

**Dress Code 2008-09****WHY HAVE A DRESS CODE?**

There are two reasons for having a dress code: professionalism and safety. Students who look like professionals tend to act like professionals and get their work done like professionals. Also, students who practice dressing like professionals can use that skill when getting a job later in life. The dress code also helps keep students and staff members safe. Many people who do not belong on campus do not follow our dress code. Therefore, they can be easily identified and escorted off campus if they decide to come on campus. Following this dress code also makes it more difficult for students to bring dangerous things to school because there is no place to hide those things. The dress code keeps us safe and professional.

The dress code is simple:

- **Shirts and Tops: must have a sleeve and a collar** and must be **tucked-in** and buttoned up enough to cover the chest area and the top button must be open. Turtle neck shirts are acceptable. Turtle neck shirts are those with fabric extending up from the neck line that is long enough and designed to be folded down.
- **Pants, skirts, shorts must fit at the waist and must stay up without a belt**, Skirts and shorts must **go to the top of the knee**. No sweat pants or athletic shorts are allowed outside of P.E.
- **Belts must be plain** without any logos pictures or letters on them.
- Students **may not wear** clothes, sweaters, or jackets with **large graphics, pictures or company logos** on them other than Nicolas Junior High School logos. One logo per garment that is no larger than one square inch may be worn at Nicolas.
- **Shoes** must have a **closed toe and closed heel** with a solid sole. Slippers are not allowed. Steel toe shoes are not allowed at school.
- **Sweaters and jackets may be worn but a collared shirt with a sleeve must be underneath**. Sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets are not considered to be shirts.

**The following is a list of clothing considered unacceptable at Nicolas Junior High School:**

1. Open mesh shirts, tank tops, midriff tops, strapless dresses/tops, tops with spaghetti straps, low-cut necklines and see-through clothing. All shirts and tops that students wear must have sleeves and undergarments should not be visible. No tank tops of any sort may be worn by students.
2. Flip-flops or backless shoes/sandals
3. Hats, headbands, bandanas, baseball caps, combs/picks, hoods, or any other head gear other than the approved hat as stated in our "Sun Protection Policy".
4. Sunglasses, unless specified by a doctor.
5. Shirts that are obscene, promote gangs, crime, violence, sex, alcohol, drugs or tobacco. Any clothing that depicts people or characters breaking the dress code are not allowed.
6. Clothing or accessories, which are unsafe and/or dangerous such as, but not limited to, spikes, chains, or safety pins.
7. Clothing with any professional or college sports team logo on it. An exception is made for student participants in nationally recognized youth sports organizations may wear uniforms on meet days.
8. No sweatpants or athletic shorts outside of P.E.
9. Sweatbands, elastic bands or arm bands worn on any part of the body.
10. Loosely fitting or baggy shorts or pants. Girls' and boys' pants and shorts must fit at the waist regardless of what size the pants say they are, stay up without a belt, and be worn at the waist. Pant/shorts bottoms must be hemmed. Pants may not be bound **in any way** at the ankle. Undergarments must not be visible. Wearing shorts under sagging pants is not allowed.
11. Unusually tight and/or small micro-mini skirts or shorts. Unusually large clothing. All clothing must not have holes or be excessively worn out.
12. Web belts with initial buckles may not be worn. Belts should also fit and must be worn within the belt loops.
13. Jewelry, belt buckles, or other accessories with inappropriate symbols (such as the Playboy Bunny, marijuana leaf, etc.). **Student should not bring valuables or sentimental items to school. Nicolas accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen items.**
14. Pajamas, slippers, or any clothing that looks like sleepwear.
15. Piercings other than in the ear. Other facial piercings are not allowed.

Students who violate the dress code will have the inappropriate clothing confiscated and will wear loaner clothes the remainder of the day. Habitual dress code violators may have their clothing held until the end of the school year unless a parent/guardian picks up the article.

**ANY DRESS CONSIDERED BY THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE GANG ATTIRE WILL BE PROHIBITED.**

***NOT OK for school:***

No tank tops are allowed at Nicolas. All shirts or tops worn at school must have a sleeve and collar.



Cover your stomach. Too short, see how her hand goes past the leg of these shorts?



These shirts and pants are too big. Shirts and pants like this are not allowed at Nicolas.



Pants must fit at the waist.

Shorts and skirts must go to the knee.

No **LARGE LOGOS OR PICTURES**. One logo no larger than one square inch is allowed.



All shirts must have a collar.

***\*OK to wear to school:***

All shirts must have sleeves and a collar.



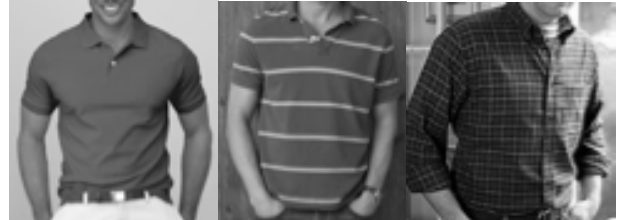
Skirts and shorts must go to the top of the knee.



These shirts fit just right. One small logo is OK.



No logos or pictures larger than 1 square inch.



\*These are not the only clothes you can buy but they certainly do abide by the dress code.