



Newton Falls Exempted Village School District Dress Code Policy 22-23 School Year

The District Dress Code policy applies to all schools in Newton Falls Exempted Village School District, grades K-12. The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests **primarily** with the student and his or her parents or guardians.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants/skirt/shorts or dress, or the equivalent, and shoes. Fabric must extend to cover the majority of the top of the shoulder.
- Students must wear clothing that covers the entire torso (upper and lower) and must maintain coverage through reasonable movement.
- Students must wear shorts or skirts that are not higher than 6 inches from the top of the knee. Any rips or tears in pants/skirts/shorts cannot be higher than 6 inches from the top of the knee.
- Clothing must cover undergarments and any fabric covering private areas must not be see-through.
- Hats and other headwear may be worn during transition times and at lunch but must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. All headwear must be worn for its intended purpose. Hoodies must allow the student face and ears to be visible to staff at all times. Any headwear that is disruptive to the learning environment will not be permitted.
- Teachers are permitted to establish their own expectations for hats/headwear and hoodies in the classroom and students are expected to follow such expectations.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances or illegal activity.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.
- If the student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person, then discipline for dress or grooming violations should be consistent with discipline policies for similar violations.

Book Bag Policy

- Clear book bags ONLY are permitted. Book bags must have clear visibility through all dimensions, including the bottom. Colored, transparent book bags are not permitted. Clear bags ONLY.
- Any bags other than clear book bags are strictly prohibited, including mesh. Colored, transparent book bags are not permitted.
- All athletic bags will be checked into the respective offices (HS: 9-12; JH: 6-8) prior to entering the building and can be retrieved at the end of the day following the dismissal bell.
- Any musical instrument cases must be checked into the respective offices prior to entering the building and will be transported to the band/music room each day. Students may retrieve their instruments from their band lockers during class and the instrument case will remain in such location until the end of the day.
- Students are permitted to carry personal hygiene items in a small pouch within the backpack or a small purse, no larger than 6 inches by 9 inches.