

# Dress Code



## Philosophy

The use of a dress code is an important part of a distinctive Renaissance Academy education. These standards and guidelines for dress and grooming are purposefully employed to create a learning environment that encourages serious study and fosters the development of self esteem.

The dress code accomplishes this by:

- Decreasing distractions created by modern fashion and socioeconomic differences
- Instilling students with discipline and self-respect
- Eliminating social distinctions
- Maintaining a healthy and positive school image
- Providing a visible and public symbol of commitment to high academic standards

## General Guidelines

1. Students are required to adhere to the standards of the dress code during school hours and when participating in any on-campus or other school sponsored activities, unless stated otherwise by school administration.
2. Students must present a modest, clean and neat appearance at all times.
3. Clothing must be clean, in good repair and worn properly.
4. Clothing that is baggy, low-rise, over/undersized or low cut is not permitted.
5. Clothing items may not have visible brand names, logos or words of any kind (except school logo). Lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is not permitted.
6. Clothing must be an approved solid color (see above 'clothing color scheme' section). No contrasting color stitching, exposed zippers, lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is permitted.
7. Renaissance Plaid is permitted for some articles of clothing (where specifically stated). Renaissance Plaid is ("Blue/Red" in the French toast catalog). No other plaid is permitted.
8. Hair must be neat, groomed and clean cut. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors (i.e., mohawks, faux hawks etc.) Student who present with extreme hairstyles and colors will be sent home until the situation is rectified.
9. Sunglasses are not permitted inside the school building.
10. Visible tattoos are not allowed.



## Clothing Color Scheme

The Renaissance Academy student dress code color scheme is as follows:

1. Tops, shirts and dresses may be red, navy blue, light blue, light yellow or white.
2. Pants may be khaki or navy blue.
3. Renaissance Plaid (available through 'French Toast').
4. Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, and blazers may be worn in any approved top color.
5. Hoodies may be navy blue or red only (zip-up and pullover styles are both accepted).



## Tops, Shirts & Dresses

1. Approved styles-girls: shirts (polo and oxford), collared blouses, polo dresses.
2. Polo dresses may be worn in any top color and may not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
3. Approved styles-boys: shirts (polo and oxford).
4. Tops may be long or short sleeved.
5. Tops must be an approved colors i.e., red, navy blue, light blue, light yellow or white.
6. Undershirts in approved colors may be worn under an approved dress code top, which must be buttoned up. Jumpers may only be worn with an approved dress code top.



## Bottoms

1. Approved styles for girls: pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, capris, jumpers.
2. Approved styles for boys: pants or shorts.
3. Must be an approved solid color for bottoms: khaki or navy.
4. Skirts and jumpers may also be Renaissance Plaid.
5. Skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than 2" above the knee. Shorts may be worn under these items for modesty; however, they must not show.
6. Shorts may be no shorter than 4" above the knee.
7. Pants may be cargo style, cuffed or straight legged. Knit pants, athletic pants and sweat pants are not acceptable.

## Outerwear

Some types of outerwear may be worn in the building for personal comfort over a dress code complaint collared shirt. Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, blazers may be worn in any approved top color. Students may also wear a solid color (zip-up or pullover style hoodie) in navy or red. Hoods on sweaters or sweatshirts may not be worn in the school building. An Official RA logo hoodie will be available for purchase at 'Back-to-School Night' Jackets/coats worn to and from school, and during outside recess are not considered part of the dress code. These items may not be worn in the building. Students will be asked to remove all non-dress code winter/outerwear items when in the school building.

## Shoes

1. Shoes must have a closed toe, back or back strap that allows for daily school activity.
2. Shoes should be conservative in style, and basic (black, brown or white) or coordinating in color (coordinating is defined as any dress code approved color) .
3. Athletic shoes worn to school must also be conservative in style, and basic or coordinating in color as defined above.
4. The following types of shoes are not permitted: with wheels, predominantly fluorescent in color, flashing lights, electronics, character logos, heels greater than 2”.
5. Flip-flops and slippers are not permitted.
6. Athletic shoes may be required in Middle School for P.E.

## Other

1. Belts are optional. They must be a solid color brown, black or navy blue. Buckles must be small with no graphics or logos.
2. Socks must be matching and solid unadorned white, black, or navy blue.
3. Girls may wear smooth, opaque or cable knit tights in approved top or bottom colors. Tights may not be worn as pants or shorts.
4. Ties may be worn in solid navy or Renaissance Plaid
5. Hats, beanies and scarves are not to be worn in the building-except for special events.
6. A minimum amount of jewelry is acceptable. Girls may wear one pair of earrings no larger than a quarter. Boys may not wear earrings. Pierced jewelry in other body parts is not allowed.
7. Make-up is permitted for girls. It should look natural and be non-distracting. Boys may not wear make-up unless sanctioned by a faculty member or administrator for a specific school activity.
8. Hair accessories are acceptable for girls. They should be conservative and may be any matching dress code color.

## Dress Code Standards

There are three dress code standards at Renaissance Academy: daily dress, performance dress and spirit dress. The Dress Code General Guidelines and shoe guidelines apply for all standards.

### Daily Dress

Daily Dress is the standard guideline for school attendance Monday-Friday. Students may wear any approved clothing outlined in the policy.

### Friday Dress

Spirit Dress and Jeans are permitted and may be worn on Fridays. Spirit shirts are available for order from our FEC (Family Engagement Committee) at 'Back to School Night' and other events throughout the year.



## Performance Dress

Performance Dress is a higher standard of dress reserved for field trips and special events. School-wide events that require performance dress will be announced by administration. Any faculty member may designate performance dress for a classroom or grade level special event. Performance dress standards are as follows:



### Girls

- Top: white collared blouse or navy polo dress. May be long or short sleeved.
- Bottom: navy or RA Plaid skirt, skort, shorts, pants, capris, jumper.
- Socks/tights: navy or white socks.
- Tie: navy or RA plaid (optional but encouraged).
- Outerwear: approved colors.

### Boys

- Top: white collared polo or oxford shirt.
- Pants/shorts: navy.
- Socks: navy or black.
- Tie: navy or RA Plaid (optional but encouraged).
- Outerwear: approved colors.

## Spirit Dress

Daily dress as described above may be worn. Students may also choose to wear a Renaissance Academy logo t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie. This includes shirts worn for Renaissance approved clubs, activities or performances. Students may also wear blue denim bottoms on these days. Socks may be any color. Spirit dress days do not occur at a regular interval. When school administration designates a Spirit Dress Day it will be announced in advance to the campus community.

## *Students who arrive at school NOT in dress code clothing*

1. Students in grades 1 - 9 who arrive at school dressed in clothing items other than those included in the dress code will be instructed by faculty members to go to the office and call home to request appropriate dress code attire be brought to school.
2. Once a student has contacted their parents to have appropriate dress code clothing brought to them at school they will be sent back to class with a sticker/stamp indicating to other faculty members that the dress code issue has been addressed.
3. When the dress code items arrive at school students will be called to the office and asked to change.
4. Kindergarten students - Rather than kindergarten students being sent to the office to call home if they are 'out-of-dress code', kindergarten teachers or office staff will contact the parents directly regarding 'out-of-dress code' incidents.
5. If a student is identified as a repeat offender (i.e., required to call home on numerous occasions for different clothes) who continually disregards the student dress code the following will occur;
  - a. A warning will be given, parents will be emailed indicating that the next infraction will result in an after school detention
  - b. Students may receive a maximum of 3 after school detentions for dress code violations
  - c. Upon receipt of a 4th dress code detention more serious behavioral consequences will be considered.