

New Life Academy

2008-2009 Uniform Policy

Purpose:

New Life Academy believes it is important to have a uniform policy. Our uniform policy is in place to minimize dress concerns for students and parents, as well as to minimize the comparison or competitiveness of different attires and styles. It is our intention that our students possess and portray professional and academic quality. NLA Administration reserves the right to address any dress code issues including fit, modesty and overall appearance.

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Kindergarten-Grade 12

	Shirt	Sweatshirt	Pants and Skirts	Accessories
Boys Grades K-6	Oxford shirt – short or long sleeves (white or light blue) Polo shirt – short or long sleeves (solid white or red) Turtleneck – long sleeves (solid white)* Cardigan sweater (navy)	NLA monogrammed (navy)** NLA Green Hooded Sweatshirt **	Twill shorts or slacks (navy)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks*
Boys Grades 6-8	Oxford shirt – short or long sleeves (white or light blue) Polo shirt – short or long sleeves (white or red) Cardigan (navy)	NLA hooded (gray or green)** NLA monogrammed (navy – discontinued style)* NLA Logo black polo fleece (for grades 7 & 8 only)**	Twill shorts or slacks (navy)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks*
Boys Grades 9-12	Oxford shirt – short or long sleeves (white or light blue) NLA monogrammed polo shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or hunter)	NLA hooded (gray or green)** NLA Logo black polo fleece** NLA monogrammed (navy or green – discontinued styles)**	Twill shorts or slacks (navy or khaki)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks*
Girls Grades K-6	Peter Pan collar blouse – long or short sleeves (solid white) Polo shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or red) Turtleneck – long sleeves (solid white)* Cardigan sweater (navy)	NLA monogrammed (navy)** NLA Green Hooded Sweatshirt**	Jumper (plaid #55) Split skirt (plaid #55) Twill shorts or slacks (navy)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks or tights*
Girls Grades 6-8	Oxford shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or light blue) Polo shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or red) Cardigan sweater (navy)	NLA hooded (gray or green only)** NLA monogrammed (navy – discontinued style)** NLA Logo black polo fleece (for grades 7 & 8 only)**	Skirt – plaid (#55) or navy (Donald's #349, Educational Outfitters #134) Twill shorts or slacks (navy)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks optional Nylon hose (navy, tan or taupe)*
Girls Grades 9-12	Oxford shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or light blue) NLA monogrammed polo shirt – long or short sleeves (solid white or hunter) Cardigan sweater (navy)	NLA hooded (gray or green)** NLA Logo black polo fleece** NLA monogrammed (navy or green – discontinued styles)**	Skirt – plaid (#55) or navy (Donald's #349, Educational Outfitters #134) Twill shorts or slacks (navy or khaki)	Belt with traditional buckle only-optional Socks optional Nylon hose (navy, black, tan or taupe)*

All uniform clothing must be purchased at an NLA uniform supplier.

* Purchase at vendor of choice

** Purchase at New Life Academy

1. Clothing Suppliers

All uniform clothing must be purchased at one of the following NLA uniform suppliers:

- Donald's, 972 Payne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55101 651-776-2723/651-776-2724
- Educational Outfitters, On-line

2. Miscellaneous

Elementary

- Oxford shirts must be buttoned (top button at neck may be open) and tucked in
- Solid white undershirt only (no writing) may be worn under shirts and must be tucked in
- Solid white long-sleeve shirts or turtlenecks may be worn under short sleeve shirts
- No ribbed or sweater turtlenecks
- No unhemmed, frayed pant bottoms; no slitting the sides of pants to widen pant legs
- No knit pants or leggings or footless tights under jumper/skirt during school hours
- Skirt/jumper length no more than 2" from top of kneecap
- No non-uniform collared shirt worn under uniform shirt
- No hats or scarves during school hours
- No jackets or outerwear during school hours
- No accessories that are oversized or attention getting
- Girls – earrings only in ears
- Boys – no earrings in ears

Secondary

- Oxford shirts must be buttoned (top button at neck may be open) and tucked in
- Solid white long-sleeve shirts may be worn under short sleeve shirts , may not show below the bottom of the uniform shirt
- Colored short-sleeved shirts (no writing may be seen through shirt) may be worn under shirts
- Skirt length no more than 2" from top of kneecap
- No unhemmed, frayed pant bottoms; no slitting the sides of pants to widen pant legs
- No knit pants, footless tights or leggings under skirt during school hours
- No non-uniform collared shirt worn under uniform shirt
- No hats or scarves during school hours
- No jackets or outerwear during school hours (if cold, wear uniform cardigan or sweatshirt)
- No accessories that are oversized or attention getting
- Girls – earrings only in ears
- Boys – no earrings in ears

Shoes

Athletic shoes, oxfords, loafers, dress boots. Shoes must have an enclosed toe and a closed back. (No flip-flops, slippers, clogs or crocs.) No roller shoes.

Hair

- Hair must be conservatively styled, traditional, well groomed and neat.
- No unconventional coloring, haircuts or distracting styles.
- Hair is not to cover the eyes.
- Boys' hair may not extend beyond the bottom of the ears, or be longer than the bottom of the shirt collar. Boys' facial hair needs to be shaven. Side burns should not extend below the bottom of the ear.

Tattoos

- Students are not to get permanent tattoos that are visible when wearing standardized dress code.
- Existing tattoos must be covered to the satisfaction of the Administration.
- Temporary tattoos may be worn during appropriate school events (i.e., Spirit Week), when approved by the Administrator

P. E. Clothes (K-6)

- Non-marking tennis/athletic shoes must be worn.

P. E. Clothes (7-12)

- New Life Academy PE uniforms are required (Green shorts & gray t-shirt with an assigned number). P.E. clothes are purchased at New Life Academy.
- Non-marking tennis/athletic shoes are required for P.E.

3. Noncompliance Procedures

Kindergarten-Grade 6

- Teachers and staff will identify students who are not in compliance with the NLA dress code outlined in the uniform policy.
- The student will be issued a noncompliance notice identifying the specific dress code violation.
- The parent(s) will be asked to acknowledge the noncompliance notice by signing and returning the notice to the Elementary Principal the following day.
- Parents will be contacted if the noncompliance form is not returned or if the noncompliance continues

Grades 7-12

- **Teachers and staff will identify students who are not in compliance with the dress code outlined in the uniform policy.**
- **Students who are not in compliance will be sent to the office.**
- **First time offenders will receive a verbal warning and will correct their clothing to be in compliance**
- **Repeat offenders will receive a detention and the following procedure will apply.**
- **Parents will be contacted:**
 - **If detention slips are not signed and returned the day of detention**
 - **After the third detention is sent home**
 - **If there are more than three dress code violations. Parents will be called to discuss the violations.**

4. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Extra Dress Code

Although, New Life Academy does not have a uniform policy for Pre-Kindergarten, students will be expected to follow these dress guidelines.

Girls

- Dresses, jumpers or skirts (should be hemmed to a modest length)
- Regular jeans, pants, slacks or modest shorts (warm-ups and sweatpants are allowed)
- Shirts: no halter tops, tank tops or crop tops
- No hats are to be worn in the building during the school day.

Boys

- Regular jeans, pants, slacks or shorts (warm-ups and sweatpants are allowed)
- No tank tops
- No earrings
- No hats are to be worn in the building during the school day.

5. School Spirit Dress Policy - Secondary

Throughout the school year there are several events and special days that students are allowed to dress in school logo wear, team uniforms and jeans.

Below are explanations, expectations and definitions of school spirit days. Normal dress code expectations, as stated in this policy, are enforced with the exceptions as stated in this section.

School Spirit Days

School Spirit Days will be allowed for events throughout the year that encourage school spirit and pride.

- All School Spirit Days (e.g., pep rallies, homecoming, team days) must be approved in advance by NLA Administration.
- Spirit Days can be awarded as special days or special events. Events may include the auction or class rewards.
- Students may wear any NLA logo tops. Sweatshirts, jerseys, group shirts (band, choir, Morning Star, athletics). The shirt must have NLA or New Life Academy written on it or reference a NLA group. The tops must not be torn, ripped or immodest in any way.
- Students are allowed to wear jeans or NLA shorts. The focus is on modesty. The clothing worn should not be modified from its original design. No ripped, torn, oversized or undersized pants will be accepted.
- Students are not permitted to wear hats.
- No other sweatshirts are allowed to be worn over the NLA apparel.
- Shirts must be long enough to cover midriff area

Spirit Week

Spirit week is a special time at New Life Academy. Each day of the week students are given a specific theme to reflect and can dress accordingly. The student council designates the days dress and communicates this to the student body. During that week students are encouraged to get involved and participate.

- The student council will have the days dress theme approved through the administration.
- Students who do not dress to reflect the theme of the day will be expected to be dressed according to the standard school uniform policy.
- Any student dressed in clothing that is immodest or inappropriate will be sent home or have a change of clothing brought to school.

Project Serve

Project Serve is an opportunity for NLA students to reach out to the greater Twin Cities community by serving those in need and spreading the love of Christ. The purpose of Project Serve is for students to see beyond the community they live in, and see opportunities in the Twin Cities to volunteer. Students are not required to wear their uniforms for Project Serve events. Below explains the dress expectations. Our students are representing New Life Academy and as such the following expectations are in place.

- Students are expected to dress modestly. This is especially important as they are in the community representing God and New Life Academy.
- Students should wear t-shirts, sweatshirts or tops that are appropriate for the weather. Students may not wear shirts with vulgar language or inappropriate advertising. Tops must not be ripped, torn or altered in any way from the original design. Any clothing that is inappropriate will require a student to change or be sent home.
- Students are allowed to wear jeans or NLA shorts. The weather can be a major factor for Project Serve. Students should dress appropriately for the weather since some of the students may be working outside. Clothing worn should not be modified from its original design. NO ripped, torn, oversized or undersized pants will be accepted.
- Dress should also reflect the expectations of the organization being served. Specific expectations from the organization being served will be made known in advance.

Senior Privileges

Each year the senior class receives the privilege of senior shirt Fridays. The senior class is allowed to wear their senior shirts.

- Senior shirts must be approved by the administration.
- Students are allowed to wear jeans or NLA shorts. Again, the focus is on modesty. Clothing worn should not be modified from its original design. No ripped, torn, oversized or undersized pants will be accepted.