



## NEW COVENANT ACADEMY DRESS CODE POLICY 2023-2024

The character and nature of God's work in our lives is often expressed through our interactions with the world around us. With the understanding God looks at the heart while we often look at the outward appearance of man, we recognize the fruit of His work within us should be evident in our expression to the world around us. Through our dress code, we seek to reflect the expression of God's nature and testament of His power within our lives.

"As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart." Proverbs 27:19

All apparel will reflect standards of modesty and excellence as influenced by biblical principles and professional societal norms. The general dress code applies to all NCA activities (during and after school) unless stated otherwise, and includes sporting and special events. Attire should reflect outward modesty and an inward spirit of self control; reflecting an attitude of compliance and submission to guidelines developed by school authorities. Thereby demonstrating respect toward self, students, teachers, administration, and parents. The headmaster or assistant headmaster will have final say in dress code arbitrations, as governed by the NCA school board. The administration reserves the right to prohibit clothing of any style or trend as the need arises.

### Chapel Dress Code:

- Male students will wear dress or khaki pants along with a polo or button-down shirt or sweater and dress shoes or sneakers. Neck ties are encouraged, but not required.
- Female students will wear dress pants, skirt (knee length or longer) or dress capris with a blouse or sweater, or a dress (must have sleeves and be knee length or longer).
- Leggings may not be worn as pants. Shorts or tights/leggings are recommended underneath a dress or skirt for girls (modesty).
- Jeans, shorts, t-shirts and hoodies are not permitted on chapel days.

### Standard Dress Code:

- On non-chapel days, all students will wear jeans or khakis (without rips, tears or holes of any kind) and a t-shirt, polo shirt, blouse or sweater. Jean or khaki/golf shorts may be worn, but may not be shorter than 3-inches above the knees for both boys and girls.
- Hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn as needed.
- Students may also dress in chapel attire any other day of the week - keeping in mind the guidelines above.

### General Dress Code Guidelines:

- All apparel must be neat, clean, and not see-through or tight-fitting.
- For grades 5-12, no athletic wear is permitted except during students' assigned gym class. This includes sweatpants, wind pants, jogging pants, gym/athletic shorts.
- Leggings, jeggings, and tight-fitting (spandex) worn as pants/shorts are not permitted.
- Crop tops and tank tops are not permitted. No low-cut shirts exposing cleavage or chest.
- Slides (athletic sandals), flip-flops and slippers are not permitted.

- Open-toed shoes are not permitted in grades Pre-K-5.
- Students will wear shoes at all times unless otherwise instructed.
- Clothing will not display any inappropriate, derogatory or demonic graphics, characters, images, or similar designs, especially those with secular bands or those with inappropriate language. This includes coats, jackets, hoodies and backpacks.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Unnatural hair colors (pink, blue, green, etc) are not permitted. Male hair length will not exceed the collar of a shirt (no buns or ponytails) and facial hair will be neatly groomed.
- Females are permitted to wear modest, simple makeup and nail polish. Males are not permitted to wear either.
- Females only may wear earrings, but no other piercings are allowed. Visible tattoos are not permitted amongst the student body.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands and hoods are not to be worn in the building unless for religious tradition.
- Students are expected to dress reflecting their biological gender.

### **Physical Education Attire:**

- On gym class days, students in grades 5-12 are expected to dress according to the Standard Dress Code, bring PE attire to school, and change for gym class. Students in grades PK- 4 may wear gym attire on PE days unless it is on chapel day. PE attire includes sneakers, gym shorts or sweatpants with a t-shirt. No sleeveless shirts. Gym shorts must be no shorter than 3-inches above the knees.