

## NLMS Dress Code 2022-2023

Nichols-Lawson Middle School believes that dress and grooming have a bearing on behavior and the learning environment of the school. It is our hope that parents and students will assume the responsibility of adhering to the dress code policy.

All students are expected to be neat, well-groomed, and appropriately dressed for school and field trips. At no time should the student's appearance create a distraction or disruption in class. One of the primary concerns of the faculty and administration is whether or not a student's appearance interferes with the educational process and the safety and security of the students and staff. *Therefore, the administration reserves the right to address individual instances of inappropriate dress or grooming which are not covered by these guidelines.* If faculty, staff, or administration determines the student's dress or grooming to be in violation of dress code, the student will be provided an opportunity to correct and/or receive an appropriate consequence.

<u>Dress Code Guidelines</u>	<u>Continued Dress Code Guidelines</u>
<p>All clothing must be worn appropriately, neat in appearance, and worn in the manner it is designed. (i.e. No wearing clothing backwards, inside-out, undone suspenders, pants worn too low or excessively large, etc.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students are NOT allowed to wear any style shorts.</li> <li>2. All skirts and dresses must not be shorter than two inches above the knee while standing (front &amp; back), including slips under sheer dresses or skirts.</li> <li>3. Leggings and jeggings are not allowed UNLESS the shirt is no shorter than two inches above the knee.</li> <li>4. All pants must be worn at the waist level <b>with belt</b> and with shirts tucked in, with the exceptions of sweaters, blouses, sweatshirts, and elastic banded shirts.</li> <li>5. Students may wear any type of loose-fitted athletic pants.</li> <li>6. All tops must NOT be revealing or distracting. Tops must be long enough that any midriff does not show while standing, sitting, bending, or stretching. Also, the neckline of shirts should not reveal cleavage.</li> <li>7. Undergarments must not be visible.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Spaghetti straps, backless, or one shoulder tops are not allowed. Straps on dresses, tops, and shirts MUST be three adult fingers wide. If a shirt is sheer, the undergarment must meet the "three finger width" test.</li> <li>9. All clothing displaying controversial, vulgar, suggestive, or gang related slogans is NOT allowed.</li> <li>10. Holes in pants are only allowed as long as there is no visible skin above the knee. <b>Large holes and large rips will not be acceptable.</b></li> <li>11. Long coats and trench coats are not allowed.</li> <li>12. Shirts must be worn under jackets and hoodies.</li> <li>13. Unusual colors in hair are not allowed.</li> <li>14. Students are not to wear or carry caps, hats, bandanas, doo-rags, sunglasses, non-prescription glasses, combs, brushes, picks, or sponges.</li> <li>15. Offensive hair design, symbols, images, or numbers are not allowed.</li> <li>16. Students are not allowed to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the educational process. No decorative dental appliances, permanent or temporary, nor decorative contact lenses will be allowed. <i>Students may not wear heavy metal chains, roller skate shoes, metal spiked apparel or accessories, etc. Facial, tongue, and navel jewelry is NOT allowed. Gauges in the ear/nose are not allowed.</i></li> </ol>

<u>Offense of Dress Code Violation</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIRST Offense: A verbal warning is given, and the student will call to receive a change of clothing.</li> <li>● SECOND Offense - FOURTH Offense: The student will be required to change clothing, and Detention Hall is assigned.</li> <li>● Multiple violations of dress code will result in In-School Suspension.</li> </ul>

### Additional Note Concerning Bottles

**\*\*\*Only clear disposable water bottles with clear water will be allowed. Each grade level and teacher may also implement specific rules for their classrooms. For lunch, beverages may be brought in a plastic container, a thermos, a box or pouch and should remain in the students lunch box or bag.**