



RLHS DRESS CODE

High school is a time to adjust styles and preferences to the situation – a skill that will have to be practiced continually throughout life. All clothing should be **neat, clean, and gender appropriate**. Research, as well as our own experiences here at RLHS, have confirmed that student academic performance increases when students are dressed neatly. For that reason, we recommend the following apparel for school:

Male Student: Dress Jeans/Shorts/Pant, Collared Shirt, Sweater

Female Student: Dress Jeans/Shorts/Pant/Skirt, Collared Shirt, Sweater

The following are general guidelines for dress. These guidelines apply during the regular school day. The Dean of Students will make the final decision on what apparel, hairstyles or other dress code issues are appropriate or inappropriate. Students not abiding by these guidelines, may be removed from class until the problem is corrected.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT WEAR OR EXPOSE:

Head Covering/Hair Styles

- hats
- head bands (male students)
- extremes in style, length or color

Footwear

- footwear that is inappropriate for school (example: bedroom slippers, etc.)

Shirts/Skirts

- sleeveless shirts and jerseys (males)
- shorts/skirts that are shorter than finger-tip length + 2" (hands extended to side when standing straight)
- shirts that show the midriff when standing
- shirts/tank tops with less than a 2-inch strap
- see-through or crocheted tops or racer back tops
- shirts that show cleavage

Pants/Shorts

- torn, ripped, or severely frayed pants
- sport shorts, "cut-offs"
- combat fatigues
- gym shorts unless you are wearing them for PE class
- pant waistbands below hip level or have undergarments showing
- sweatpants, jogging pants, or anything deemed similar
- leggings, spandex, yoga pants, or any tight-fitting type pants that are not completely covered (front and back) by another garment using the + 2" rule (see above)

General

- clothing or tattoos that resemble messages contrary to our Christian traditions (music groups, alcoholic beverages, skull and crossbones, or tobacco advertisements, etc.). Tattoos should be covered where possible.
- straps, chains, suspenders, and belts that are not fastened and in the proper place
- oversized clothing / torn or ripped clothing / visible undergarments / pajamas
- intentional scarring / visible body piercing other than the ears or single small stud (barely visible) in nose or lip.
- sunglasses / gloves / any other items that cause distraction in class