

Here at Northside Christian Academy the goal is to promote Jesus Christ in all areas of academics. Therefore, we encourage an environment that promotes **reverence, responsibility, modesty, alertness, and excellence**. All students at Northside Christian Academy are required to wear school uniforms. Please refer to the requirements and guidelines as set forth in this document BEFORE contacting the office with questions.

We understand many things contribute to the school atmosphere, including the school uniform. It is our belief that the physical appearance of our students is an essential element in developing **reverence, respect, and personal responsibility** and consideration for others. As each student demonstrates concern for his appearance, the entire student body will benefit, and the testimony of the school will be a positive one in the community.

The point is to let the school be about the work of education while ministering to the heart of the student. In this light, we have a uniform that is **practical, durable, non-distracting** and **safe** for students, **affordable** for parents, and easily **enforceable** for teachers.

NCA upholds a high academic standard in which our uniforms play an important role as we seek to bring honor and glory to the Lord in all that we do.

### **SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES FOR UNIFORM POLICY**

The following Scriptures establish the principles which should govern our approach to the uniform policy of Northside Christian Academy:

- 1 Timothy 2:9 tells women to dress modestly.
- Deuteronomy 22:5 gives us the principle of distinction in clothing for men and women.
- Romans 14:21 admonishes us not to allow our behavior to cause others to sin.
- 1 Corinthians 10:23 and 31 encourages us to glorify God in all things.

The following principles are central to NCA uniform policy:

1. Our standards require excellence in academics, conduct, and appearance. Moderation, compassion, and graciousness are key aspects in our goal of achieving a balanced uniform policy.
2. Teaching children to conform to a dress standard helps establish an atmosphere of order and respect for each other and for authority while minimizing distractions and establishes habits conducive to future employment.
3. A principal goal of the uniform policy is to implement a means to preclude the use of extreme fashions and trends as a mechanism for drawing undue personal attention or making other forms of offensive public statements that may cause a distraction to the learning process.
4. The uniform policy is designed to create an overall sense of unity among the entire NCA community.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT UNIFORMS**

Students must **ENTER** and **EXIT** the building each day in uniform compliance. All uniforms (except P.E. uniforms) must be purchased from Flynn O' Hara Uniform website [[www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)] NCA School Code: SC007. Flynn O' Hara shirts must have the NCA logo.

Due to our contract with Flynn O' Hara Uniform, **monogramming, embroidery or crafting of our school logo in any form is NOT permitted.** Please review the specific uniform guidelines before placing your order.

- A collared uniform shirt is required Monday-Friday, with the exception of Fun Friday (first Friday of each month). **Only designated current school-wide t-shirts/sweatshirts may be worn on Fun Fridays.**
- P.E. uniforms (NCA grey P.E. t-shirt w/black NCA logo shorts, sweatshirts, sweatpants and drawstring bag) will be purchased through our school office. P.E. shorts must be loose fitting and two inches above the knee or longer. NCA sweatshirts purchased from the school office may only be worn inside during P.E.
- Clothing must be neat, wrinkle-free, clean, modest, hemmed, and **SIZE/LENGTH APPROPRIATE**. Clothing that is torn or ripped violates the uniform code.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school and outside at recess, but any outerwear worn inside the school must be purchased from Flynn O' Hara Uniforms. Outerwear must be free from characters and any content that does not support a Biblical worldview.
- Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers for the girls **must be to the knee.**
- **Girls may not roll skirts at the waist to alter the fit or length.**
- Shorts for boys and girls **must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.**
- Shirts must **be tucked in at all times.**
- Belts must be worn if the apparel item has belt loops. Belts should be black and completely visible at all times. Brown belts may be worn in the **Upper School** but with khaki pants/shorts only and must be worn with brown shoes.
- No long/short-sleeved shirts may be worn EXCEPT NCA Flynn O' Hara shirts, blouses, or polo shirts. If Flynn O' Hara sweater/vest is worn, an NCA Flynn O' Hara collared shirt must be worn under it (no t-shirts).
- Undershirts must be SHORT-SLEEVED, SOLID (no writing), and WHITE ONLY. No other color undershirts are acceptable.
- Tights and leggings worn under skirts must be mid-calf or longer in length and must be solid black.
- It is required that girls wear black spandex shorts under skirts and dresses.
- Visible solid color socks (black, red, grey or white) are required for boys and girls. Girls' slip-on, visible socks for dress shoes are the exception.
- Shoes must be flat-heeled, closed toe and closed heel. Shoes must be black leather, suede or athletic shoes/laces with red, white, grey or black **only**. Brown shoes may be worn in the Upper School with khaki pants/shorts/skirts only (Crocs or Croc-like shoes are not permitted to include Fun Friday)
- All shoes must be properly worn. Shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied.
- All shoes must be in good condition; no tears or holes, and clean.
- Hair accessories must be NCA school colors only and not distracting in nature. Colored hair strands are not permitted.

Back packs and lunchboxes may be any color; however, characters, advertisements, offensive language or symbols are not permitted. Rolling backpacks are not allowed.

## **GRADE SPECIFIC UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

### **K3/K4 Academy Students:**

Flynn O' Hara red jersey polo dress; Flynn O' Hara plaid Peterpan collar dress; Flynn O' Hara red polo shirt; Flynn O' Hara black shorts, black pants; tennis shoes must have closed-toe and heel and may be red, grey, white or black. **K4 PE uniform is required** (NCA grey P.E. t-shirt with NCA logo shorts and NCA drawstring bag). Girls should wear black spandex under all dresses.

### **K5-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Academy Students:**

Flynn O' Hara red or grey polo; Flynn O' Hara plaid Peterpan collar dress (K5 only); Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up shirt; Flynn O' Hara black shorts or pants; Flynn O' Hara V-neck cardigan, V-neck pullover sweater or sweater vest with red, or grey polo; Flynn O' Hara plaid skort with red, or grey Flynn O' Hara polo shirt; black leather belts are required with pants or shorts; Flynn O' Hara red polo is required for field trips and pictures; Jackets worn inside must be the black fleece jacket available from Flynn O' Hara; PE uniform is required (NCA grey P.E. t-shirt with NCA logo shorts and NCA drawstring bag). Girls should wear black spandex under all dresses or skirts.

#### *CHAPEL REQUIREMENT: (one day per week)*

Boys: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford long-sleeved button-up or short-sleeved button-up shirt; Flynn O' Hara plaid tie; Flynn O' Hara V-neck cardigan, V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater (optional); Flynn O' Hara black pants; black leather belt; black dress shoes.

Girls: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford Peterpan collar long-sleeved button-up blouse or short-sleeved button up blouse; Flynn O' Hara plaid pleated jumper; Flynn O' Hara Girl's crisscross tie, Flynn O' Hara Black Cardigan (optional), Flynn O' Hara plaid Peterpan collar dress (K5 only); Black tights or knee-high socks, black dress shoes.

ALL students must wear black dress shoes; tennis shoes are not allowed. Collars must be buttoned. Shoes must be flat-heeled, closed toe, and closed heel. Shoes must be black leather or suede. **Athletic type shoes/socks by design or appearance are not allowed for Chapel.** Socks must be black. The administration reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of footwear.

### **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Students:**

Flynn O' Hara red, or grey polo; Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck cardigan, V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater; Flynn O' Hara black shorts or pants; Flynn O' Hara plaid skort; black leather belts are required with pants or shorts; Flynn O' Hara red polo is required for field trips and pictures. Jackets worn inside must be the black fleece jacket available from Flynn O' Hara. PE uniform purchased from NCA is required (NCA grey P.E t-shirt with NCA logo shorts and NCA drawstring bag). Girls should wear black spandex under all dresses or skirts.

#### *CHAPEL REQUIREMENT: (one day per week)*

Boys: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford long-sleeved button-up or short-sleeved button-up shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater or V-neck cardigan (optional); Flynn O' Hara plaid tie; Flynn O' Hara black pants; black leather belt; black dress shoes and black socks.

Girls: Flynn O' Hara white peter-pan collar long-sleeved button-up blouse or short-sleeved button up blouse; Flynn O' Hara V-neck cardigan sweater; black dress shoes and black tights or black knee socks.

ALL students must wear black dress shoes and black socks; tennis shoes or athletic socks are not allowed. Collars must be buttoned. Shoes must be flat-heeled, closed toe, and closed heel. Shoes must be black leather or suede. **Athletic type shoes by design or appearance are not allowed for Chapel.** The administration reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of footwear. NCA P.E. uniforms/sweatshirts (either pullover or full zip-up) are not allowed during Chapel.

**5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Students:**

Flynn O' Hara red, or grey polo; Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater; Flynn O' Hara black or khaki shorts or pants; Flynn O' Hara plaid pleated skirt. Black leather belts are required with pants/shorts. Brown belts may be worn but with Khaki pants/shorts only and must be worn with brown shoes. Flynn O' Hara red polo is required for field trips and pictures. Jackets worn inside must be the black fleece jacket available from Flynn O' Hara. Middle School students are also allowed to wear the ¼ zip performance fleece black or red pullover from Flynn O' Hara. P.E. uniform is required (NCA grey P.E. t-shirt with NCA logo shorts and NCA drawstring bag). Girls should wear black spandex under all dresses or skirts.

*CHAPEL REQUIREMENT:* (one day per week)

Boys: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater (optional) or blazer or V-neck cardigan sweater; Flynn O' Hara plaid tie/bow tie; Flynn O' Hara black pants; black leather belt; black dress shoes and black dress socks.

Girls: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up blouse; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater (optional), V-neck cardigan; Girl's criss/cross ties, Flynn O' Hara plaid pleated skirt; black dress shoes, black tights or black knee socks.

ALL students must wear black dress shoes; no tennis shoes are allowed. All students must wear black dress socks/black tights. Collars must be buttoned. Shoes must be flat-heeled, closed toe, and closed heel. Shoes must be black leather or suede. **Athletic type shoes/socks by design or appearance are not allowed for Chapel.** The administration reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of footwear. NCA P.E. uniforms/sweatshirts (either pullover or full zip-up) are not allowed during Chapel.

**9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Students:**

Flynn O' Hara red, black or grey polo; white Oxford button-up long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater, V-neck cardigan or blazer; Flynn O' Hara black or khaki shorts or pants; Flynn O' Hara plaid, khaki, or black pleated skirt. Black leather belts are required with pants/shorts. Brown belts may be worn with Khaki pants/shorts only and must be worn with brown shoes. Flynn O' Hara red polo is required for field trips and pictures. Jackets worn inside must be the black fleece jacket/V-neck cardigan available from Flynn O' Hara. High School students are also allowed to wear the ¼ zip performance fleece red or black pullover from Flynn O' Hara. High School only may wear the black heavyweight crewneck sweatshirt w/school logo.

*CHAPEL REQUIREMENT:* (one day per week)

Boys: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater, V-neck cardigan sweater and blazer (optional); Flynn O' Hara black and red striped bow-tie and neck tie; Flynn O' Hara black pants; black leather belt; black dress shoes.

Girls: Flynn O' Hara white Oxford button-up blouse; Flynn O' Hara V-neck sweater vest or V-neck pullover sweater or V-neck cardigan (optional); Flynn O' Hara crisscross tie, Flynn O' Hara plaid pleated skirt; black socks or tights and black dress shoes.

ALL students must wear black dress shoes and black dress socks; tennis shoes and athletic socks are not allowed. Collars must be buttoned. Shoes must be flat-heeled, closed toe, and closed heel. Shoes must be black leather or suede. **Athletic type shoes/socks by design or appearance are not allowed for Chapel.** The administration reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of footwear. NCA P.E. uniforms/sweatshirts (either pullover or full zip-up) are not allowed during Chapel.