

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/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/eliminate unnecessary distractions.

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

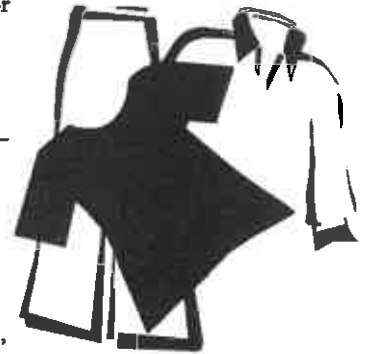
BOYS

Shirts

- Solid color polos or plain button down oxfords (long or short sleeve) - *white, red, light blue, navy, or black only.*
- No logos beyond school approved, pocket-sized logos.
- All shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times.
- Solid color turtlenecks or long sleeve shirts may be worn under a school approved polo.
- Navy or red crewneck sweatshirts with the approved school logo, navy sweater vests or 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.
- K thru Grade 5 may wear elastic waist cotton slacks.
- If pants are designed to have belt loops then a belt **MUST** be worn for Grades 1 thru 8.
- No denim, corduroy, cargo pants, wide legs, elastic at the ankle, skinny pants, drawstrings, or rivets. No logos are to appear on pants/shorts.
- No cargo shorts! Shorts may be worn year round.



Other

- Hair must be neat and clean. It must not cover the ears, eyebrows or collar or be dyed an unnatural color. No abrupt changes in hair length. No ponytails or manbuns.
- No earrings or inappropriate jewelry. No body piercings.
- Shoes must be neat and clean with no holes, and non-marking soles.
- No sandals, clogs, or shoes that have wheels. Shoes must be fully encircled—no open toed, open backs or open sides.
- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained or have holes.

GIRLS

Shirts

- Solid color polos or plain button down oxfords (long or short sleeve) - *white, red, light blue, navy, or black only.*
- Solid color plain polyester/cotton blouses—*white, red, light blue, navy, or black*—**MUST** have a fold-over collar.
- Solid color turtlenecks or long sleeve shirts in the school approved colors may be worn under a school approved polo.
- All shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times.
- Navy or red crewneck sweatshirts with the approved school logo or navy cardigan sweaters maybe worn over approved school collared shirt.
- No logos beyond school approved, pocket-sized logos.

Pants

- Cotton dress pants (i.e. Dockers) pleated or flat front— khaki, navy blue, or black only. No capris.
- If pants are designed to have belt loops then a belt **MUST** be worn.
- K thru Grade 2 may wear elastic waist slacks.
- No denim, corduroy, cargo pants, wide legs, skinny pants, jeggings, yoga pants, drawstrings, or rivets.
- No logos are to appear on pants/shorts.



Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers/Polo Dresses

- Plain or pleated Bermuda style shorts or skirts in khaki, navy or black. Length must be appropriate, a simple rule to follow is an inch past the fingertips when arms are relaxed at her side.
- Jumpers or polo dresses in khaki, navy or black only. Jumpers must be worn over a school approved collared shirt.
- Modesty shorts are strongly encouraged when wearing dresses and skirts. Leggings may be worn under skirts, jumpers and polo dresses.
- No logos are to appear on jumpers/polo dresses.

Other

- Hair must be kept neat and clean and not dyed an unnatural color. No distracting hairstyles or hair accessories.
- No jewelry inappropriate for school. Piercings are limited to ears, No body piercings.
- Shoes must be neat and clean with no holes and non-marking soles.
- No sandals, clogs, or shoes with wheels. Shoes must be fully encircled— no open toes, open back, open sides.
- Clothes must not be excessively worn, stained or have holes.
- 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls—modest makeup allowed.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

If a student is not meeting the above dress code, violation forms will be sent home. If violations continue, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes for their child. They will not return to class until they meet the dress code requirements.

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 graphics. Shorts and skirts must be appropriate length. Yoga pants, skinny exercise pants, leggings worn as pants, or skinny jeans are not allowed.