

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Policy of the Red River Parish School Board shall be that no type of clothing shall be considered proper for school wear that disrupts the classroom and/or the school's positive learning environment. The dress code was formed for the health and safety of all students of the parish. In questions regarding student dress and grooming, the principal or his/her designee of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.

The School Board's position is that it wants to teach each student to use good judgment in his/her total appearance so that the attention of others is not distracted from the purpose of school. Cleanliness and the values of the community shall be a basic consideration.

NOTIFICATION

The School Board shall notify the parent or guardian of each student of the dress code specifications and their effective date.

If the School Board modifies the existing uniform policy, it shall notify in writing the parent/guardian of each student of the policy adoption or uniform policy modification at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the new or revised policy. Each school shall display any uniform selected for a reasonable period prior to the proposed effective date for wearing of the uniform.

However, nothing shall prohibit the School Board from requiring a new or revised dress code or uniform policy without the required notice in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this policy, emergency shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury or property damage.

DRESS AND PERSONAL GROOMING

Student dress and grooming are not to adversely affect the student's participation in classes, programs, school related activities or distract from the learning environment of the school. Extremes in style and fit in student dress and extremes in style of grooming will not be permitted. Administrators are authorized to use their discretion in determining extremes in styles of dress and grooming and what is appropriate and suitable for school wear. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, symbols, sign or other things which are evidence of affiliation with drugs, alcohol, violence or gang related activities or exhibits or obscene language/gestures.

BODY ARMOR

It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a firearm-free zone, with limited exception as enumerated in LA. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9.

School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extra-curricular activities. A firearm-free zone means any area within one thousand (1000) feet of any school campus and within a school bus.

Body armor shall mean bullet-resistance metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

All schools and grades in Red River Parish will require uniforms. All students shall be required to wear uniforms to class. **Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the designated school uniform clothing as outlined below.**

Uniform Requirements:

Undergarments, Shirt (tucked in), Bottom or Jumper, Skirts, Socks, Shoes and Belts

Students shall wear mandatory school uniforms everyday with the exception of school spirit or special event days as designated by the principal.

Tops: Short or long sleeve, knit shirt polo style or oxford

RR Elementary Royal Blue RRH 9-12 Royal Blue

RR Jr. High Navy Blue

Bottoms: Khaki and Navy Pants with belt loops, no draw strings

Shorts, Walking or Bermuda Shorts and Capris

Skorts (PK-5 only)

- No outside pockets, flared legs or leg zippers
- No elastic at ankle or stretch pants

Jumper/Skirts: Khaki and Navy

Outerwear: Grades 6-12 Coats/Jackets of any color must fully zip or button down.

Grades PK-5 Coats/Jackets/Hoodies of any color.

Uniform Length: Shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses and jumpers shall be no shorter than 3 inches from the top of the knee. Splits or slits for skirts or dress should be appropriate for young ladies. Shirts must be long enough to remain tucked into uniform bottoms.

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well groomed appearance at school. Attire must not be destructive to school property.

Uniforms must be of correct size in order to avoid inappropriate appearance. No article of clothing or accessories shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Extremes in size, style or fit shall not be permitted. Students may not wear clothing with holes on school campus.

All tops (shirts and blouses) must be worn tucked into the uniform bottoms. Muscle or tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, see-through garments, bare back, tube top, or cutoff shirts shall not be worn.

Bottoms (pants, shorts, skorts, or capris) and skirts are to be worn at the waistline level. No “**Sagging**” is permitted. Underwear of any kind shall not be visible. All shorts must be hemmed. **Cutoff shorts, rolled up jeans, sweats, athletic or spandex shorts cannot be worn.** No other article of clothing can be worn beneath the shorts for viewing. PK-5 may wear elastic waist shorts. The principal or designee will determine if any provision has been violated.

Undershirts - white or matching their school color.

Belts – any color may be worn but shall be worn through the belt loops at all times. Extremes in size and style will not be permitted.

Shoes – any color shoe may be worn. Shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety by all students. Dress shoes may be worn with coordination of uniform. Socks must be worn with dress/athletic shoes.

No boots shall be worn grades 6-12 unless required for class (welding, band, ROTC). No crocs, flip flops, house shoes, cleats, stilettos (extremely high heels) or athletic sandals of any kind are allowed.

Outerwear – coats or jackets shall reach at least to the waist and shall not extend past the thigh. They must button or be zippered from top to bottom. Hoods on any type of outerwear shall not be worn on the head inside of the buildings.

Headwear/Hair – hair must be clean and neatly arranged. Grooming instruments may not be used in class or worn in the hair. Headbands are to be used to hold hair in place properly on the hairline. No type of headband may be worn on the forehead. Hats, bandannas, stocking caps, kerchiefs, hair rollers, baseball caps, and other forms of such headwear are not permitted on campus or in the buildings.

Body Piercing – Piercings are limited to ears only. Jewelry shall not be extreme in length or size. No other form of body piercing wear is allowed. (This includes piercing wear for the nose, tongue, eyebrows, or any other body part).

Sunglasses are prohibited unless they are prescribed. (A medical prescription must be on file in the school office).

Obscene, profane language or provocative pictures on clothing or jewelry is prohibited. Satanic, cult or gang related symbolism in any form is prohibited on school campus. Drug related symbols in any form, including advertising or promotion of tobacco, are prohibited.

No one unless authorized by the school principal may have an electronic telecommunication device (including pagers and cell phones) according to State Law R.S. 17:239.

All apparel issued or sold at school must be pre-approved by principal.

Transfer students after two (2) weeks, are to wear RR Parish school uniforms.

Principals, after consultation with their School Improvement Committee, have the discretion to adjust the dress code to fit **unique situations** as long as the decision does not interfere with the requirements of the Title IX. **(Approved by Superintendent)**

ALL FINAL JUDGEMENTS ON THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE ARE DECIDED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

Consequences of Violations

First Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Student then will be allowed to return to class.

Second Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned one (1) day detention.

Third Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned two (2) days detention.

Fourth Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned one (1) day of in-school suspension at the Discipline Alternative Program (DAP). Students assigned to DAP will be required to wear a school uniform.

Fifth Offense: Contact parents or guardian to pick up the student and a mandatory meeting with principal will be required prior to student returning to school. Students will be assigned to three (3) days to DAP. These days are unexcused absences.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

A student enrolled in grades PK-5 shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

CONFISCATED PROPERTY

All confiscated property (including cell phones) will be labeled with student's name and date confiscated.

The first time a type of particular piece of property is confiscated, parent/legal guardian will be allowed to pick up the confiscated property.

The second time the same particular type item is picked up during the school year the property will be held until after the last day of attendance of the school year.

NOTE: Any confiscated property that's required by law, for the school to report to law enforcement agencies, will be turned over to proper authorities when such law enforcement agencies make request.