must remain tied and match the color of the shoe. Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education. Shoes must be worn appropriately (tied/secured to foot and with back of shoe up and behind the heel).

**Other Acceptable Items** :Sweaters, crewneck sweatshirts or sweater/suit vests: Solid white, navy blue or tan knitted collarless and non-hooded cardigans and pullovers and vests are allowed. NO ZIPPERS. Sweaters may not be longer than the students' fingertips. Hands must be visible. Students' collars must be visible at all times. There should be no visible logos.

**Blazers:** Navy blue or tan blazers are allowed.

**Jewelry:** Students may wear one bracelet and one necklace. If the teacher finds any jewelry distracting, the student may be asked to remove it. Note- no facial piercings are allowed, including tongue and/or nose piercings.

**Undershirts:** Students may wear solid white undershirts under their tops provided the undershirt sleeves don't exceed the length of the top's sleeves.

**NBMS Logo clothing:** Students may wear shirts and sweatshirts with the "official" NBMS school logo over their collared shirts. Collars must be visible. There will be opportunities for parents and students to purchase this type of clothing throughout the school year.

**Additional Restrictions and Clarifications:**

1. Outerwear, other than sweaters, may not be worn in the building.

2. Headwear - including sweatbands, scarves, bandanas sunglasses, etc. - will not be worn.

Hairbands must be black, white or navy blue and no wider than 1". Scrunches must be black, white or navy blue and worn as they are designed to be worn only in the hair.

3. Makeup that is not distracting is allowed. No visible permanent or temporary tattoos.

4. Blue jeans and denim are not allowed. Leggings, lycra and stretch material are also prohibited.

5. No sagging and bagging of clothes are permitted.

6. Hair will be clean and neatly groomed. Hair paints or colored sprays are not permitted. While students may have professionally dyed hair, color choice should remain natural. No feathers or colored extensions. If a parent permits a student to wear a wig or hairpiece, it should look natural and not be distracting. Hair/head carvings/etchings, Mohawks, faux hawks and scalp locks are not permitted. Also no eyebrow carvings are allowed.

7. A belt must be worn if pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, or jumpers have belt loops. Belt loops should not be removed from clothing.

8. Unfinished/frayed hems on any article of clothing are not allowed.

9. Clothes that have pastel-colored logos, colored linings, piping, or lace inside the collars are not acceptable.

**DRESS CODE- Dress Down Days/Dance Dress Code** On occasion the Principal will allow a “Dress Down Day” day for purposes of school-wide incentive or fundraising. On “Dress Down Days” students may wear clothing other than the prescribed uniform. On these days, students have the option to dress casually, including wearing jeans and T-shirts. Please adhere to the following dress code rules:

- T-shirts are permitted; however, no offensive/suggestive material on any clothing is allowed.
- No sleeveless tops or shirts, low necklines, spaghetti straps, midriff-baring or revealing tops or open back shirts may be worn.
- Modest and appropriate is the goal (no see-through material, no midriff or underwear showing).
- Overly short apparel is not permitted. Skirts, skorts and shorts must be at least fingertip length, even if leggings are worn under a skirt.
- Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are permitted; however, flip-flops, mules, open back shoes, high-heeled shoes and sandals are not allowed due to safety concerns.
- No low necklines or tight fitting tops, pants, shorts, etc.
- No cut-offs, frays or clothing with holes/slits above fingertip length.
- No sagging or bagging of pants or leggings, lycra or stretch pants allowed. (Stretch pants can be worn if shirt goes below derriere)
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

**DRESS CODE- The Spirit of the Dress Code**

The spirit of the dress code is centered on students being able to place a high value on education, not their appearance. Style and status are not priorities at school. Students and parents are encouraged to find ways of enhancing the self-esteem and individuality of the child beyond appearance. The written dress code can't speak to all issues. Therefore, the administration will make the final determination as to the appropriateness of clothing and the spirit of the dress code. Please check our website at [www.onslow.k12.nc.us/nbms](http://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/nbms) for dress code updates and pictures of appropriate clothing and footwear. We trust that families carefully consider appropriate dress for all events representing New Bridge Middle School.