



NORWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



DRESS CODE POLICY

The following guidelines are intended to define appropriate student attire and personal grooming. We believe that students should “dress for success” and that a dress code policy helps in three main areas. **Campus Safety and Security:** A uniform helps make the campus safer and more secure by eliminating the wearing of gang-related clothing, which can also be used to intimidate or conceal contraband. Moreover, outsiders or non-students are easily recognized on campus. **Climate for Learning:** A uniform helps student’s focus on learning. It sets the tone for a proper work attitude in the classroom, reducing behavior problems and improving performance. **School Unity and Pride:** An attractive student uniform promotes school spirit, good self-image, and school unity. Just as an athletic team uniform promotes unity and spirit, so can a school uniform. The dress code will be strictly enforced and waivers will not be given. The dress code policy is as follows:

Pants/Shorts/Skirts: Pants, skirts, and shorts must be solid BLACK, GRAY, TAN or BLUE and in good condition. Blue jeans are acceptable. Pants shall be fitted so they stay on the waist without a belt, no sagging. Shorts and skirts must be at least fingertip length. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. NO SWEATPANTS or ATHLETIC SHORTS OF ANY COLOR ARE ALLOWED.

Shirts: Collared shirts must be worn at all times. Shirts must have sleeves and cover the abdominal area. All shirts must be WHITE, NAVY or ROYAL BLUE, BLACK, GREY or TAN. No other color shirts are allowed. Shirts cannot have any symbols, stripes, lettering or logos. THEY MUST BE SOLID IN COLOR, unless purchasing a uniform shirt from the school with the school logo on it. Undershirts may not be worn over collared shirts. Shirts that are un-tucked may not be longer than fingertip length. Shirts worn under the uniform can not be any color other than those specified above and must not hang past the collared shirt. No red, pink, orange, yellow, green, etc. allowed.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times. Safety dictates that no high heel, platform shoes, slippers or flip flops are to be worn. All shoes must have a strap on the back and a closed toe. Shoes may not be fully red and no red or blue shoe laces are permitted.

Jackets/Sweatshirts: Jackets, coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts should be neutral in color. Acceptable colors are BLACK, WHITE, NAVY or ROYAL BLUE, GREY or TAN. Norwood School sweatshirts are available for purchase at the beginning of the school year. NO RED OUTERWEAR IS ALLOWED.

Hats/Caps/Scarves/Rags/Hairnets: Baseball hats may not be worn inside any school buildings or classrooms. No rags or hairnets are allowed on campus at any time. Hair shall be non-distracting, clean, and neatly groomed.

PE Uniforms: No PE uniforms may be worn under regular school clothes. PE uniforms are only to be worn during PE class and during after school sports. This is a health and hygiene issue.

No Red Clothes: No red clothing, garments, backpacks, or bags are allowed on campus as part of the school uniform. Belts, undershirts, etc. need to be black, white, tan, blue or grey.

Students not wearing the proper uniform will need to call for clothing or will be sent home to change into the proper uniform with parent permission. If a student continues to violate the dress code policy, progressive discipline will take place, including suspension.

The administration reserves the right to decide the appropriateness of the student’s attire.