

DRESS CODE POLICY

In order to promote school safety and provide a healthy and respectful educational environment, all students assigned to and attending Reynoldsburg Schools in grades 5 through 12 shall adhere to this dress code policy. The District expects students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to other students, teachers, or the educational process of the schools. The final determination of a student's adherence to the dress code will be made by the school administrators. Parents/guardians share equal responsibility with their child for the student's adherence to the dress code policy. Based on input received from principals, staff, students, and parents, the required dress code shall consist of the following clothing:

SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION

School-issued IDs must be in the possession of each student while on school property and at school-sponsored events.

BOTTOMS (including skirts and dresses)

Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, capris and dresses must meet all of the requirements below:

1. Color: Can be any color or pattern as long as the pattern is appropriate for school.
2. Style: Must be worn at the waist and cannot sag or have holes, rips, or tears. The waist is determined as the hip bone to the bottom of the rib cage.
3. Fabric: Any fabric with the exception of: translucent material, leather, pleather, stretch knits (Spandex), sweats, velour or wind pants material. Material should not have holes, rips, or tears.
4. Length: Shorts, capris, skorts, and dresses cannot be shorter than two (2) inches above the knee and pants cannot drag on the floor. No slits in skirts or dresses shall be higher than two (2) inches above the knee.

TOPS (including dresses)

Must meet the following requirements:

1. Color: Can be any color or pattern as long as the pattern is appropriate for school.
2. Style: Polos, button-down shirts, mock-necks, turtlenecks, sweaters, dresses and t-shirts (no underwear):
 - a. All tops including dresses must have sleeves.
 - b. No words, graphic designs, logos except logos located on the upper left chest portion of the top.
 - c. Decorative scarves may be worn around the neck.
 - d. Hoodies are not allowed.
3. Fabric: Any fabric with the exception of: translucent material, leather, or pleather material.
4. Length: All tops, including dresses must meet the following:

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- a. All tops must meet bottoms-torso cannot be exposed.
- b. No more than two (2) inches below the collar bone may be exposed.
- c. Dresses that do not meet the requirements for tops must be worn with a top that does.

TOP OUTER LAYERS

May only be worn over a dress code compliant top and must meet all the requirements below:

1. Style must be one of the following styles:
 - a. Sweatshirts: V-necks, scoop-necks, or crew-necks.
 - b. Vest/Cardigan.
 - c. Suit jacket, fleece full length zip jacket, or letter jacket.
 - d. No words, graphic designs, logos with the exception of logos located on the upper left chest portion of the top. Exception to this requirement: Letter jacket.
 - e. Hoodies are not allowed.

RAIDER SPIRIT

Must meet all of the requirements below:

1. Days: Raider Spirit wear is appropriate any school day, unless administrators state otherwise for a particular day or days.
2. Bottoms: Students must wear dress code pants, shorts, capris, skirts, skorts, or dresses as listed above.
3. Tops: Students may wear t-shirts or sweatshirts (no hoodies) for Raider Spirit as long as the t-shirt or sweatshirt meets the following criteria.
 - a. Shirt design must include the Reynoldsburg High School mascot, school logo, school name or anything associated with a school team, club or other program that is sponsored by Reynoldsburg Schools.
 - b. Purple and/or Gold t-shirts without words or images shall be considered appropriate Raider Spirit.
4. Theme Days: Administrators may designate special Theme Days, such as College Team, Spirit Day or Homecoming Spirit Week.
5. Special note regarding hoodies: Because hoodies are popular items to wear outside of school and at school events such as football games, and because they can be good fundraising items for athletic teams, clubs, or booster organizations, these organizations are allowed to sell them. However, because hoodies are forbidden in school, organizations are strongly encouraged to put a statement on order forms to the effect that hoodies are to be worn only outside of school hours.

ATHLETICS/CLUBS

Athletes or club members may wear a uniform (top only) on competition days as long as the top meets the requirements stated above. Coaches and club advisers shall be responsible for obtaining administrator approval for uniform tops to be worn during school.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Bottoms: Leggings, jeggings, sweats, and yoga pants.
2. Hoodies.
3. Exposed undergarments (except t-shirts).
4. Head gear: Caps, hats, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, or scarves, etc.*
5. Tattered or torn clothing.
6. Sunglasses (unless prescribed (see JFCA).
7. Heavy chains of metal.
8. Slippers or house shoes.

*EXCEPTION TO THE AFOREMENTINED DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE:

1. Students shall be permitted to wear religiously significant clothing which is part of their religious practice. Approval must be made by administrators, in advance.
2. Other exceptions may be allowed only upon the prior approval of the administration.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the Dress Code shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

1. The student's parents/guardians will be requested to pick up a student or bring alternative clothing for the student to wear.
2. Class time missed due to a violation of this policy will be marked as in-school suspension.
3. Repeated violations will result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, which may include, but are not limited to: detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
4. The administrator will make the final decision, at the building level, if a student's attire is inappropriate or does not meet the requirements of this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I; ORC 3313.20; 3313.665

CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance) JFCEA, Gangs