



N-CMS Dress Standards

The school dress code is adopted to enhance the learning environment of Newton-Conover Middle School students. This includes field trips and after-school events. Events and activities for which a dress code will not be required will be announced prior to the event or activity. The following section attempts to define appropriate and inappropriate dress for all Newton-Conover Middle School students. However, not all inappropriate clothing can be listed. Therefore, school administrators will determine the appropriateness or inappropriateness of dress not specifically addressed below. In addition, school administrators may make exceptions as appropriate for medical, religious, or special observances.

Tops/Shirts	Shorts/Pants/Bottoms	Outerwear/Shoes
<p><u>Students should NOT wear:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Low-cut shirts that expose a student's cleavage. ● Bare midriff/crop tops or tops that do not cover the chest and shoulders; midriffs/stomach and/or cleavage may not show. ● Sleeveless shirts/ tank tops/ halter tops/ spaghetti straps (must be at least a width of 3 inches on the shoulders with no large gaps underneath the arms). ● Any top/clothing item that has inappropriate printing referencing drugs, weapons, alcohol, sexual acts, nudity, gang-related, acts of violence, hate speech imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or other characteristics protected by federal and state law. ● Pajamas (Tops or bottoms) Clothing traditionally designed as sleepwear 	<p><u>Students should NOT wear:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saggy pants worn below the waist. Exposed undergarments due to sagging pants. Bottoms should be the appropriate size and worn above the hip at all times. ● Bottoms that are too tight or revealing due to the tightness of the material. ● Writing, logo, or artwork that spans the buttocks/pocket areas on the back of pants, shorts, or slacks. ● Slashed or cut-up clothing that is revealing. ● Underwear worn as outerwear. ● Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses that are shorter than a student's mid-thigh when standing and walking. Slits in the hemline of any skirt, skort, or dress should not be above the mid-thigh. ● Pants/shorts that have holes in them above the mid-thigh that reveals skin or undergarments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pants/shorts that have holes above the mid-thigh are permitted if tights, leggings/ jeggings, yoga pants, or shorts are worn under the holes. ● Tights of any kind, bicycle shorts/pants, 	<p><u>Students should NOT wear:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heavy coats should be put in lockers ● Gloves, winter scarves, and toboggans should not be worn inside the school building. ● Blankets are not to be worn/carried in the building. ● Hair curlers, hats, sunglasses, pick/combs, headbands, bandannas, toboggans, do-rags, skull caps, and other headwear are not permitted to be worn in the building. ● Hoods are not permitted to be worn in the building. ● Bedroom shoes/slippers- shoes traditionally designed as sleepwear shall not be worn.

<p>shall not be worn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoodies, sweatshirts, or outerwear half-on/off. Outerwear should be worn properly. Hoods must remain off the head while indoors. 	<p>compression pants/shorts, leggings/jeggings, or yoga pants worn as outerwear are not permitted unless the following criteria are met: the shirt, skirt, or dress worn with tights, bicycle shorts/pants, compression pants/shorts, leggings/jeggings, or yoga pants must strike the legs at approximately below the buttocks (this includes form-fitting sweaters and/or dresses).</p>	
--	---	--

- Any clothing item with inappropriate printing referencing drugs, weapons, alcohol, sexual acts, nudity, gang-related, acts of violence, hate speech imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or other characteristics protected by federal and state law.

Aerosols/Body Sprays, Spray Deodorants, Perfumes- should not be applied or used during the school day or on school buses. Spraying these items may trigger students' asthma and cause health issues for students and staff.

- Bags**
- Book bags/Duffel bags are not permitted in classrooms. Students must keep book bags/duffel bags in a school-issued locker.
 - Purses, handbags, and pocketbooks are not permitted in class.
 - Draw-string bags are permitted for the purpose of carrying gym clothes only

Blankets
Blankets are not permitted in class. Blankets must be placed inside student lockers.

Costume
No costumes allowed, which could be parts of a costume such as tails, gloves, ears, non-prescription eyewear, or collars of any kind. Exceptions include Spirit Week or other school-sponsored events. On these special occasions, all clothing must be within dress code guidelines.

Earbuds/Headphones
Students should not walk around the building with earbuds in their ear(s) and headphones on over their ears. Earbuds and headphones can only be used with permission from a staff member.

Jewelry
No jewelry that poses a danger to students is allowed. Oversized necklaces, oversized rings, spiked jewelry, wallet chains, etc., cannot be worn. No piercings that pose a safety hazard. Small body piercings are allowed as long as they do not pose a safety hazard to the student [i.e., a large nose ring or lip ring]

Shoes
Students are required to wear shoes at all times. No shower shoes, bedroom shoes (slippers), or shoes with heels higher than two inches.

Exceptions include
Spirit Week or other school-sponsored events.

Non-compliance
Any student violating the dress code will be asked to change the inappropriate clothing. Students may be required to attend BIS until proper clothing is obtained. Students have access to our school clothing closet and access to clothes that meet the dress standard. Should the student have repeated dress code violations, parents will be notified and asked to help correct the situation. Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including out-of-school suspension.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS



Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses that are shorter than a student's mid-thigh are not allowed.



Pants/Shorts that have holes in them or are frayed above the mid-thigh that reveals skin or undergarments are not permitted.

