



# River Ridge Middle School

## DRESS CODE

### EXPECTATIONS

The school's administration shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance, and will make the decision whether a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

- ✓ Sexually explicit, see-through, and tight spandex clothing are not appropriate apparel for school.
- ✓ Clothing that is offensive may not be worn. It cannot contain derogatory/harassing remarks or have implicit pictures or language. Clothes cannot identify students with gangs or antisocial groups, or advertise tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
- ✓ All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee. Leggings may be worn underneath shorts and skirts; however, the four-inch requirement for skirts and shorts must be met. Shorts, skirts or shirts worn underneath sheer/lace clothing must also meet all dress code requirements.
- ✓ Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the pant line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- ✓ Pants will be worn securely so that abdominal skin or undergarments are not exposed. Pants may not have holes in them above the knee that expose skin or undergarments.
- ✓ The neckline of a shirt or top cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.
- ✓ Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, bikini tops, strapless or halter tops are not permitted. Shirts and tops must "cup" over the shoulder for both boys and girls. Shirts or tops must not slide off the shoulder during the normal course of movement throughout the school day.
- ✓ Pajamas or other costume-type attire may not be worn except for designated dress-up days.
- ✓ Students shall not bring and/or wear hats, head coverings, or bandannas on the school campus unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities designated by the Principal.
- ✓ Students must wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
- ✓ Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Wallet chains, chains that hang off of clothing, spiked jewelry, and dog collars are not permitted.
- ✓ Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body, clothing or accessories which contain profanity in any form, violent images, images of weapons are considered vulgar, offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which contain sexually suggestive words, phrases or images, advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions. Offensive designs imprinted on the body must be covered.

Students in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. Inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to be covered up with jackets or other garments. Failure to comply will result in parent contact and may result in referral or detention. Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior may result in more severe consequences, including out-of-school suspension (OSS).

#### First Offense:

Students in violation of the school dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to be covered up with a jacket or other garments. Failure to comply will result in parent contact and may result in a referral or detention.

#### Repeat Offense:

Each subsequent violation will result in student being required to change and serve detention, or may result in the student being sent home. Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including out-of-school suspension (OSS).

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