

## **NHEA'S Dress Code**

Our desire is to honor Christ, show respect, and leave an excellent impression as we attend field trips to various businesses and offices. The NHEA minimum dress for business visits/tours is "business casual" attire. The coordinator will contact the business beforehand to inquire if a higher dress code is required. If you have any questions, direct them to the activity director before the event.

### **1. Guidelines for Field Trips to Businesses and Offices:**

- Each person will dress in conformance with one's biological sex\*.
- Young men should wear dress pants or khaki pants and a collared shirt tucked in.
- Young ladies should wear a knee length dress or knee length skirt or dress pants with a blouse.
- No caps, hats, hoods, or bandannas.
- Wear dress shoes or good tennis shoes. No flip flops.

### **2. Guidelines for all other field trips and events:**

Most field trip locations do not have required dress codes; therefore, we ask that you and your children meet the standards listed below.

- Each person will dress in conformance with one's biological sex\*.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants: The length of dress or skirt should be knee length or longer. The length of shorts should be mid-thigh or longer. This is fingertip length which means they extend below the tips of your fingers when your arms are relaxed at your side. Lower garments worn by students must be secured with no undergarments revealed.
- Shirts: No undershirts or tube tops worn as outer garments and no low cut shirts. Shirts should be long enough so as not to reveal midriff.

The coordinator will contact you before the field trip/event if a higher dress code is required. If any participants arrive at a field trip/event dressed inappropriately, the coordinator will kindly ask them to return home to change before attending the trip.

### **3. Field Day and Kickoff:**

Field Day and Kickoff are unique events that have wet activities such as water balloon wars and waterslides. For these occasions, swim trunks with a dark T-shirt are appropriate for young men. A bathing suit with fingertip-length shorts and a dark T-shirt are appropriate for young ladies.

#### **4. Graduation: Seniors**

- Each person will dress in conformance with one's biological sex.\*
- Young men are to wear a dress coat, dress slacks, collared shirt tucked in, tie, and dress shoes.
- Young ladies are expected to wear a modest, semi-formal or formal dress without bare or sheer midriff areas. The front of the dress should be modest not exposing cleavage and the back of the dress should be no lower than the middle of the back. Dress length should be below the knee or longer. Dress shoes should be either pump, sling back, or flat/ballet style that match the occasion. Dress shoes should be modest in height and color. No flip-flop styles.

#### **Graduation: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Kindergarten**

- Each person will dress in conformance with one's biological sex.\*
- Young men should wear dress or khaki pants, a collared shirt tucked in, and dress shoes. No flip-flops.
- Young ladies should wear a knee length dress, or knee length skirt, or dress pants and a blouse. Dress shoes should be either pump, sling back, or flat/ballet style that match the occasion. No flip-flops styles. Dress shoes should be modest in height and color.

#### **5. Swim Wear:**

We believe that it is the responsibility of each parent to decide what appropriate swim wear is for their own children. Therefore the NHEA does not sponsor beach trips, swim parties, water parks, etc. If parents would like to host such events, they are asked to do so personally and not as part of NHEA.

#### **6. Discipline:**

The association reserves the right to remove a student at any time, if, in the judgment of the fieldtrip coordinator, the effort, progress, conduct or influence of the student, or of anyone directly associated with the student, including but not limited to his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), in or out of the event, is not in keeping with the association's accepted standards.

**Members are responsible for their invited guest to agree to and abide by NHEA's dress code.**

\*Biological sex means the condition of being male or female, which is determined by a person's chromosomes, and is identified at birth by a person's anatomy.