

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to “**Dress for Success**” in representing the school, their families and respected community in a professional and courteous manner. Students are expected to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to the educational process and community. In alignment to our mission statement, Traditional Native attire is greatly encouraged.

Regular class dress, as addressed below, is to be worn during the academic day beginning at breakfast and continuing through the last period of the day. Students should wear neat, clean and comfortable clothing appropriate to their age, the school setting and the weather. Students should maintain class dress throughout the academic day, regardless of their individual schedules.

Class Dress

Bottoms: Students can wear pants, jeans, shorts, a skirt or a dress. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be appropriate in length for a professional environment. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should not be shorter than two inches below fingertips. Leggings, tights, yoga pants, etc., may only be worn under a dress, skirt and shorts.

Tops: Male students must wear a collared shirt, with the collar visible at all times; button-down shirts must be buttoned. Female students may wear blouses, cardigans and dress shirts that do not expose cleavage. College or NPS T-shirts may only be worn on Fridays.

Spaghetti straps, strapless tops, muscle shirts and tank tops are not allowed; these include backless shirts and other tops that have less than “three fingers width” of coverage on the shoulders. Students should wear an appropriate top that covers undergarments and midribs. Tank tops may not be worn as a top layer. ***T-shirts are not allowed during academic hours.***

Athletic Wear: T-shirts, sweatpants, athletic shorts etc., may not be worn during academic day unless they are required for a specific activity. Also, Student Athletes participating in various sports may wear their “Eagle Jersey” during the school day.

Footwear: May be of any style, including dress shoes, western boots, athletic shoes, leather sandals and moccasins. House slippers or flip-flops are not permitted during academic hours. Footwear must be worn at all times on campus. No clothing or footwear may be worn that could threaten the safety or health of the wearer or other students (e.g. shoes with wheels in the soles, or excessively high heeled or platform shoes).

Hair and Headwear: Extreme hair colors such as fluorescent, bold or distracting colors are not allowed. Hairstyles that fall in front of face must be above the eyebrows. Boys’ hair may not extend below the shirt collar unless traditionally styled, tied-back or styled appropriately. School administration has final authority over determining the appropriateness of hairstyles.

Hats, caps, or hoods may not be worn inside any building. Repeat offenders will have headwear confiscated and parents/guardians will need to pick up the head wear. Culturally appropriate headwear may be worn if approved by the Dean of Instruction. Bandanas may only be worn in accompaniment of native cultural attire.

Seasonal Wear: Must be worn appropriately and timely: stocking caps, gloves, and sunglasses. Items must be removed when entering NPS buildings and remain off until exiting a building. Hoodies are allowed during the winter season and must be worn over a collared shirt.

General Attire:

- Clothing with inappropriate or offensive messages is not allowed;
- Extremely short, revealing, tight, soiled, oversized, or ripped clothing or jeans with holes may not be worn during academic day. Undergarments must not be visible;
- No visible tattoos, colored eye contact lens (unnatural colors i.e. white/red lens) or body-piercing. Gauges are not allowed. Earrings are allowed for females and traditionally worn earrings for males;
- Chains attached to wallets or clothing is prohibited; and
- Avoid excessive use of cologne or perfume.

Students inappropriately dressed for school will be asked to change their attire immediately or will be provided with dress code appropriate clothing in the interim.

Formal Dress

Formal dress is worn at formal dinners, special NPS guest functions and on athletic trips away from NPS:

- Traditional Native Attire
- Tailored jacket
- Collared dress shirt and tie
- Blouse
- Dress or Skirt
- Dress pants
- Trousers
- Socks
- Appropriate shoes (no sneakers, flip-flops, sandals)

Casual Dress

Casual dress may be worn in the evening and on weekends. Casual dress can include t-shirts, jeans, and athletic attire if clean and in good repair. No clothing or footwear may be worn that could threaten the safety or health of the wearer or other students (e.g., shoes with wheels in the soles, or excessively high-heeled or platform shoes).

In respect to the NPS Community and our school values, attire throughout the day (before, during and after school hours) must be free of offensive words, symbols and images. Clothing, garments, jewelry, hats, caps, backpacks, and tattoos must not display emblems or logos relating to alcohol, illegal or abused substances, gangs, violence, sex obscenities, satanic symbols and/or the occult (skulls).

Fridays and **other special scheduled days** such as Hozho Naasha Week, Mountain Day, Snow Day, Homecoming Week and “Spirit Days” are causal dress down days when NPS logo or college t-shirts, college sweatshirts and college jerseys are acceptable. Students must still adhere to the dress code policy for appropriate dress as stated above. (See “Bottoms”) Any student with questions or concerns about the dress code should address in a Formal Letter, to the Dean of Instruction.