

Fashion Trends Evident in Dress

*What's popular?
Guess!*

Fashion was on everyone's mind at North Putnam. If you wanted to be noticed, here is what you wore: Guess jeans, bibs, Skidz shorts and pants, Nike tennis shoes, baggy shorts, and Levi's blue jean shorts. Fashion-conscious people were aware that shorts should be no *shorter* than mid-thigh. However, while shorts were modest in length, ladies purchased skirts and dresses that easily turned heads. The hemlines were shorter than those of recent memory.

One didn't need to wear a dress in order to be in style, though. College T-shirts and sweatshirts were popular, especially if the school was the UNLV Runnin' Rebels. No one took offense if there were holes or tears in your jeans either. The rugged look was "in." Floral patterns, accented with lace, was a hot item for many ladies. Watching super rock star Madonna perform in outfits resembling more underwear than outerwear made younger women across the nation more willing to dress provocatively, thus, the use of lace.

Unique to the year was the popularity of the patriotic colors red, white, and blue. U.S. flags could be seen on T-shirts, sweaters, jackets, and even the boys' varsity basketball jerseys. Wearing these items of clothing meant that you supported the troops fighting in Iraq and Kuwait.

Other fashion trends included Bart Simpson T-shirts, advertising slogans such as "You got the right one baby, Uh huh" from Diet Pepsi on shirts, Mickey Mouse tops, Gucci watches, and, of course, North Putnam shirts, sweaters, and jackets.

(right) Staci Hunter wears a stylish sweater featuring the Stars and Stripes while Jody Judy models bib jeans. (below) The U.S. flag was seen on many T-shirts like the one worn by this student. (below, right) David Collins shows his patriotic look.



(above) Nike "air Jordan's" were a coveted shoe wear. (right) Levi's shorts were a popular item for guys during August and May.

