

DRESS CODE

As a Christian school we have a unique responsibility in the area of dress. We at RACS desire to lead young people into adulthood while instilling the Christian values of modesty, orderliness, personal responsibility, respect for others and respect for authority.

The following are general Biblical principles that govern our dress code:

- ❖ Orderliness and neatness will impact the orderliness and neatness of the student's work.
- ❖ Modesty honors God by respecting the bodies which He has given us and showing respect and love for others by not tempting others to sin.
- ❖ The individuality of the student is respected. Made in the image of God, each student is unique in qualities of the heart such as personality, gifts, talents, and temperament.
- ❖ The "spirit of individualism" which is self-promotion is forbidden in Scripture (see Phil. 2:3 – 8, et al.)

Therefore, in an effort to glorify God and foster the best learning environment possible in the school, the following dress code has been put into effect by the school board. It is subject to periodic revision by the administration. While the school determines the dress code and must enforce it in the school, ***it is important to remind parents that it is their responsibility to enforce this dress code before the child leaves for school each day.***

1. All students are expected to maintain the highest possible standards of personal hygiene. This includes personal cleanliness, as well as wearing neat, clean, untoned clothing without any holes. All clothing must be of a modest and appropriate fit. Clothing should be neither too tight fitting nor too baggy. **Parents should strive to provide clothing that is a notch above play clothes.**
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals may be worn but must have a strap in the back for safety purposes in PreK – 6th grades. No crocs for PreK-3rd grade students.
3. Hats may not be worn in class.
4. No student will be allowed to wear clothing or jewelry that displays **suggestive slang or inappropriate language**, or that advertises alcohol, drugs, or groups/individuals that do the same. **No screen print T-shirts will be worn.**
5. No student will be allowed to wear tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, midriffs, or transparent tops. The tops may not be cut low in the front, back or side, and cleavage should not show. Straps should be at least "three fingers" in width. Also **no skin** should be showing between the bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants or skirt while hands are raised over the head.
6. Boys may not wear earrings (or have any body piercing). Girls may only have pierced ear lobes.
7. Visible tattoos/ink drawings are discouraged. Parental support is requested.
8. Hair should be clean and out of the students' eyes. Boys' hair should not touch a T-shirt collar when measured at full length. Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate. Extreme styles or unnatural colors of make-up and hair are inappropriate. Facial hair is allowed if it is kept well-trimmed and groomed.
9. Proper undergarments must be worn with all clothing.
10. **No coats or jackets should be worn in the classrooms. Proper-fitting, hooded, clean not tattered, sweatshirts with a zipped front may be worn. Pullover sweatshirts may be worn if they do not have a hood. Any logos must be small and appropriate. Any RACS wear is acceptable, except for "walk-a-**

thon T-shirts” and the short and long-sleeved T-shirts. They may be worn on a dress-down day.

11. Students must be in dress code **before entering the building** each day. This includes collared shirts on and tucked in for boys.

12. In general, students will not be permitted to attend classes while wearing any article of clothing that may disturb a proper learning environment. The administration or staff shall make this determination at school. A dress-code infraction may require a parent to bring a different set of clothes to school, a student to be sent home to change or an after-school detention. No warning will be required.

Boys’ daily dress: Collared-shirts buttoned and tucked in
Dress pants, “khakis” or jeans
Shorts (to the knee) in May, June, and September only
No sweatpants, wind pants, basketball-style shorts (except for PE)
Proper-fitting, hooded, zippered sweatshirts (no/small logo)
Proper-fitting sweater or fleece

Boys’ chapel dress: Solid White or Solid Red shirts with collars – must be tucked in
Black pants
Solid White or Solid Red sweater, sweatshirt, fleece, etc. if needed
Upper School Formal on the First Monday – Dress shirt and tie,
dress pants or khaki style pants, no jeans

Girls’ daily dress: Appropriate tops (see #1 & #5 above) No screen print T-shirts
Dresses, jumpers, dress pants, skirts, skorts or jeans
Shorts in May, June and September only
(No dress/jumper/skort/shorts should be more than 3 inches above the knee)
No sweatpants, wind pants, basketball-style shorts (except for PE)
Leggings may not be worn as pants unless under tunic length top
Proper-fitting, hooded, zippered sweatshirts (no/small logo)
Proper-fitting sweater or fleece

Girls’ chapel dress: Solid White or Solid Red top (no informal T-shirts with writing)
Black skirt, jumper or skort (pants OK if not leading chapel)
Socks/tights should be solid white or solid black
Solid White or Solid Red sweater, sweatshirt, fleece, etc. if needed
Upper School Formal on the First Monday – Dresses or top and skirt

NOTE: For all students in all grades – Chapel dress includes any sweatshirts and fleeces that are solid black (provided they satisfy the requirements of #10) and any RACS sweatshirts or fleeces. (NO STRIPES, PRINTS, NON-RACS LOGOS, OR OTHER-SHADES-OF-RED TOPS PERMITTED!) Chapel dress is to be worn all day. Black shorts may be worn *following* chapel on hot days in May, June or September.

Preschool Dress Code

Preschool students are very active exploring and learning at school. We participate in various messy and physical activities such as painting, sitting on the floor, playing outside, etc. Students should wear comfortable, washable clothes that are easy for them to manipulate themselves. They should have neat, clean, untornd clothing without holes that fit appropriately ~ no belts or overalls unless they can fasten and unfasten them themselves. Shoes should fit, not slip off easily when playing, and sandals must have back straps. **Crocs are not allowed.** We suggest elastic waist pants, and slip-on or Velcro fastening shoes.