



Richmond Community Schools

Code of Student Attire

This code of student attire is intended to provide guidelines for acceptable student apparel and appearance and to promote an atmosphere of success for all students. The purpose of such guidelines is also to promote student safety and civility, reduce disciplinary problems, increase security within the school, and avoid disruptions to the educational process.

Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately for the school environment. Wearing apparel, hair, and general appearance shall not disrupt the learning environment or violate health and safety rules.

1. General

- A. Clothing and accessories shall not be worn if they display or suggest:
 - Profanity
 - Symbols of violence
 - Gang or gang-like symbols
 - Alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
 - Offensive to any ethnic or cultural groups
 - Pictures that promote the above
 - Obscene or foul language
 - Discriminatory messages
 - Sexually suggestive messages
 - Vulgarity
- B. Clothes with rips, tears, and/or holes are not permitted.
- C. Any article of clothing, jewelry, or accessory that could cause injury to oneself or others is not permitted.
- D. Chains are not permitted.
- E. Sunglasses shall not be worn inside unless prescribed by a physician or authorized by the school administration.

2. Footwear

- A. Shoes with laces are to be laced and tied.
- B. House slippers are not permitted.

3. Headwear

- A. Head coverings, including but not limited to caps, hats, wigs, bandannas, hair curlers, picks, combs, hoods, and scarves, may not be worn inside unless authorized by the school administration.
- B. Wigs prescribed by physicians or authorized by the school administration will be permitted.

4. Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses

- A. Baggy pants, pants with legs that extend over the shoes to drag the ground, and pants with holes are not permitted.
- B. "General" category guidelines apply to pants, shorts, skirts, dresses.
- C. Belts must be appropriately buckled.
- D. Pants will be worn fitted to the waist with or without a belt, and they will not expose undergarments.
- E. Properly placed patches to cover holes or tears at the knee or below may be worn with pants.



- F. Flannel and pajama pants are not permitted.
- G. Shorts/skirts/dresses may be worn and may not be shorter than the tips of the individuals' middle fingers when they are standing upright with their arms at their sides.

5. *Shirts and Tops*

- A. Size appropriate short or long sleeved polo shirts or T-shirts with a crewneck are acceptable.
- B. All "general" category guidelines apply to t-shirts and tops.
- C. Message bearing shirts are permitted per "general" category guidelines.
- D. Low neckline shirts are not permitted. No cleavage and/or midriff may be exposed.

6. *Undergarments*

- A. See-through or mesh garments may only be worn as undergarments.
- B. Spandex articles may only be worn as undergarments.
- C. Form fitting or overly tight clothing may only be worn as undergarments.
- D. Undergarments, such as boxer shorts, are not to be worn so that they are visible.

8. *Outerwear*

- A. Message bearing sweatshirts are permitted per the "general" category guidelines.
- B. Coats are not to be worn inside unless authorized by the school administration.

9. *Exceptions*

- A. Specific outfits designed for extracurricular activities and authorized by the school administration will be permitted.
- B. Decisions regarding questionable clothing will be left to the discretion of the principal.
- C. These guidelines represent minimal standards that may be modified to a more restrictive level at any of the buildings. A Building principal may temporarily modify the Code in his/her respective building to meet immediate needs. Permanent changes in the Code must be advanced with Central Office approval through the established formal discussion process as established in Public Law 217.