

## DRESS CODE

**Rationale:** The RVCS School Committee desires to make disciples of Christ as RVCS obeys the command of God to train students in truth. Students are requested to dress in a manner that enhances the reputation of the Gospel. With institutional preferences in the areas of neatness and appropriateness, students are requested to demonstrate a heart condition of humility as they abide by these guidelines which are interpreted and applied by the RVCS faculty.

### LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE FOR K2-GRADE 6

The School Committee has approved a dress code that is intended to promote modesty, neatness, and appropriateness for a school environment, including all school events. It is important to remember that conformity to any dress code does not make a person a Christian or more spiritual than another. The simplified and flexible code seeks to complement the educational process. Clothing should be clean, in good repair, with no holes, cuts or tears. Clothing should not be excessively large or overly tight.

Any clothing or accessory may not contain references to alcohol; drugs; tobacco; vulgarity; derogatory remarks; violence; suggestive diagrams, pictures, words or slogans that may be interpreted as offensive; gang-related or other trademark that advocates illegal behavior.

#### Shirts/Tops

\*Students may wear t-shirts, tops, and shirts. Sleeveless shirts must cover the shoulder completely. Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.

\*Students may wear sweaters, pullovers, vests, jackets, coats and hoodies.

#### Pants/Shorts/Skirts

\*Students may wear pants, jeans, capris, and knee-length shorts/skorts made of material permitted for other pants.

\*Girls may wear skirts and dresses that are knee length. No sundresses, please.

\*Low-rise, skinny, stretch, leather-like, sweat pants and wind pants are prohibited. Pants that are form fitting may be worn with fingertip length tops.

\*Shorts are to be no shorter than four fingertip lengths above the knee.

#### Accessories

\*Students must wear athletic shoes and socks on the days of physical education. Because of daily recess, children are encouraged to wear shoes that allow for running and playing on the playground.

\*All head coverings and sunglasses should be removed while indoors.

\*Visible tattoos or body piercings (other than girls' earrings) are prohibited.

#### School Spirit Fridays

\*Students are encouraged to wear an RVCS-purchased Spirit t-shirt on Fridays.

#### A Special Note for Children in Grades K2-K5

Children may wear comfortable clothing that meets age-appropriate needs (potty-training, dressing independently). All other guidelines regarding lower school dress code apply.

**UPPER SCHOOL  
DRESS CODE FOR GRADES 7-12**

The School Committee has approved a dress code that is intended to promote modesty, neatness, and appropriateness for a school environment, including all school events. It is important to remember that conformity to any dress code does not make a person a Christian or more spiritual than another. The code seeks to complement the educational process and support the goal of preparing students for real-world standards. Clothing should be clean, in good repair, with no holes, cuts or tears. Clothing should not be excessively large or overly tight.

Any clothing or accessory may not contain references to alcohol; drugs; tobacco; vulgarity; derogatory remarks; violence; suggestive diagrams, pictures, words or slogans that may be interpreted as offensive; gang-related or other trademark that advocates illegal behavior.

**Shirts/Tops**

**Girls** may wear blouses, tops, and shirts that are not form-fitting. Cleavage should not show at any time. Sleeveless shirts must cover the shoulder completely. Tank tops, see-through tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.

**Boys** may wear dress shirts, collared polo shirts, and collarless shirts.

**Boys and girls:** No midriff or undergarments should show at any time.

**Pants/Bottoms**

**Girls** may wear pants, jeans, capris, and knee-length skirts and dresses.

**Boys** may wear pants and jeans that fit to the waist.

Athletic, sweat, and leather-like pants are not permitted, including but not limited to leggings, yoga pants, etc., and pants should not be overly tight.

**Accessories**

**Boys and girls** should wear safe shoes.

**Boys'** hair and facial hair are to be neatly groomed. Hair should be above the collar and no longer than mid-ear.

**\*Boys and girls** will remove head coverings and sunglasses while indoors. Visible tattoos and body piercing (other than girls' earrings) are prohibited.

**All matters of dress code cannot be covered and require responsibility on the part of parents and students. It is expected that parents and students will work together beforehand at home to avoid any dress code conflicts at school. Students out of code will receive unexcused absences from class until they change into clothing that meets code. Final decision rests with the school staff. After three infractions, a detention will be issued.**

**SPECIAL OCCASION DRESS CODE**  
**Superlatives, Senior Trip, Junior/Senior Formal**

1. As always, modesty is the key principle in the selection of formal wear.
2. Dresses must have two 1" straps. Halter style dresses are considered "strapped" dresses and are acceptable if they are modest. Toga ("Helen of Troy") dresses are permissible due to the modest neckline.
3. Necklines should be high enough so that cleavage is not shown.
4. The back of the dress must not be lower than halfway down the back.
5. Side cutouts are not permitted.
6. Dress length must be knee length or longer.
7. Dresses must not be tight or form-fitting (hugging the body).
8. Young men should wear a suit and tie or tuxedo as this is a formal event.
9. Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not permitted (other than girls wearing earrings).
10. If your date does not attend RVCS, you are responsible to provide them with these guidelines well in advance of the event.
11. Please submit two photos (front and back of dress) to the junior class sponsor at least two weeks before the event.

Dress code points will be issued to students who are not in code. If you are out of this dress code, you may be denied admittance until you change into something that meets the dress code requirement.

**Baccalaureate and Graduation**

All graduates will wear red caps and gowns for the Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies. Dress code exceeds school dress code. Other students serving during Baccalaureate and Graduation or receptions must exceed the weekday school dress code. Boots, jeans and athletic wear, which may be worn during school hours, are not acceptable for these formal occasions

Dress code points will be issued to students who are not in code. If you are out of this dress code, you may be denied admittance until you change into something that meets the dress code requirement.

**For all occasions, if you are in doubt about your attire, do not wear it.**