

THE RICE SCHOOL

UNIFORM, APPAREL & BACKPACK POLICY

The purpose for The Rice School uniform is to promote an environment where students are Scholars focused on a culture of learning. The guidelines below cover the major aspects of our uniform policy. Students will be dressed in the official uniform every day. Students are expected to be neatly dressed and groomed at all times. For more information about Uniform Policy and Uniform Store information, please check the school's website

SHIRTS

- Shirts must be purchased at The Rice School PTO Uniform Store. The Rice School polo-style shirts are red, white or navy blue with The Rice School emblem. The Rice School emblem is copyright, therefore, there should be no altering to the uniform shirts.
- Students are allowed to wear solid-colored long sleeve shirts and or undershirts under their Rice School shirt. These shirts must match the uniform shirt, for example navy uniform shirt and navy long sleeve/under shirts.
- PE Shirts and shorts are available through the PTO Uniform Store.



OUTERWEAR

- Uniform sweatshirts/ windbreakers/ sweaters without hoods or solid red, white or navy blue sweatshirts/ windbreakers/ sweaters without hoods will be acceptable to wear in the building/classrooms. There should be no writing or designs on these garments. Official Rice School Sweatshirts purchased through the PTO Uniform Store or through Rice Athletics are allowed.
- All other coats, jackets and sweaters may be worn into the building on cold days but must be placed in the student's locker or cubby upon arrival.



SHORTS, PANTS, SLACKS AND SKIRTS

- The appropriate khaki brown color and style may be found in the uniform section at a variety of local stores.
- Pants must be proportioned to fit at the waist without having to use a belt.
- Pants should not have any embellishments on them.
- Cargo-style, excessively baggy or skinny khaki pants will not be permitted.
- Khaki skirts will be straight or pleated with the hemline falling just above the knee to mid-calf.
- Solid-color leggings, tights and knee high socks are permitted to be worn under skirts, skorts, or shorts if they conform to the uniform colors.
- Jeans are not allowed unless designated jeans days are announced.



SHOES

- Tennis shoes and loafers are acceptable shoes to wear and strongly recommended.
- Safety is a main concern when purchasing school shoes. The following shoes are not allowed and not considered safe: Heelys, Crocs, Yeezy Foam Runners, high heels, sandals, flip-flops, house and open back and open toe shoes.



BACKPACKS

- Backpacks must be either clear or mesh.
- Solid color and wheeled backpacks are not allowed.



ACCESSORIES

Costume headbands are not allowed. All jewelry and hair accessories should be modest and not distract from learning. The teacher may choose to have them remove any pieces that become a distraction. Hats, bandanas or jacket hoods are not to be worn inside the building.

SPIRIT FRIDAYS

Students may wear a Rice Friday shirt or college T-shirt with khaki bottoms. Shirts must have sleeves. Team Jerseys are not allowed.

DESIGNATED FREE DRESS DAY

On designated free dress days, students may wear any school-appropriate clothes. However, shoes still need to meet the requirements stated above. Make sure all skirts and shorts are appropriate lengths. No profanity, costumes, or pajamas. Shirts/Tops must have sleeves. No crop tops or see-through shirts are allowed. Jeans worn during free dress days cannot have tears or holes. During Red Ribbon Week, Khaki bottoms are required. Jeans can be worn only on designated days.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Extreme hairstyles/color are prohibited. Excessive jewelry is not allowed. Body piercing other than appropriate earring(s) is not allowed.

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for not complying with the uniform dress code are as follows:

- First Time: Warning – Parents are contacted (phone call, email, or notes from the teacher).
- Second Time: Parent Contact and detention and/or conduct change.
- Third Time: Discipline referral to grade level administrator

Failure to adhere to Rice School's Uniform and Apparel Policy may result in non-renewal of magnet transfer for the following school year.