

UNIFORM AND GROOMING EXTRACT. This is a quick-reference guide, which reflects the standards at the beginning of the school year for uniforms and grooming. (Updated July 2023)

## **GROOMING & UNIFORMS; Cadets are expected to maintain high standards of appearance and conduct on and off campus.**

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Cadets are expected to maintain high standards of appearance and conduct on and off campus. The dress code is designed to enhance good order and provide a NOMMA cadet with a neat and uniform appearance as well as identify him or her as a NOMMA cadet. All clothing must be clean and free from rips, holes, or tears. NOMMA reserves the right to rule on anything not included here that the school deems to be unacceptable attire or appearance. The administration will make this decision.

Cadets will wear the green MARPAT digital utility uniform on most school days unless otherwise stated by administration. **CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY** with MCJROTC uniform and grooming standards. The following are the overarching general guidelines regarding both the MCJROTC and NOMMA civilian uniforms.

- The uniforms must be worn correctly at all times. This includes while going to and from school.
- When walking, cadets may not use headphones, cellphones, or any other tech devices.
- Cadets must wear a cover when outdoors in the MCJROTC uniform.
- **Cadets may not wear the MCJROTC uniform in public businesses (e.g., restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, doctors' offices, etc.).**
- Requests for religious apparel accommodations must be made to the Senior Marine Instructor via the designated request process.

### **MCJROTC GROOMING AND APPEARANCE STANDARDS**

Personal appearance and wearing the uniform is a significant part of a cadet's MCJROTC grade. The grooming regulations apply to military, NOMMA and civilian attire when worn in conjunction with Academy functions. Grooming and personal appearance standards are required to be followed daily and at all NOMMA events (i.e., graduation, prom, dances, sporting events, summer camps and extracurricular activities, etc.).

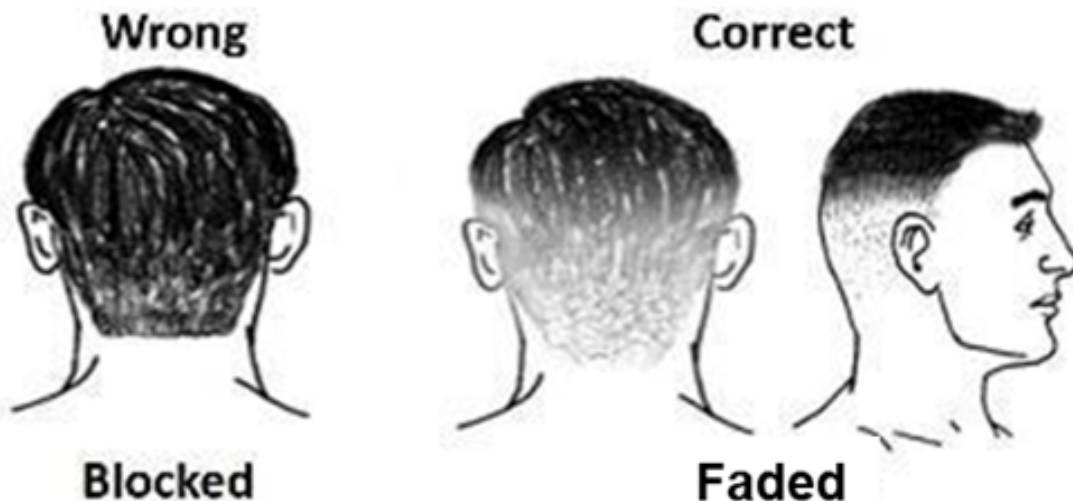
Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to adhere to the prescribed grooming and personal appearance standards will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.

1. **COMMON STANDARDS:** All haircuts/hairstyles, for both male and female cadets will be checked during inspection and if not meeting the regulations could be grounds for disciplinary actions.
  - a. Haircuts and hair styles are not permitted to be faddish or eccentric. Cuts or styles with shaved or designed portions of the scalp are not permitted. Braids and/or derivations of braids, including locks and twists, may be permitted for females only if hair is secured in accordance with the female hair regulations noted below.
  - b. No designs are allowed to the hair; only a natural (not shaved) part in the hair is authorized.
  - c. Hair must be a natural color (e.g., blonde, brown, black.) and be consistent over the entire head (i.e., uniform highlighting and frosting are allowed; multi-colored patches, spots or braids are not allowed).

- d. Hair extensions MUST conform to the female long hair regulations.
- e. Hair styles MUST not interfere with the proper wearing of the USMC cover.
- f. Shaving/slashing of eyebrows is NOT authorized.

2. **MALE CADET GROOMING AND HAIRCUT STANDARDS:**

- a. Hair will be closely trimmed on the sides and back, washed and neatly combed, graduating from zero inches in length at the hairline in the lower portion of the head and ears to a maximum of 3 inches in length at the upper portion of the head; and will not extend over two inches above the scalp. Hair must follow the contour of the head.
- b. Hair cannot touch the ears. If you can pinch and hold on to hair at the neck, sideburns, or ear hairline, it is too long.
- c. Hair must be evenly faded (as opposed to Blocked). A fade is a gradual decrease in the length of hair at the top of the head to zero at the neckline and above the ears. The fade follows the natural contour of the head. A blocked haircut refers to cutting the hair straight across in a definite line where the hairline meets the back of the neck and around the ears. It is sometimes also referred to as "squaring off" the nape. See the diagram below for the difference between faded and blocked hairline. The fade is the **ONLY** style of haircut allowed. The area to be faded includes the sideburns, around the ear, and across the back of the neck.
- d. Sideburns will not go below the top of the ear orifice (place your index finger in your ear, your sideburns cannot go below the top of your finger).
- e. Locks, twists, sculpting, spiking of hair or excessive directional flow change is not authorized.
- f. Male cadets will be clean-shaven daily. Mustaches are the only facial hair authorized for male cadets. Mustaches must be trimmed so that the hair does not fall below the top edge of the upper lip and does not extend past the corners of the mouth. Beards of any kind are NOT authorized.
- g. Cadets with a facial skin condition may be temporarily allowed to not shave after first turning in a doctor's note to their MI. The doctor's note must state the skin condition, treatment plan and expiration. Re-evaluations to maintain the "no shave chit" will be required. When allowed a No Shave Chit, you must keep the facial hair neatly trimmed as close to the skin as the medical condition permits; stubble may be allowed, beards are still NOT permitted.



3. **FEMALE CADET GROOMING AND HAIRSTYLE STANDARDS:**

a. Female hairstyles must be neat, professional, conservative and symmetrical (e.g., no side buns, etc.) in appearance and must not interfere with the proper wearing of uniform headgear.

b. Faddish, eccentric, or exaggerated hairstyles are not authorized for wear in uniform. Examples include, but are not limited to hair designs or sculpting (i.e., eccentric directional flow, abrupt difference in length, shaved portions, severe angles or spiking, etc.), buns with loose hair protruding and any hair styles that are not neat and professional.

c. Hair must not fall beyond 2 inches below the bottom edge of the collar in the back nor cover rank insignia in the front.

d. Bangs, if worn, **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.

e. A zero fade is allowed, but can only extend a maximum of two inches up from the hairline (you cannot shave the side of your head).

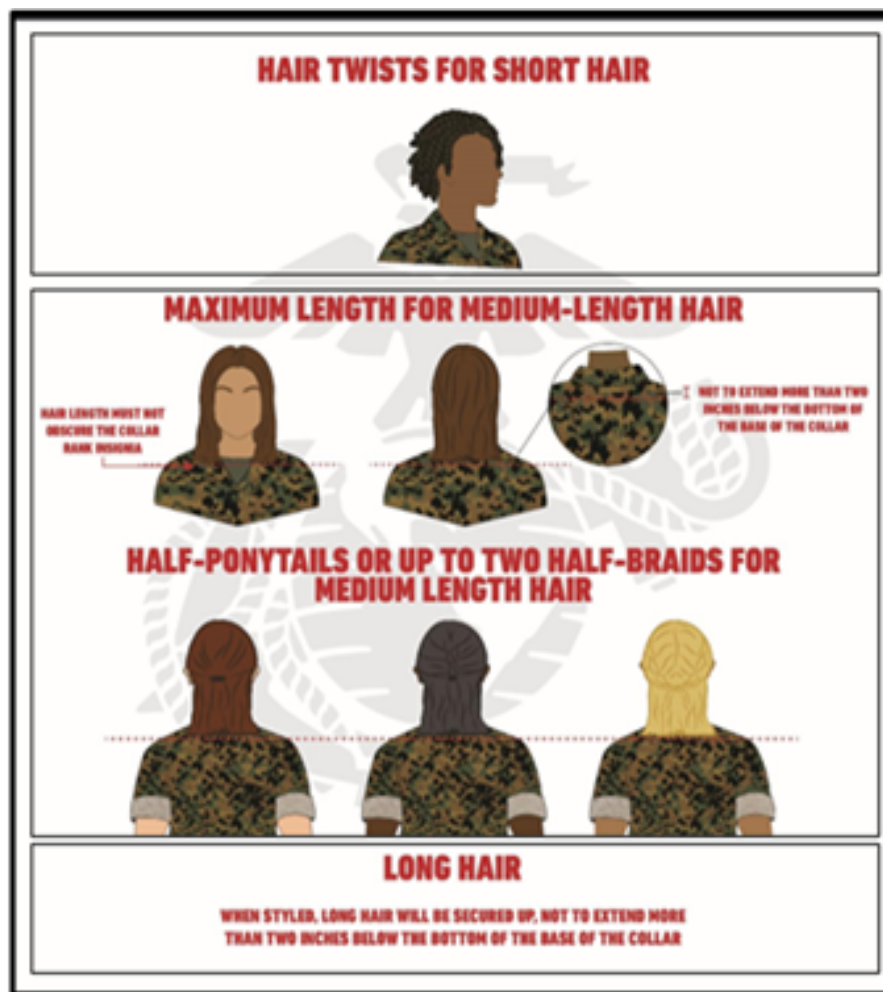
f. If used, inconspicuous hairpins, barrettes, combs, etc. are authorized **ONLY** if consistent with the hair color and concealed by the hair. Plain ponytail holders will be consistent with the hair color and need not be concealed. Headbands, scrunchies, alligator clips, bows, glitter, etc. are conspicuous and not authorized in the cammie uniform.

g. **Female Cadet Hair Styles.** There are three hairstyles; short, medium and long. Standards specific to each style are included below.

i. **SHORT HAIR** does not extend past the uniform collar, extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp, may be **NO SHORTER** than 1/4 inch, and must be evenly graduated.

ii. **MEDIUM HAIR** does not extend beyond 2 inches below the bottom of the uniform collar and does not cover the rank insignia in the front. Medium length hair may be worn down in an unsecured manner or in an approved style; half-ponytail/puff or half-braids.

iii. **LONG HAIR** naturally extends beyond 2 inches below the collar's bottom edge. Long hair **MUST** be secured up (where all hair is neatly bound together and no portion is left to fall naturally, be loose, or have exposed ends) neatly so that no part extends beyond 2 inches below the bottom edge of the collar's lower edge or covers rank insignia. While secured up, no portion of the hair may extend more than 3 inches from the scalp and shall be no wider than the width of the head.



4. **JEWELRY:** Female Cadets are NOT authorized to wear earrings or spacers in the MCJROTC utility uniform, but may wear small, specifically approved styles in the Service, Dress Blue and NOMMA uniforms. Only Females are authorized to wear earrings (no larger than the 1/4 of an inch in diameter, one on each ear lobe) in the NOMMA uniform. Males are NEVER ALLOWED to wear earrings or spacers in any uniform. This includes NOMMA uniform or civilian clothes on campus or at school sponsored events. **Cadets are not authorized to wear facial or body piercings** (retainers and spacers are not permitted). Necklaces are allowed but may not be visible above or around the neck in the military uniforms and must be underneath the NOMMA Uniform Polo shirt. Watches, either digital or sweep-hand are authorized and must be inconspicuous; not overly large and may be brown, black, tan, gold, or silver. In the MCJROTC uniforms, decorative bracelets are not allowed; medical alert and one MIA/POW/Honor bracelet are. One ring on each hand is allowed but not to be worn on the thumb. In the MCJROTC uniforms, decorative hair accessories are NOT authorized.

5. **FINGERNAILS AND NAIL POLISH:** 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/American manicure, or polish within the red spectrum (to include ranges in between pinks - burgundies) with the NOMMA uniform and service uniform. In the utility uniform, females may wear a French/American manicure; with colors ranging between clear - flesh/nude. The white nail tips must mimic the natural curve of the nail and not create a wedge or 'V' shape. Colors not noted above and jewelry are NOT authorized. Male cadets are not permitted to have nail polish or long fingernails. Male cadets must have neatly trimmed, short nails that do not extend past the finger tip.

6. **MAKE UP:** must be conservative in nature/style and must compliment the individual's complexion. It will not be exaggerated, eccentric, faddish or contain sparkles/glitter, etc. Clear lipstick or conservative, light shades of pink - burgundy may be worn in any uniform. If used, lip liner must be the EXACT same color as the lipstick. False eyelashes

are allowed so long as they are natural in appearance and do not touch the eyebrows.

7. **CONTACT LENSES/GLASSES**; contact lenses must imitate natural eye shape and color (e.g., the iris, etc.). Sunglasses, whether prescription or not, are not allowed indoors or in formation.

## **MCJROTC UNIFORM STANDARDS**

1. Properly wearing the uniform is a significant part of the cadet's MCJROTC experience and grade. **CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY WEAR THE ACADEMY OR MCJROTC UNIFORM.** The SMI will prescribe which uniform is the uniform of the day. Cadets are required to know uniform wear assignments and will wear the prescribed uniform accordingly. The uniform cover (cap) is a required part of the uniform; cadets must maintain accountability for their cover and are required to wear it at all times when outdoors and in uniform. Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to wear the uniform correctly will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.

2. Cadets will be issued a Marine Corps uniform during orientation week. Uniforms are issued free of charge as long as they are returned in serviceable condition when a cadet graduates or withdraws from NOMMA. Cadets are responsible for the care and cleaning of the uniform they are issued. Cadets will be evaluated every day on their ability to properly wear both the Military and Academy uniforms (to include sports uniforms when worn).

3. Cadets are inspected in their uniform several times each month, and because this is a graded event, if a cadet misses and fails to make up the uniform inspection within 5 school days, he or she will receive a failing grade for that uniform inspection. Additionally, Cadets are required to follow all grooming standards in order to pass inspection. Grooming standards are detailed in the section above, titled "Appearance and Grooming Standards." Multiple uniform inspection failures during a marking period may result in after-school remediation and/or Military Protocol probation. Required grooming and uniform standards will be taught during orientation at the beginning of the year, in the MCJROTC classes, and reinforced throughout the year as needed. This information can also be found in the Cadet Guidebook.

4. Federal law imposes certain restrictions on wearing the Marine Corps uniform. Cadets are given detailed instruction on when, where, and how to properly wear the MCJROTC uniforms. It is important to note:

- **Cadets may only wear the MCJROTC uniform while at school and directly traveling to and from school.**
- **Cadets may not wear the uniform in any other building including any type of store, restaurant, or doctor's office whether accompanied by a parent/guardian or not.**
- **Cadets can change out of their uniform before leaving school if they need to make a stop before reaching home.**
- **Off campus uniform violations will result in disciplinary action which may include, but is not limited to an Out of School Suspension.**
- **Unauthorized use of and the improper wearing of the issued uniform will result in disciplinary action.**

5. Cadets are expected to keep the uniform clean, pressed and in good repair. Seasonal Service Uniforms and Dress Blue Uniforms require dry cleaning whereas the MARPAT Utility and PT uniforms may be laundered. Cadets needing items dry cleaned must turn in their uniforms to Supply. A uniform at the cleaners DOES NOT excuse a cadet from inspection.

6. Changing out of uniform for physical education or extracurricular activities may be required. Cadets are only permitted to wear Physical Training (PT) gear during fitness sessions in JROTC classes and sports practice.

7. The MCJROTC instructional staff will be able to fit most cadets without the need for alterations. The Marine Corps will pay for major alterations to the uniform if they are needed.

8. An integral part of the MCJROTC program is to develop a sense of personal responsibility. If the issued military uniform or parts of it are lost, damaged, or stolen, the cadet will be held responsible for the monetary reimbursement to the U.S. Marine Corps of all/any items lost/damaged/stolen at the current uniform replacement cost. Costs are payable by check or cash to NOMMA's front office at which time the Cadet will be issued a receipt which should be presented to the Supply Office for the issue of replacement clothing.

9. Cadets attending NOMMA can expect to wear the following uniforms:

- NOMMA Uniform (8th grade-Senior)
- Green MARPAT digital Utility, aka MCJROTC or Military Uniform (8th grade-Senior)
- Physical Training Uniform [green shorts/t-shirt or green sweat pants/shirt] (8th grade-Senior)
- Marine Corps "Bravo" and "Charlie" Service Uniforms (Freshman-Senior)\*
- Marine Corps Dress Blues (Freshman-Senior)\*\*

\*Selected Cadets that achieve academic and leadership excellence may be issued the Marine Corps Bravo or Charlie uniform. This is typically in conjunction with assignment to a leadership billet.

\*\*Cadets on the Drill/Color Guard teams, serving in key leadership positions, and approved band or choir members will be issued the Marine Corps Dress Blues.

## **IDENTIFICATION CARDS (ID)**

NOMMA cadets are required to wear the issued NOMMA Cadet ID. Cadets who chronically fail to wear their NOMMA-issued IDs may face disciplinary actions up to and including suspension from school. Each cadet is issued one (1) free ID annually. Cadet IDs must be worn in the designated location on the MCJROTC Digital Cammie uniform, NOMMA Civilian uniform, and during any non-formal dress-down event.

*Replacement Policy:* Should a cadet lose, misplace, damage, etc., his/her ID, s/he will be required to purchase a replacement. Only NOMMA may produce the NOMMA Cadet ID. The cost of replacement is \$5.00. A cadet must pay the \$5.00 fee to the NOMMA Front Office, and an appointment to get a replacement ID will be scheduled before/after school. No cadet may be excused from class to seek a replacement ID.

## **BACKPACKS/BOOKBAGS**

Backpacks and bookbags must be mesh or clear, see-through material. Mesh backpacks must be of neutral colors. Authorized bags will be:

- Black/Brown/Tan or a combination of the three/olive drab/camouflage for mesh bags
- Clear plastic with black or white lining

Backpacks must be mesh or see-through and have minimal logo representation (e.g., manufacture tags/logos in subdued colors no larger than 5 inches long by 2 inches wide, etc.) and must be worn over both shoulders while in uniform. Gym/duffel bags will be carried by hand and must never be placed over the shoulder at any time. Cadets will NOT carry a purse while in uniform. Writing on or attaching anything to the book bag is not allowed.

Cadets are not permitted to carry any bag that is not made of a mesh or clear, see-through material while on campus. PT gear must be brought to school in a mesh or clear, see-through bag in accordance with NOMMA policy that may be carried throughout the day. Cadet-athletes are also encouraged to purchase mesh or clear, see-through bags that can fit their athletic equipment that may be carried throughout the day.

When one of these bags is not an option for cadet-athletes, a secure storage solution will be made available in the locker room. Cadet-athletes will immediately drop off their athletic gear before school on the way to their homeroom class. Cadet-Athletes will only have access to the locker room storage before school and after school. PT gear may NOT be stored in this way.

Cadet-athletes are encouraged to bring only what is necessary for their practice and/or competition. The storage of oversized bags may or may not be in the locker room but will be secured. Capacity for oversized bags may be limited. Priority will be given to necessary equipment (i.e. catcher's equipment, etc.) rather than bags equipped with redundant equipment (e.g., multiple bats, helmets, balls, etc.).

Unauthorized bags, flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, blankets, etc. are not permitted and will be confiscated and held in the office to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

Padded computer sleeves are issued with the school laptops and shall be used to store the computers when they are not in use.

According to *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* the U.S. Supreme Court determined that schools only need reasonable suspicion and not probable cause to search cadets. School officials have the right to search any purse, baggage, or package if reasonable suspicion exists.

### **CONDUCT IN UNIFORM:**

**You represent yourself, your school, the MCJROTC program, and the U. S. Marine Corps. Your appearance and conduct should always be impeccable.** Violations of any of these expectations can and will result in disciplinary action to include after school detention and/or Saturday Detention.

- Do not chew gum.
- Do not walk or stand around with your hands in your pockets.
- Do not walk and talk with a cell phone or wear earbuds/headphones while in the MCJROTC uniform.
- Do not walk and eat while in uniform.
- Wear your cover outdoors at all times and remove it indoors.
- Salute all officers. Greet all cadets and treat everyone with respect.
- Do not use foul language, tease others, or wrestle/horseplay in uniform.
- Only in the classroom, with teacher permission, may cadets adjust their uniforms to be more comfortable with environmental conditions (e.g., cadets may roll sleeves down or take off their blouse and put their sweatshirt on if too cold, or if too hot may take their Cammie blouse off, etc.). Cadets must roll the sleeves back up and be in full uniform upon departing the classroom at any time. (Cadets will be fully and appropriately dressed in all common areas, to include coming to and departing from school).
- Wear the school uniform properly; ensure that your shirt is tucked in, buttons are buttoned, and the belt is properly worn.

### **MCJROTC CADET UNIFORM WEAR AND CARE**

1. Camouflage/Digital uniforms, the PT uniform and cotton T-shirts can be washed with normal washing machine

soap in warm or cold water only.

2. Khaki shirts, polywool trousers, wool sweaters and dress coats must be dry cleaned. **DO NOT WASH THESE ITEMS**, turn them in to Supply when instructed to.

3. Cadets are responsible for their uniforms. Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged uniforms is the financial responsibility of the cadet. Always keep your uniforms in a safe place. **Service and Dress uniforms must be professionally cleaned before final turn-in.**

4. Unserviceable uniform items can be exchanged for serviceable uniform items.

**Digital Utility Uniform:**



- Utility Cap .....Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants (IPs).
- Utility Coat .....Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants. Sleeves down.
- ID Card.....Current year, serviceable.Worn on the left breast pocket
- Utility Trousers .....Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Brown Boots ..... Clean. Laces left over right, tucked in. No IPs.
- Black/Brown Socks .....Clean.
- Green T-shirt .....Clean. Level and smooth collar.
- Khaki Web Belt ..... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past the buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle .....Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Boot Blouses ..... Between 1st and 2nd eyelets of boots.
- Green Sweatshirt..... (Optional) Worn under the coat if sleeves are down. It cannot be worn under the cammie top when sleeves are rolled up. The sweatshirt can be worn in class without the Cammie top. Cadets must put cammie top back on when exiting the classroom environment otherwise they are out of uniform. **The Sweatshirt IS NOT MEANT TO BE WORN HALFWAY UP THE ARMS in place of rolled down sleeves.** Cadets in violation of this uniform rule will result in the confiscation of the sweatshirt and assigned detention..

**Service "C" Uniform w/ short sleeves (Charlies) / Service "B" Uniform w/ long sleeves (Bravos)**



- Garrison Cap .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Black Cover Emblem ..... Clean. Black. Wings parallel to deck.
- Short Sleeve Khaki Shirt .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- ID Card..... Current year, serviceable.Worn on the left breast pocket
- Ribbons ..... 1/8" above and centered on the left pocket.
- White T-Shirt ..... Clean. Level and smooth collar.
- Green Trousers .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Khaki Web Belt. ....Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past the buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle.....Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Black Dress Socks.....Clean.
- Black Dress Shoes. ....Clean. Sole/Heel edges dressed.





**Blue Dress "D" Uniform w/short sleeves (Deltas)/ Blue Dress "C" Uniform w/long sleeves (Deltas)**



White Barracks ... Cap Clean, smooth white cloth. Bill shined.  
 Brass Cover Emblem ... Polished. Wings parallel to deck.  
 Khaki Shirt ... Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.  
 ID Card ... Current year, serviceable. Worn on left breast pocket  
 Ribbons ... 1/8" above and centered on left pocket.  
 White T-shirt ... Clean. Level and smooth collar.  
 Blue Trousers ... Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.  
 Khaki Web Belt ... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past the buckle.  
 Brass Belt Buckle ... Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.  
 Black Dress Socks ... Clean.  
 Black Dress Shoes ... Clean. Sole/Heel edges dressed.



**Blue Dress "B" Uniform:**



White Barracks Cap .... Clean, smooth white cloth. Bill shined.  
 Brass Cover Emblem .... Polished. Wings parallel to deck.  
 Dress Blue Coat .... Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants. Lint free.  
 ID Card .... Current year, serviceable, carried in pocket  
 Ribbons and Badges .... 1/8" and centered over the left pocket.  
 Brass Collar Emblems .... Polished. Wings parallel to deck. Anchors inboard.  
 White Belt .... Clean. Snug, smooth fit.  
 Brass Waist Plate .... Polished.  
 White T-Shirt (Male) .... Clean. Worn under the coat.  
 White Dress Shirt (Female) .... Dry Cleaned. Worn under coat. Black neck tab.  
 Blue Trousers .... Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No Irish pennants.  
 Khaki Web Belt .... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past the buckle.  
 Brass Belt Buckle .... Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.  
 Black Dress Socks .... Clean.  
 Black Dress Shoes .... Clean sole and heel edges dressed.



### Physical Training Uniform:



Shirt/ \*Sweatshirt.....Washed. No rips/tears. \*Optional with shorts.  
Shorts/Sweat Pants.....Washed.No rips/tears. No Irish pennants.  
Shoes/Sneakers..... Clean.  
Black/Brown Socks ... Clean.  
Head gear.....(Optional for cold weather) Black/Brown. Clean  
Gloves.....(Optional for cold weather) Black/Brown. Clean



### NOMMA Civilian Uniform:



Red Polo Shirt; Clean. No Irish pennants  
ID Card; current year, serviceable, worn on shirt  
White T-Shirt; Clean. Level and smooth collar  
Khaki Trousers; Clean. Pressed. No Irish pennants. Plain, uncuffed, non-stretch. Nothing hanging from belt loops or pockets  
Belt; Clean. All Black or Brown. Plain metal buckle  
Socks; Clean. All Black, Brown, White  
Shoes; Clean. All Black (includes laces, logos/brand marks)  
Outerwear; Yellow Sweatshirt or Black Fleece w/ embroidered name  
Jackets; only as specifically approved and announced.



### NOMMA CIVILIAN UNIFORM

Cadets will wear the NOMMA civilian uniform as directed by administration which may include orientation, semester exams, and while attending school events off campus. NOMMA administration may mandate the uniform to be worn on certain days deemed necessary. Cadets are still required to comply with grooming and appearance requirements while wearing the NOMMA Uniform. A cadet is expected to have his or her name embroidered on his or her school polo shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets. If the polo shirt does not have embroidery, the cadet ID must be visible and worn properly. Defacing the appearance of any item of the school uniform is prohibited. Cadets may not write on any part of the uniform, including the ID, pants, shirt, etc. Cadets are not allowed to add stickers, pins, or labels of any kind to any part of the school uniform.

The NOMMA Civilian Uniform may be purchased **ONLY** from [Skobel's School Uniform](http://www.skobels.com).

Skobel's School Uniform  
4500 York Street  
Metairie, LA 70001  
504-264-7733

[www.skobels.com](http://www.skobels.com)

1742 Stumpf Boulevard  
Gretna, LA 70056  
504-366-6887

## **Shirts**

All NOMMA cadets will wear a NOMMA uniform short-sleeved red polo shirt. The shirt must be tucked in at all times; the belt should be easily visible from all directions. The NOMMA approved uniform shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets are expected to be monogrammed on the opposite side of the logo with .40-inch block letters of First Initial, and Last Name in ALL CAPS. The cadet ID must be visible and worn properly at all times. Wearing a NOMMA uniform identifies the cadet as a representative of NOMMA and obligates him or her to have a neat personal appearance both on and off campus, even when he or she is not participating in a school-related activity. The shirt must be fitted to the cadet's size. Shirts that are baggy, torn, or altered in any way may not be worn.

Seniors may purchase a special uniform shirt that is voted upon by the class and approved by the administration. Once approved, the shirts may be purchased at the designated uniform vendor. All other uniform requirements remain. Skobel's School Uniform is the official school uniform provider.

## **Pants**

NOMMA cadets are required to wear plain front, un-cuffed, non-stretch khaki pants, which are available at our designated uniform vendor, Skobel's. Khaki pants purchased outside of Skobel's may not be authorized. For example, khaki pants with cargo pockets are not permitted, nor may they have an elastic waistband or cuff. "Skinny" or overly tight pants are not authorized.

## **Belt**

All cadets are required to wear a solid, all black or solid khaki belt with a plain metal buckle.

## **Socks**

Cadets are required to wear solid brown, solid white, or solid black socks. Socks must be worn properly.

## **Shoes**

NOMMA Cadets must wear solid black shoes (including any and all trim, logos, and shoelaces). Shoes must be in good repair and properly worn. Shoes must be athletic type, closed toe, and suitable for PT activities. Black dress shoes may also be checked out from MCJROTC Supply.

## **Outerwear/Inclement Weather**

Only school-approved NOMMA uniform (i.e., fleece jacket/yellow sweatshirt, etc.) or current designated extracurricular outerwear may be worn as part of the NOMMA civilian uniform. NOMMA letterman jackets ordered through the school may be worn by the cadet awarded the jacket. Outerwear that is faded, torn, or otherwise damaged may not be worn. On days of extreme cold, non-NOMMA approved jackets may be worn over an approved sweatshirt or jacket OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING ONLY. All NOMMA-approved outerwear is expected to have the cadet's first initial and last name embroidered on the right side as is the case with the uniform polo shirt.

## **Hats**

Hats or headbands of any kind may not be worn with the school uniform. In cooler weather, a NOMMA knit hat may be worn outdoors only. Bandanas are not allowed to be worn on campus or at any school function.

## **DRESS CODE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Whether on-campus at NOMMA or an off-campus event, or anytime NOMMA is hosting, participating in or being represented at any occasion, NOMMA cadets are expected to maintain our standards of appropriate grooming and attire, which include; formal events, special events, social events, athletic events, summer camps, rehearsals, meetings, assemblies,

ceremonies, and on-campus dress-down days at NOMMA. The following is a description of each event's acceptable attire. These requirements may be changed to meet the specific needs of the school and the specific event. The administration will make the decision about event dress codes.

**Formal Events**: Dress code expectations for formal events, proms, and balls are as follows: male cadets in a tuxedo, suit and tie, or dress blues. Tennis shoes or casual shoes are not appropriate for formal events. In keeping with military customs, hats and or headwear are not authorized to be worn indoors.

Female cadets must wear dress blues or a formal dress knee length or longer. Dresses may be strapless; however, the midriff, lower back, cleavage, and side skin may not be exposed and must be concealed at all times. Dress necklines must not expose breasts or cleavage in the front and cannot fall below mid back in the back. Dresses with cutouts are not permitted (i.e., lace, mesh or illusion fabric cut outs are not permitted, etc.). The midriff, lower back and side skin may not be exposed and must be concealed at all times. All undergarments must be concealed. Slits in dresses may not extend higher than the tip of the longest finger. Guests of cadets are expected to follow the same NOMMA dress code and must be high school cadets.

**Semi-Formal Events**: Dress code for graduation, awards ceremonies, and other semi-formal events are as follows: Male cadets wear coat or blazer (optional), suit (optional), button-down shirt tucked in at all times, necktie, or bowtie (optional), closed toe shoes, dress pants or khaki pants with a belt. Dress Blues or Charlies are acceptable semi-formal attire. Shorts, denim, athletic-type bottoms, and clothing with rips/holes/tears are not appropriate. In keeping with military customs, hats and or headwear are not authorized to be worn indoors.

Female cadets may wear dresses that range from full-length to fingertip length (i.e., hem falls at the tip of the longest finger). Slits may not exceed the tip of the longest finger. Dresses may be strapless; however, the midriff, lower back, cleavage, and side skin may not be exposed and must be concealed at all times. Shoes with backs/back straps are required. Females may wear pantsuits, dress pants, or khakis with a button-down shirt tucked in at all times. Dress Blues or Charlies are acceptable semi-formal attire. Shorts, denim, athletic-type bottoms, and clothing with rips/holes/tears are not appropriate.

**Non-Formal Events**: The dress code expectations for non-uniform (i.e., civilian attire) events, dress down days, or school functions are as follows: collared or t-shirts (no tank tops, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless shirts) and slacks/skirts/jeans (no shorts). No sweatpants, jogger-style sweatpants, capris, leggings, cut-offs, or athletic-type bottoms permitted. Pants must be hemmed to fall naturally at the ankle. No pajamas, bare midriffs or halter tops permitted. Closed-toe shoes are required. Clothing must be clean and free of holes, profanity, sexual, or drug references. Anyone wearing inappropriate clothing will receive disciplinary action, be sent home and/or not allowed to participate and will not receive a refund. In keeping with military customs, hats and or headwear are not authorized to be worn indoors. Unauthorized outerwear such as hats and gloves may be confiscated. Unless otherwise designated, shoes must be closed toe, athletic type shoes. Crocs, sandals, heels, or other non-approved shoes will not be authorized.

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES REFERENCE CHART

UNIFORM ITEM	MARPAT UTILITIES	SERVICE UNIFORM	PHYSICAL TRAINING	DRESS BLUES	NOMMA CIVILIAN
COVER	MARPAT w/ name inside	Garrison or Barracks w/Black Emblem <sup>6</sup>	No	White w/ Gold Emblem	No
UNDERSHIRT	USMC Green	White	USMC Green (Females appropriate support garments)	White (optional for females)	White
BLOUSE/ SHIRT	MARPAT	Khaki	Optional Company Shirt, when prescribed	Females; White Shirt	Red NOMMA Polo <sup>4</sup> (with name embroidered)
RANKS/ DEVICES	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ( gold ranks only)	No, except tie clasp for honor roll
ID Card Visible	Yes	Yes	No	Available, in pocket	Yes
TROUSERS	MARPAT	Green	MCJROTC Shorts or sweatpants (black compression shorts allowed underneath)	Blue	Khaki
BELT	Khaki Web	Khaki Web	No	Blouse; White. <sup>3</sup> Trousers; Web.	Solid Black/Khaki Web
SOCKS	Solid Black/Brown	Black Dress	Solid Black/Brown/White	Black Dress	Black/Brown/ White
BOOTBANDS	Between 1st & 2nd Eyelets of Boots	No	No	No	No
SHOES	USMC Boots	Black Corfams	Athletic	Black Corfams	All Black
INCLEMENT WEATHER	MARPAT Gore-tex <sup>1</sup> / Sweatshirt <sup>2</sup> / USMC watch cap, gloves	Tanker Jacket.	Green USMC Sweatshirt/Pants/ watch cap/gloves	All Weathercoat	NOMMA approved <sup>5</sup>

**Notes:**

**The Reference Chart does not include civilian clothing; this category is covered separately.**

1. **Gore-Tex/Sweatshirt;** gore-tex is a special issue item (due to high cost) and will only be issued with parent permission.
2. **USMC sweatshirt;** may be worn as an undergarment with the MARPAT blouse when sleeves are rolled down, but NOT when the sleeves are rolled up.
3. **Blues belt; Males and** certain Female cadets will wear the white belt with the Blues Coat.
4. Seniors may wear the approved Senior Shirt instead of the Red Polo.
5. Only school-approved NOMMA uniform (fleece jacket/yellow sweatshirt/Letterman jacket) or current designated extracurricular outerwear may be worn.
6. The Garrison cover will be issued to cadets that do not hold leadership billets. The Barracks cover will be issued to cadet billet holders.

## GROOMING GUIDELINES REFERENCE CHART

Grooming Item	Utilities	Service / Blues	NOMMA Civilian
<b>Hair</b>	USMC Regulations		USMC regulations, Female hair may be worn down.
<b>Hair Decoration</b>	None allowed. Hair will be secured with inconspicuous hair pins, bobby pins, hair ties, or barrettes.		Yes, females are allowed conservative style decorations (i.e., scrunchies, bows, headbands, ribbons, alligator clips, etc.).
<b>Watches</b>	Yes, digital or sweep hand only and must be inconspicuous. Black, brown, tan, or gold/silver tone. Smartwatches are not allowed.		
<b>Bracelets</b>	<b>Only Medical Alert or one POW/MIA/Honor in Marine Corps uniforms.</b>		<b>Bracelets are allowed.</b>
<b>Necklaces</b>	Yes, must be tucked under the military uniform t-shirt; must not be visible		Yes, must be underneath the shirt, not resting on top of it.
<b>Rings</b>	Yes; only one on each hand, nothing on the thumb and must be inconspicuous		
<b>Lipstick*</b>	<b>Yes, conservative, light shades of pink - burgundy. If lip liner is used it must be the exact same color as the lip stick.</b>		
<b>Nails*</b>	<b>Clear or flesh/nude polish, American or French manicure. Fingernails shall not extend more than 1/4 inch past the fingertips.</b>	<b>Yes; clear, flesh/nude, shades of red, American or French manicure, clear polish. Fingernails shall not extend more than 1/4 inch past the fingertips.</b>	
<b>Makeup*</b>	<b>Includes eyeliner, mascara, fake lashes, etc.</b> Yes, conservative in nature. May not be "faddish," "eccentric," or include glitter/sparkles. Lashes must be natural in appearance and must not be so long as to touch the eyebrows.		
<b>Earrings**</b>	<b>NO</b>	Yes, one per earlobe. In Service uniform; small (1/4 inch), polished, yellow gold color, ball, or round stud. In blues, gold, or pearl studs (1/4 inch). In the NOMMA uniform, any style earring no larger than the earlobe (NO HOOPS, NO DANGLING) is allowed.	

### Notes

\*Applies to female cadets only. Male cadets are not authorized to wear in uniform or civilian attire.

\*\*Applies to female cadets only. Ear lobe piercings are the ONLY authorized piercings; nose, eyebrow and other types of ear or body piercings are not authorized. Male cadets are never authorized to wear earrings.