

DRESS CODE POLICY

Northwest School of the Arts



Appropriate dress encourages respectful behavior and helps reduce distractions to the school environment. In accordance with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, the following dress code for students at NWSA has been established:

1. Students are required to wear shoes at all times for health and safety reasons.
2. Students are required to wear shirts at all times.
3. Abusive, suggestive or profane language, symbols of illegal drugs or alcohol, or any other words, symbols, or slogans that disrupt the learning environment may not be worn on clothing or as jewelry.
4. All clothing must be worn in an appropriate and tasteful manner. No attire is acceptable if too tight or too revealing.
5. Shorts and Skirts must be fingertip length even if leggings/tights are worn.

The following items will NOT be worn at school:

- Tank tops, tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, strapless tops and jerseys with no sleeves. Straps must be three (3) fingers wide.
- Bedroom shoes
- Pajamas
- Pants worn below the waist or showing clothing beneath the main outerwear
- Shirts exposing the stomach, being excessively tight, see-through or low cut in the back. No cleavage can be exposed.
- Headgear: scarves, bandannas, stocking caps, hoods, hats, headphones, towels, sunglasses, doo-rags, sweatbands and combs.
- Anything not listed, but deemed disruptive to the learning environment, will be addressed individually by the staff.

7. Students who do not follow dress code:

1st offense –Written warning, phone call home and a change of clothes will be brought to school. If parent/guardian cannot bring a change of clothing the student will be assigned to ISS (In School Suspension) for the rest of the day.

2nd offense and all subsequent offenses – Administrative Consequence, phone call home.