



RIVERSIDE ACADEMY

2026-2027 Dress Code

All students are expected to come to School in clean and properly fitting attire with proper hygiene and their hair styled neatly. Daily personal grooming is important. Pride in one's appearance is the first step in gaining self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, limiting distractions associated with inappropriate or unusual dress and personal style promotes a positive learning environment. Parents will be contacted if a student is out of compliance with these requirements.

The student dress code is an important part of the School program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the School, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. **The dress code is not an option for the student or parent.** Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion.

The teacher and instructional aide are the prime enforcers of the dress code. Occasionally, the Principal may have a building "dress-down" day when students and staff may dress down (in a reasonable fashion). The Principal may provide additional information or requirements regarding such a "dress down" day.

The Principal, or their designee, may make changes to the dress code during the school year. The School administration will notify parents in writing regarding the changes. Students are expected to comply with such changes.

The student dress code is as follows:

- Any solid colored short or long-sleeved polo shirt; undergarments must also be solid colored (e.g., t-shirts)
- Only solid colored white, gray, navy, black, or beige knitted cardigans or knitted pullover sweaters are allowed. **No sweatshirts or hoodies**
- Black, navy, or khaki skirts, skorts, jumpers, or slacks. NO COLORED DENIM may be worn except for solid-black. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be knee length. No floor length dresses, jeans, sweatpants, overalls, leggings, or jeggings. Shorts may be worn during the months of April through September only so long as they are black, navy, or khaki and must be knee length
- Black or brown belts must be worn to maintain the pants or shorts around the waist

- No headscarves (except for religious observance)
- Socks or tights must be worn at all times
- Dress shoes or tennis shoes may be worn. Shoes must be closed-toed. No moccasins, sandals, Crocs, or high heels
- All hairstyles must be neat and clean
- Tattoos must be covered at all times
- Tennis shoes must be worn on scheduled physical education days
- Studs for earrings and wristwatches are permitted
- No "stretch" pants or tights as pants even on dress down days
- No writing or pictures are to be on any clothing
- No see-through clothing of any kind