

# GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT DRESS

## RHS DRESS CODE

The Board of Education has determined that a student may not remain at school dressed in a manner which (1) creates a safety hazard for said student or for other students at school, and/or (2) when the dress constitutes a serious and unnecessary distraction to the learning process or tends to disrupt campus order. When the site administrator/designee determines that a student's attire is in violation of this policy, the student will be required to modify his/her clothing and/or apparel in such a manner that it no longer violates this policy. If necessary, the student may be taken or sent home with parental permission to modify unacceptable dress and return to school. Refusal to take steps as described in this policy shall be cause for disciplinary action (defiance) against the student.

### Student Dress Code:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. A substantial sole is required and enclosed toes and heel footwear is highly encouraged. No slippers or house shoes are allowed
2. Clothing will completely cover all undergarments, back, and abdominal area at all times. Sleeveless tops must be of sufficient width to completely cover undergarments. A jacket or cover-up to conceal brief clothing that reveals bras or bare midriffs is **not acceptable**. Extremely brief garments that are distracting to the educational environment are not appropriate. Inappropriate items include but are not limited to the following:
  - Tube tops; Halter-tops; Muscle shirts;
  - Spaghetti straps less than inch
  - Bare midriff tops
  - Backless, strapless or open back tops
  - See-through garments
  - Low cut garments showing cleavage
  - Off the shoulder apparel
  - Any clothing that reveals undergarments (example: sagging or low-rise pants)
  - Any tank tops considered to be gang or gang-like attire (example: white ribbed undershirts)
  - Do-rags, masks, face paint
  - Pajamas, slippers

\*\*Tank tops are allowed, but the strap must be wide enough to cover undergarments AND straps must be a minimum of one inch in width. And a reminder: two spaghetti straps do not equal a one – inch strap

**\*\*No shorts, skirt, pant or shirt should be so short (hem must reach the tip of the middle finger when the arms are relaxed at the sides) as to show undergarments while seated or standing by exposing bare skin which is distracting to the classroom/learning environment\*\***

3. Clothing or accessories shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia or logo which are crude, violent, obscene or sexually suggestive or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice or slogans or pictures depicting or promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances are not appropriate. Specifically, no clothing that might incite hatred or unrest between students is allowed.
4. Earrings, jewelry, or accessories, which present a safety hazard to the wearer or others, are not suitable for school wear. Spiked/sharp accessories of any kind will not be allowed.
5. Only prescription sunglasses (**medical documentation required**) may be worn in class. Other types of sunglasses may be worn on campus outside of class.
6. Identified gang attire such as bandannas, hairnets, or hair rollers or any gang paraphernalia is prohibited. For the safety of all RHS students and staff, the administration has the right to bar any clothing style that indicates gang affiliation.
7. Metal reinforced footwear such as Doc Martin boots, chains of any form such as wallet safeguards, or chokers, safety pins worn on the outside of clothing, and excessively long belts (sized belts must be worn through the belt loops) violate the intent of the gang attire policy and/or safety provisions and are subject to dress code violation penalties

**NOTE:** The following steps are taken to uniformly interpret and enforce the provisions of the dress code among RUSD secondary schools.

**Referral steps/consequences following student/parent contact by phone or in person:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Counselor/Designee**

1. Verbal warning.
2. Correct situation (change into an RHS dress code t-shirt, or send home if necessary)
3. Counsel regarding consequences of future violations

**Repeated Offense (Defiance): Assistant Principal/Designee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Correct situation (change into an RHS dress code t-shirt, or call parent to bring appropriate garment or send home if necessary); assign lunch detention.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Correct situation (change into an RHS dress code t-shirt, or call parent to bring appropriate garment or send home if necessary); assign two lunch detentions

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense:** Correct situation (change into an RHS dress code t-shirt, or call parent to bring appropriate garment or send home if necessary); assign three lunch detention or suspension if appropriate.

**5<sup>th</sup> Offense:** Correct situation (change into an RHS dress code t-shirt, or call parent to bring appropriate garment or send home if necessary); assign On-Campus Suspension (OCS) if appropriate.

(NOTE: Any item(s) taken from a student will be sent to his/her Assistant Principal's office.)

**Other Prohibitions** – Gambling, including the playing of cards or rolling of dice, and other actions prohibited by state law and city ordinance are not allowed on campus. Water balloons, water pistols, **skateboards**, Frisbees, etc., are not permitted. ***Students found to be in possession of or participating in an activity with any of the aforementioned items will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school.***

**Return of "Blue" Dress Code Shirts:** Students will be given every opportunity to exchange the blue dress code shirt for their own article of clothing. Students who do not return the blue dress code shirt within a reasonable amount of time, will be assigned a detention for defiance, and will have to pay an \$8.00 fee to cover the cost of replacing the shirt.

Any unclaimed articles of clothing remaining at the end of the school year will be donated to charity.