

UNIFORM DRESS CODE 2016-2017

Nazareth Academy

Nazareth Academy supports a school uniform policy that is helpful towards implementing the school's mission as well as eliminating distractions from it. Modesty, humility, selflessness, and discretion are all virtues modeled by Jesus Christ. The school uniform is one potential tool to help students not only express these principles through their personal appearance but also, *and more importantly*, seal them in their hearts so that they rejoice in modesty, humility, selflessness, and discretion. In regards to individuality, the more important expressions of a person's heart are to be found in their speech, their acts of love and kindness, and their academic and artistic abilities rather than what they wear. (Handbook)

A neat and well-groomed appearance is expected of every Nazareth Academy student. Uniforms must be sized appropriately, clean, and shirts tucked in at all times. (Handbook)

We would much rather not be nitpicky about the shoes and shoelaces. However, we do have a dress code and want to implement it. Would you please check if what your children are wearing is consistent with the policy, which is on the website and available to all families?

Uniform for Boys

Khaki shorts or slacks with belt loops*
Solid black 5 pocket jeans
Red knit short or long sleeve shirt with school insignia*
Simple black or brown belt (no embellishments on belts)

Uniform for Girls

Khaki shorts or slacks with belt loops*
Solid black 5 pocket jeans
Red knit short or long sleeve shirt with school insignia*
Khaki skorts with pleats*
Khaki skorts with flat fronts (Jr. High girls, only)*
Skorts no shorter than 3 inches above the knees

*Sources for Purchasing Uniform

- Melvin's
- Used uniforms available at school
- If using other sources, the color and style **must** model Melvin's

Uniform - All Students

Shoes – tennis or athletic, standard colors of black, white, dark blue, brown, red (school color), or gray with limited trim of other color (no floral, plaids or patterns, no lights, wheels, or backless, no deck shoes) shoestrings must be black or white, socks must be black or white, or red.

Warm Garments – Authorized NA sweatshirt / jacket, or solid red sweater. One of these must be the first warm garment. If another warm garment needs to be worn, that garment is worn over the uniform warm garment. Black or white undershirt may be worn under the red knit shirt on cold days. Black or white leggings may be worn under the skort or shorts on cold days.

Spirit Day Uniform (Mondays)

Approved Spirit T-shirt (150th anniversary shirt for 2016-2017)

Khaki shorts, pants, or skorts, 5-pocket blue jeans, 5-pocket solid black jeans

(Must wear Spirit T-Shirt to wear blue jeans)

Non-Uniform Day

During the course of the year, days may be specified as non-uniform days. While students are exempt from wearing the regular school uniform on these days, they must choose attire that is appropriate for school. This means clothes that are modest, proper fitting, no offensive or inappropriate slogans on clothing, and no flip-flops. If it becomes necessary to monitor students too closely as to their choice of clothes on non-uniform days, the students will lose the privilege of non-uniform days for the remainder of the year.

P.E. Clothes

Students in Grades 4-8 are required to wear solid red shorts for P.E. along with a white or Nazareth Academy spirit T-shirt. Tennis shoes or athletic shoes are required. Warm-ups or long pants may only be worn on cold days with permission from the physical education teacher. All items are to be labeled with the student's name.

Jewelry, Make-up, Hair

Jewelry for girls is limited to one ring, one bracelet, one necklace, simple earrings (one in each earlobe).

Jewelry for boys is limited to one watch or bracelet, one ring, one necklace. Ear jewelry is not permitted for boys. Expensive or heirloom jewelry should not be brought on campus.

Make-up is limited to girls in grades 7-8. Make-up must be modest in the amount and type worn. Any matters regarding inappropriate make-up, jewelry, and/or hair will be determined by the teachers/administration. No false or painted fingernails are permitted.

No extreme hairdos or colored hair are allowed. Hair styles are to be neat, with bangs above the eye-brows, and well-groomed. Boys' hair should be above the collar and trimmed around the ears (no more than half the ear should be covered).

No writing on the skin is allowed.