

APPEARANCE

New Castle Middle School is concerned with the appearance as well as the behavior of students. The school believes students should dress in such a way as to reflect credit to themselves, their family, and their school. Students who do not follow the approved dress code to such a degree as to draw unnecessary attention or create an educational disruption will be dealt with, as special cases, by the administration. The appearance code applies to after school events.

General rules for all clothing:

No article of clothing will be allowed that has profanity (including communication with double meaning), racial slurs, satanic references, sexual connotations, or that promotes or advertises alcohol, drugs, guns, or tobacco products. In addition, anything that promotes or portrays graphic violence, extremes in antisocial behavior, or may be a detriment to promoting the orderly function of the school, is not allowed.

Administrators will make the final decision as to whether a student's attire is inappropriate.

Tops

- Tops should cover stomachs and chest. (If top has a hole(s), one must wear an undergarment.)
- No sleeveless shirts are to be worn (unless covered by other garment).
- Hoodies (with/without zippers) may be worn, but hood should not be pulled up over the student's head.

Bottoms

- Pants must be worn with no skin showing above the knee and no sagging.
- Shorts must come to the top of the knee or longer.
- Gym shorts must come to top of the knee or longer; not too large to cause sagging.
- Spandex, leggings, tights, and yoga pants are permitted, but if worn as "pants" must have a loose fitting top that reaches to mid-thigh.
- No lounge/pajama pants should be worn.
- Skirts/dresses must be in good taste and an appropriate length

Jackets

- Keep "winter" jackets in your locker.
- Windbreakers and light-weight jackets may be worn during school.

Hats/Accessories

- Do not wear caps, hats, bandanas, or sunglasses inside the building.
- No spikes, studs, or chains (including wallet chains) can be worn as part of one's attire or as bracelets/necklaces, etc.
- Body piercings that attract attention or interfere with learning and the educational process may be inappropriate and will be addressed.

Shoes

- No bare feet are allowed.
- No slippers.
- Shoes with wheels are not permitted at school anytime