**NorthWood High School Dress Code**

Graduation can be a busy time but finding an outfit does not need to add to the stress. The dress code below applies to Senior Awards Night, NorthWood Scholarship Foundation Ceremony, and Graduation Commencement Ceremony. It has been the trend for students in the past to wear their outfit to Senior Awards Night and then again at the graduation ceremony. Goodwill is a great place to find items like dress shoes, ties, and other necessities. If anyone needs help finding clothing for these events, please reach out to NorthWood and we would be happy to help.

**Dress Requirements (Formal) – Women**

* Dresses and skirts are recommended. Sleeveless dresses are permitted. All dresses and skirts will need to be short enough that they are hidden underneath the gown. Any skirt or dress that is too long can create an undesirable layering affect that you will want to avoid. Women are allowed to wear dress slacks.
	+ **NO rompers, dress shorts, strapless, jeans, colored jeans**
* Dress shoes with a back or straps are required. Heals are permitted but it is important to practice walking in them before the ceremony. There will be a lot of standing, walking, climbing of stairs, and descending ramps.
	+ **NO tennis shoes, flip-flops, sandals without a back, or canvas shoes**

**Dress Requirements (Formal) – Gentlemen**

* All must wear formal dress slacks, a shirt with a collar, and a tie or bowtie. The shirt must button all the way up. Anyone missing a tie will need to return home and grab one for the ceremony. Gentlemen also need dress shoes and socks.
	+ **NO shorts, jeans, colored jeans, polo shirts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or canvas shoes.**

**Cap and Gown Information**

* Check the length of your gown, especially if you are borrowing from a friend. The gown should hit midcalf when on. Women traditionally wear red, and gentlemen traditionally wear black.
* You must have a regular tassel with the ’25. They can be purchase in the guidance office for $11.
* All graduation caps must remain plain for the graduation ceremony. Anyone with decorations on their cap will be asked to remove them or pick up a new cap from the guidance office.

**Graduation Cords**

* Students who qualify for the gold GPA cords, NorthWood National Honor Society, and valedictorian and salutatorian medals will receive them on Senior awards night.
* Students who qualify for the Career Center cords will be able to pick them up at the Career Center or during the Career Center Ceremony.
* If students qualify for Dual Credit Cords, they will be available in the Guidance Office for $10.
* Any cord preapproved may be worn (ex. FFA, FCCLA)
* If you believe to have an exception to the rule due to College or Military standing, you will need to set up a meeting with the principal before the end of the school year to provide verification.