

STUDENT RAIDERWEAR 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 objective of this dress code is to provide an appropriate, safe and respectful educational environment while allowing students to dress comfortably, within limits, to facilitate learning. The District expects students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to 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 principal. 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. Principals may require IDs to be exposed on a lanyard/clip.

BOTTOMS

Shorts, capris, skirts, dresses, and skorts must meet all the requirements below:

1. Color: Any solid color, without decal or print.
2. Style: Must be worn at the waist and cannot sag have holes or tears. The waist is defined as the hip bone to the bottom of the rib cage.
3. Fabric: Any fabric with the exception of: blue jeans, translucent material, leather, pleather, stretch knits (Spandex), sweats, velour or wind pants material.
4. Length:
 - a. Shorts, skirts, dresses, or skorts cannot be shorter than two (2) inches above the knee and cannot drag on floor.
 - b. No slits in skirts or dresses shall be higher than two (2) inches above the knee.

TOPS

Must meet all the requirements below:

1. Style: Polos, Button-down Shirts, dresses, Mock-necks, or Turtlenecks.
 - a. Must have sleeves.
 - b. Polos and Button-down shirts must have either a button-down or turned-down style collar.
 - c. No words/graphic designs/logos on tops except logos located on the upper left chest portion of top.
2. Fabric: Any fabric with the exception of: translucent material, leather, or pleather material.
3. Buttons: No more than top two (2) buttons unbuttoned and no more than two (2) inches below the collar bone exposed.

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. Sweaters/Sweatshirts: v-neck, scoop-neck, or crew-neck.
 - b. Vest/Cardigan.
 - c. Suit jacket/Fleece zip jacket/Letter jacket.
 - d. No words/graphic designs/logos, except logos located on the upper left chest portion of top. Exception to this requirement: Letter jacket.

RAIDER SPIRIT

Must meet all the requirements below:

1. Designated Days by Principal – Raider Spirit may be revoked by Principal.
2. Bottoms: Students must wear dress code Pants, Shorts, Capris, Skirt, or Skorts, as listed above.
3. Tops: Students may wear T-shirts or sweatshirts (No Hoodies) for Raider Spirit as long as the T-shirt/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 supported by Reynoldsburg schools.
 - b. Purple and/or Gold T-shirts without words or images shall be considered appropriate Raider Spirit.
4. Theme Days: Principals may designate special Theme Days, such as College Team, Spirit Day or Homecoming Spirit Week.

ATHLETICS/CLUBS

Athletes or club members may wear their uniform (top only) on competition days as long as the top meets the intentions of this dress code policy. Coaches and club advisers shall be responsible for obtaining principal's approval for uniform tops to be worn during school.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Leggings/jeggings/sweats/yoga pants/bottoms
2. Hoodies
3. Exposed undergarments (except t-shirt).
4. Head gear (caps, hats, sweatbands, bandanas, or scarves, etc.) inside any school building.
5. Tattered or torn clothing.
6. Sunglasses (unless prescribed (see JFCA).

7. Heavy metal chains.
8. Slippers/house shoes.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE AFOREMENTIONED 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 by the Principal, in advance.
2. Other exceptions may be allowed only upon the prior approval of the Principal.

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 not be limited to; detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
4. The Principal 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
Student Handbooks