



## NHS Standardized Dress Code

The Norman Howard School has a mandatory standardized dress code policy. This policy outlines the colors and styles that the students will be required to wear, but allows the parent the freedom to purchase acceptable clothing from the retailer of their choice. The standardized dress code is as follows:

### **TOPS**

#### SHIRTS

- White, blue, black or gray oxford, dress shirt, polo, turtleneck or collared blouse; long-sleeve or short-sleeve with no writing or graphics
- Official NHS t-shirt or NHS hoodie

#### SWEATERS/BLAZERS

- Any solid colored vest with no writing or graphics
- Any solid colored long-sleeve lightweight fleece or sweater, non-hooded
- Any solid colored blazer with no writing or graphics

#### JUMPER/DRESS/SKIRT

- Any solid colored navy, black, gray or khaki-colored jumper, dress or skirt no more than 3 inches above the knee

### **BOTTOMS**

#### PANTS/SHORTS/CAPRI

- Navy, black, gray or khaki-colored pants or leggings, excluding jeans and sweatpants
- Shorts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee

**NHS T-SHIRTS & NHS HOODIES** Can be purchased through Lands End, [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com). Click the School tab and shop School Uniforms under The Norman Howard School or use our School Number: 900155532.

### **GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

- No outdoor jackets, coats, heavy down vests, hoodies (other than the NHS hoodie), hats, or sunglasses may not be worn in the classroom.
- Clothing should provide coverage that is not revealing. Clothing that exposes the midriff or undergarments is not acceptable.
- Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate, not ripped, torn or frayed.
- Students who are on a district sports team will be allowed to wear team jerseys or whatever is indicated as district designated dress for game days.
- Students who go to another educational placement during the school day, or to a job after school, will be allowed to change into other clothes prior to departure, if desired.
- Any clothing or accessory which is likely to cause a disruption or distraction from school activities is considered inappropriate for students to wear during the school day as outlined in the Code of Conduct. A school administrator will decide if clothing or an accessory is inappropriate.

**OUTDOOR FIELD TRIPS**--Students will be notified if their field trip warrants wearing clothing other than the standardized dress.

**JEANS DAY FRIDAYS**—Students will be allowed to wear jeans, without holes, the last instructional Friday of each month. Students must be in dress code shirts.

### **Religious or Health Accommodations**

When the religious beliefs or health needs of a student conflict with the standardized dress code policy, the school will provide reasonable accommodation. The parent/legal guardian of any student desiring standardized dress code policy exceptions must notify the school administrator in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practices or beliefs will not be prohibited under this policy. Medical documentation will be required for health accommodations. The procedures for this process are set forth below:

#### Procedures for Exemption

- A parent/legal guardian may request an exemption from the mandatory standardized dress for religious or medical reasons using the Application for Exemption Form that may be obtained from the school.
- A request must be made within 10 operational days of the beginning of the school year or within 10 operational days of being enrolled at NHS for the first time ("operational days" is defined as days when school is in session).
- Medical exemption requests must be signed by a medical doctor.
- A school administrator will meet with the parent/legal guardian within 5 school days to discuss the NHS standardized dress code policy and to verify the accuracy of the information on the Exemption Form.
- The parent/legal guardian will be notified in writing of the outcome of the conference within 3 school days. If the parent/legal guardian does not agree with the decision, they have a right to appeal to the Executive Director within 5 days by submitting a letter.
- Consideration will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.