

Making a World of Difference

Renewal of Universal Waivers

The Ridgeview School Governance Council is renewing the Universal Waivers of Required Parent Involvement and the Uniform Policy.

Required Parental/Guardian Involvement

All families will donate ten (10) hours in involvement time each year their child is enrolled at the school.

All families will be members in the RCS PTA.

All families will attend any discipline conference for ISS or OSS.

All families will ensure their students participate in the uniform program daily.

All families will provide students an appropriate environment in which to do their daily homework. Parents may opt out of PTA membership if they object to membership based on any political involvement of the PTA at any organizational level.

Uniform Policy

RCS will enforce a mandatory school uniform policy to help foster a school environment conducive to learning. There is evidence that the standardized dress resulting from school uniforms helps reduce discipline problems in schools and increase attention to learning. Nationally, an increasing number of public schools are implementing school uniform programs. Other research indicates that uniforms reduce the pressure to wear certain brands or styles of clothing, lower school clothing expense and hassle, and give the student population a neat, unified appearance.

All students are required to wear the school uniform.

Note: If a particular item or style is not described, consider it as not allowed under these guidelines.

To Be Worn Any Day of the Week:

School Colors: Red, Black, White, and Gray

1. Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts

- Khaki twill, full length
- Must be worn at the natural waist line
- No stretch knit material, no baggy pants, no sagging, no tight-fitting
- Skirts, skorts, and shorts reaching four fingers width above the knees
- Belts are worn only on pants with belt loops
- 2. Polo shirts
 - Solid school colors, with or without the RCS school logo;
 - Must have a collar and be able to button at the throat
 - No other logos on shirt
 - Shirts worn outside pants must not be longer than the wrist.

- 3. T-shirts
 - **ONLY** RCS t-shirts with official school logo sold at school

4. Hoodies and Sweatshirts

- Plain or with the **RCS logo only** in school colors.
- Any shirt worn under sweatshirt must be school colors

5. Winter coats

- Can be any color
- May only be worn before and after school and during outdoor break.

6. Socks

- Only in solid school colors: Red, Black, Gray, White
- No patterns, no designs
- 7. Shoes
 - Closed toe shoes only
 - No sandals, flip-flops, bedroom slippers, slip-on shoes

8. Accessories

- No accessories are allowed: scarves, necklaces, belts, hats
- No camisoles or undershirts that show any color
- No glitter, tip stitched designs, decorations of any kind (other than school logo) on any article of clothing
- No apparel which designates gangs or similar organizations; no drugs or alcohol

ONLY To be worn on Friday:

9. Solid Blue Jeans or Black Jeans

- No ripped jeans
- No jeans with any oversized logo, design, embroidery, or added decorations.

10. RCS T-shirts, Event/Athletic T-shirts, Hoodies and Sweatshirts -

- These can be regular school logo, music, sports, school-related events
- Riverwood shirts are allowed.

The school will maintain a gently used uniform collection to assist those students whose families are not able to afford adequate clothing as required.

Please note:

ALL clothing must be the appropriate size for the student. Students are expected to follow the dress code so that valuable instructional time is not spent examining student attire to determine appropriateness. Uniforms are available at the RCS Concession Store throughout the year.

Sweatshirts may not be worn inside out.

Parents and students will be notified of exceptions to the dress code (Olympics, special activities). Halloween is not an exception.

Uniform Violations:

Students are expected to follow the RCS uniform code at all times. If students come to school out of uniform, the following disciplinary actions will be taken:

1st Offense: Change of clothes; Parent will be notified by phone.

2nd Offense: Silent Lunch/Break; Parent notified by phone.

3rd Offense: Silent Lunch/Break; Conference with Counselor and/or Graduation Coach.

4th Offense: Public Detention; Parent Notification letter.

5th Offense: ISS (In School Suspension); Parent Notification letter.

Sagging Pants Violations: on 2nd Offense will be assigned ISS (In School Suspension)