

## UNIFORMS

Cadets wear the Marine Corps uniform 4 days per week. The complete uniform is issued during orientation. Because this is the official Marine Corps uniform, NOMMA cadets are **required** to adhere to the uniform, personal appearance, and grooming standards as set forth by the Marine Corps in MCO 1533.6E. Cadets receive instruction on these standards during orientation as well as information regarding the appropriate wearing of the Marine Corps Uniform.

The non-military, or civilian uniform, which is worn on Wednesday's is available for purchase from our uniform vendor Poree's at 3630 MacArthur Blvd. Suite C-B New Orleans, LA 70114. The civilian uniform consists of

- A white oxford shirt (long or short sleeved) with the NOMMA emblem. Undershirts must be white and free of markings or designs. Senior cadets may wear the senior oxford shirt designated by the class sponsors and approved by administration.
- A red tie for the male cadets and red tab tie for the female cadets
- Solid black shoes (any style). The black shoes must be completely black, no other colors on the shoe (including the sole) and black laces.
- A solid black belt
- Solid black socks
- Belted khaki pants (see below for more information regarding purchase of khaki pants) or khaki colored skirt for female cadets

Female cadets may wear a khaki skirt. The skirt must be within one inch from knee length and worn with a belt, if appropriate. Female cadets may wear their hair down with the NOMMA uniform. Extravagant weave or hairstyles are not permitted. Hair dye is not authorized. Female cadets may accessorize their hair with a black hair tie or a plain black headband.

Female cadets are authorized to wear one earring in each ear lobe with the NOMMA uniform. The earring must be a polished gold or silver ball, no more than 6mm (about ¼ inch) in diameter. Piercings are only authorized to be worn in the ear lobe, not in the cartilage or upper ear portions. Male cadets are never authorized to wear earrings or other piercings. Piercings not on the ear lobe, including facial piercings are never permitted. Retainers and spacers MAY NOT be worn to hold the place of piercings.

Female cadets' fingernails may be NO LONGER THAN ¼ INCH FROM THE TIP OF THE FINGER. Female cadets may wear clear nail polish, a French manicure, an American manicure, or polish within the red spectrum (to include pinks and burgundies) with the NOMMA uniform and service uniform, not the utility military uniform. Shades of purple, orange or nude are NOT authorized. Male cadets are not permitted to have nail polish or long fingernails. Male cadets must have neatly trimmed, short nails.

Cadets may wear one inconspicuous ring on each hand, but no rings are authorized for wear on the thumbs. Inconspicuous watches are authorized in the NOMMA uniform. Watch bands must be silver, gold, black, tan or brown.

NOMMA sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets are available for purchase. The sweater and sweatshirt may be worn indoors. The NOMMA jacket is not authorized for wear indoors. Cadets are not authorized to wear any other garments with the NOMMA uniform; this means no hoodies, jackets, or over shirts will be allowed.

## **Purchase of Khaki Pants**

If you're shopping by brand, the easiest recommendation is to look for the Dickies logo. Dickies is carried by WalMart, Sears, Target, and Academy Sports, among others. Only choose Dickies in a khaki color. Navy, dark blue, or black are not permitted. Pants must be hemmed to fall naturally at the ankle.

The following are acceptable descriptors of appropriate Khaki pants:

Classic	Double knee
Flat front	Pleated front
Straight leg	Boot leg

When shopping for Dickies, for both male and female pants, **AVOID** the following:

Stretch	Twill
Skinny leg	Low rise waist
Cargo pants/ pockets	Cell phone pockets
Drawstring	

### **TARGET**

If shopping at Target, Cherokee brand: Avoid cargo pockets and skinny pants. The color should be "Pita Bread". They carry options like Ebony, Xavier Navy, and Oyster, which are not NOMMA appropriate.

### **WALMART**

If shopping at WalMart, **DO NOT** consider the Faded Glory brand. WalMart pants with the Dickies logo are acceptable. Most of their selections are less than \$20 and they usually have many styles to choose from. You must still follow the advice above.

### **SEARS**

If shopping at Sears, only shop for the Dickies logo. Sears carries two brands called "At School" and "Classroom Uniforms" that have what they call a Khaki, but **IT IS NOT** NOMMA appropriate. The NOMMA khaki is more of an olive color than it is brown or tan. At School and Classroom Uniform pants are too "brown".

### **ACADEMY SPORTS**

If you do not choose the Dickies logo brand, you may consider the Austin Trading Co. line of pant from Academy Sports. They have a variety of khaki pants that NOMMA considers appropriate for the Wednesday uniform. Please be aware that Austin Trading pants also come in black, gray and navy, but NOMMA only considers the khaki color to be appropriate. **DO NOT** choose "ankle pants," "skinny ankle pants," or anything with cargo pockets or "convertible legs." You may select pants labeled flat front, pleated front, or straight leg.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Stores like H&M, Forever 21, and Zara do not carry pants that NOMMA considers uniform appropriate.

Students who are designated homeless per the McKinney-Vento Act will receive assistance with uniform, school supplies, and tutoring. Please contact the school counselor for more information.