



## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

### Philosophy:

- We believe that the student dress code is a valid concern of a Christian school and the Christian parent.
- We believe that the student dress is primarily the duty and responsibility of parents.
- We believe that the dress of our students directly reflects on our school and affects the self-image of the students and the learning environment in general.

**The principal, teachers, and staff have the authority to make the decision regarding the appropriateness of a student's clothing based on the following objectives:**

### The objectives of the dress code at RCS:

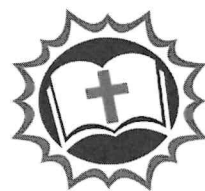
- Provide a Christian witness.
- Preserve and protect the health and safety of the students, staff, and property of the school.
- Promote a productive learning environment.
- Reduce and eliminate unnecessary distractions.

***This is the best rule: When in doubt... don't wear it!***

## **All Students**

### **Shirts**

- Solid color polos or plain button down oxfords (long or short sleeve) - *white, red, or black only.*
- No logos beyond school approved, pocket-sized logos.
- All shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times.
- Solid color (white, red, or black only) turtlenecks or long sleeve shirts (white, red, or black only) may be worn under a school approved polo.
- Navy or red crewneck sweatshirts with the approved school logo (available in the school office), navy or red sweater vests or navy or red cardigan sweaters maybe worn over approved school collared shirt.



## **Pants/Shorts**

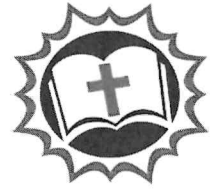
- Cotton dress pants (Dockers, Bugle Boy) and shorts (Bermuda style) - pleated or flat front— khaki, navy, or black only.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade may wear elastic waist cotton slacks.
- If pants are designed with belt loops then a belt **MUST** be worn for first through eighth grade.
- No denim, corduroy, cargo pants, wide legs, elastic at the ankle, yoga pants, skinny pants, leggings (without a skirt), jeggings, drawstrings, pajamas, or rivets. No logos are to appear on pants and shorts.
- No cargo shorts! Shorts may be worn year round. Length of all shorts must be appropriate. A rule to follow is an inch past the fingertips when student is standing up straight with arms relaxed to the side.

## **Outerwear**

- All students must have appropriate outerwear for the weather conditions.
- Rain or snow boots are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.
- A heavier weight coat, hat, gloves or mittens, snow pants, and boots are required to go out for recess when the temperature is 32F and below or if snow is still on the ground.

## **Other**

- Hair must be kept neat and clean and not dyed an unnatural color. No distracting hairstyles or hair accessories. Boy's hair must not cover the ears, eyebrows, or collar, and boys cannot wear man buns or ponytails.
- Only stud earrings are permitted for girls. No other earrings are permitted. Boys may not wear earrings.
- Simple necklaces with a single pendant no bigger than a quarter may be worn by both boys and girls. No other jewelry is permitted.
- No tattoos or body piercings.
- Socks are required. Socks must be matching and solid neutral colors only (black, navy, white, or gray with no visible logo.)
- Shoes must be a matching pair, neat and clean, with no holes and non-marking soles. No sandals, dress shoes, clogs, crocs, boots, or shoes with lights or wheels. Shoes must fully encircle the foot.
- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained or have holes.



- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls – modest makeup is permitted.
- All clothing must be appropriate size, nothing too tight or oversized.
- Hoodies are not allowed in the classroom but can be worn on dress-down days and as outerwear.

## **GIRLS**

### **Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers/Polo Dresses**

- Jumpers or polo dresses in khaki, navy or black only. Jumpers must be worn over a school approved collared shirt.
- Modesty shorts are required when wearing dresses and skirts. Leggings, in navy or black only, may be worn under skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses.
- No logos are to appear on jumpers or polo dresses.
- Length of all uniforms must be appropriate. A rule to follow is an inch past the fingertips when student is standing up straight with arms relaxed to the side.

## **ASSIGNED DRESS-DOWN**

- Occasionally, the student body will be allowed dress-down days. If there is a theme day, the student must dress to the theme or wear the school uniform.
- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained, have holes, or inappropriate, political, or suggestive graphics. Shorts and skirts must be appropriate length. Yoga pants, skinny exercise pants, leggings worn as pants, jeggings worn as pants, pajamas, or skinny jeans are not allowed.
- Shirts must have sleeves. Tank tops or spaghetti strap tops must be worn with a shirt over the top or underneath the straps.

## **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

If a student is not meeting the above dress code, violation forms will be sent home.

Disciplinary action will be based on the violation. A request for the parent or guardian to bring appropriate clothing before the child can return to the classroom may be made.