



## **25-26 STUDENT DRESS CODE**

### **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Please read carefully, revisions have been made.**

#### **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**

- A. Solid color polos or plain button down oxfords (long or short sleeve) - *white, red, or black only*.
- B. No logos beyond school approved, pocket-sized logos.
- C. All shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 may be worn over approved school collared shirt.

#### **Pants/ Shorts**

- A. Cotton dress pants and shorts (Bermuda style) - pleated or flat front— khaki, navy, or black only.
- B. Preschool through fifth grade may wear elastic waist cotton slacks.

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- C. If pants are designed with belt loops then a belt **MUST** be worn for first through eighth grade.
- D. 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.
- E. 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**

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

### **Other**

- A. 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.
- B. Only stud earrings are permitted for girls. No other earrings are permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. It is highly encouraged that students not wear stud earrings of significant value to school. RCS will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged jewelry.
- C. Only one simple necklace with a single pendant no bigger than a quarter may be worn by both boys and girls. No other jewelry is permitted. It is highly encouraged that students not wear necklaces of significant value to school. RCS will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged jewelry.
- D. No temporary tattoos or body piercings.
- E. Socks are required. Socks must be matching and solid neutral colors only (black, navy, white, or gray with no visible logo.)
- F. 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.
- G. Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained or have holes.
- H. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls – modest makeup is permitted.
- I. All clothing must be appropriate size, nothing too tight or oversized.
- J. Hoodies are not allowed in the classroom but can be worn on dress-down days and as outerwear.



## **GIRLS**

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

- A. Shorts, skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses in khaki, navy or black only. Jumpers must be worn over a school approved collared shirt.
- B. Modesty shorts are required when wearing dresses and skirts. Leggings, in navy or black only, may be worn under skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses.
- C. No logos are to appear on jumpers or polo dresses.
- D. 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**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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**

Preschool through Eighth - A request for the parent or guardian to bring appropriate clothing before the child can return to the classroom may be made depending on the violation.

Kindergarten through Eighth - Dress code violations will be tracked via Gradelink. When a violation occurs, an email will be automatically generated to the email address updated in Gradelink. The first violation will result in a verbal warning. The second violation can result in missed recess, lunch detention, or other age appropriate consequence. After three (3) dress code violations, a parent or legal guardian must meet with the principal, either in person or via phone call, to discuss the Dress Code policy. Excessive violations of the Dress Code policy may result in refusal of re-enrollment for the following school year.