



Dress Code 2026 - 2027

Rutland High School

At Rutland High School we are Respectful and Responsible. The purpose of the Rutland High School Student Dress Code Policy is to clearly define acceptable student attire. The objective of the policy is to promote an atmosphere for academic success while recognizing freedom of student choice and expression. We want to thank our students, parents, and community for their support and cooperation in helping us to continue to make Rutland High School an outstanding high school!

Many details and styles of clothing cannot be covered in the dress code policy. We hope that students and parents choose clothing that is appropriate for a student attending Rutland High School.

"R" Expectations

RESPECTFUL attire should convey that you respect yourself, others, and the learning environment.

RESPONSIBLE attire should convey the message that you are attending school for the purpose of learning.

Items that require specific emphasis:

- All **Book bags** must be clear or mesh
- **Earbuds, headphones, and Bluetooth devices** are not allowed to be used or worn around the neck **OR** inside the school during school hours 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
- **Tights, Leggings/Jeggings** with or without pockets are not school attire. They will not be allowed to be worn at school.
- **Pants with holes** any size, any location, are not allowed. This includes pants designed with holes and pants with patches and frayed areas. They will not be allowed to be worn at school.
- **Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses** must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. If you are not sure, then please do not wear them to school.
- **Blankets** of any kind are not permitted at school.
- **No Slides** of any kind permitted inside the school during school hours 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM.

Earbuds, headphones, and Bluetooth devices may be picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of school day from the Principal or Assistant Principal daily from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A parent-student conference is required.

General Guidelines for ALL attire:

- All clothing must be appropriately sized, and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which may not be seen through the garment.
- Pants/shorts must not have holes or fraying, even if you bought them that way.
- All clothing must cover the body without openings, slits, or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not permitted

Written Warning-removal from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected ISS, Parental Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension for multiple violations.

NON-PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS: This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items, The School District may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year, Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in the main office.

The following items are NOT PERMITTED:

- Any kind of bedroom shoe or slipper
- No pajamas
- Any shirt or shirt/pants combination that shows bare midriff or skin around the waist
- Shorts or skirts/dresses that are shorter than two inches above the knee
- Earbuds, Headphones, and Bluetooth devices may not be used or worn around the neck anywhere in the building at any time - even before or after school
- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry chains (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, or emblems, or promotes aggression or violence. Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing which disrupts the learning process is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, "do-rags," combs, picks, roach clips, fish hooks and curlers are not permitted, Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school premises.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc, Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories that may present a danger or distraction to the school community as needed,
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- Bigshirts, jerseys or other oversized shirts.
- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, playing cards, laser pointers, games, toys or electronic devices.





***NOTE:** (School athletes may wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in Bibb County Code of Conduct). Coaches have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.

Student Guide to the Rutland High School Dress Code Policy

Purpose:

The statements included in this guide are described in further detail and may include examples or pictures of clothing items that are appropriate for school as defined in the policy. If any questions related to the policy remain, feel free to call the school for further details and clarification.

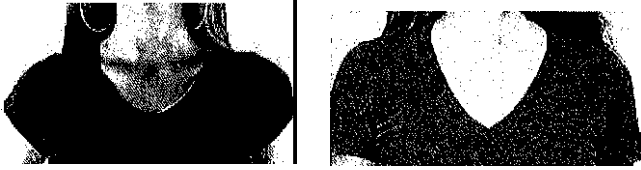
*This guide is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather provide further description and some examples in each category of the student dress code policy.

RHS Dress Code Policy Statement	Description
<p>1. Hats, hoods and sunglasses may not be worn during the school day.</p> <p>Acceptable:</p> 	<p>Headwear and sunglasses prevent easy visual identification of every individual in the school building, and therefore are prohibited unless approved by an administrator. This includes any type of hat, hood, beanie, handkerchief, do-rag, or similar item worn on the head, and applies to all students - both male and female.</p> <p>Unacceptable:</p> 
<p>2. No exposed midriffs will be permitted. Shirts must cover the midriff on all sides.</p> <p>Acceptable:</p> 	<p>Shirts and tops should be long enough to cover a student's midriff on all sides, and to cover any undergarments.</p> <p>Unacceptable:</p> 

3. No exposed cleavage will be permitted.

All shirts and tops should cover the chest. Open-neck or v-neck tops are permitted if no cleavage is exposed and the shirt meets other dress code guidelines.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:



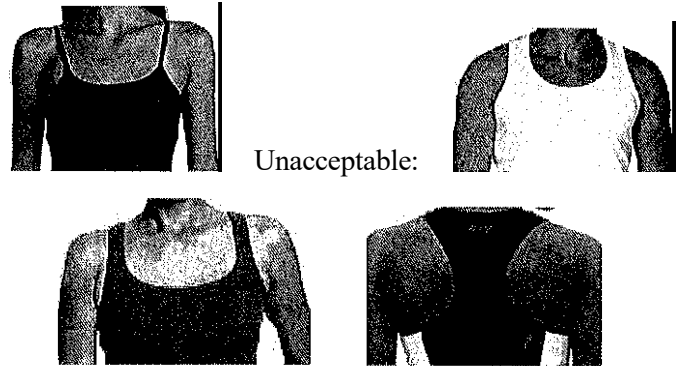
4. Straps such as those found on tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops and/or spaghetti strap tops are not permitted. Tops that expose the back or parts of undergarments, including racerback tops or similar articles, are not permitted.

Tops must cover the top of the shoulder, back, and chest.

Acceptable:



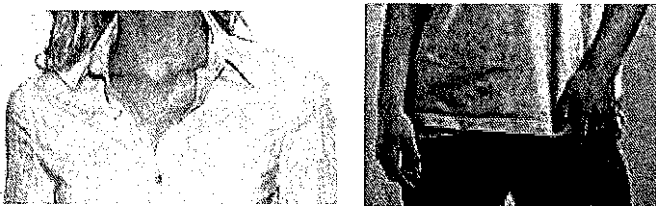
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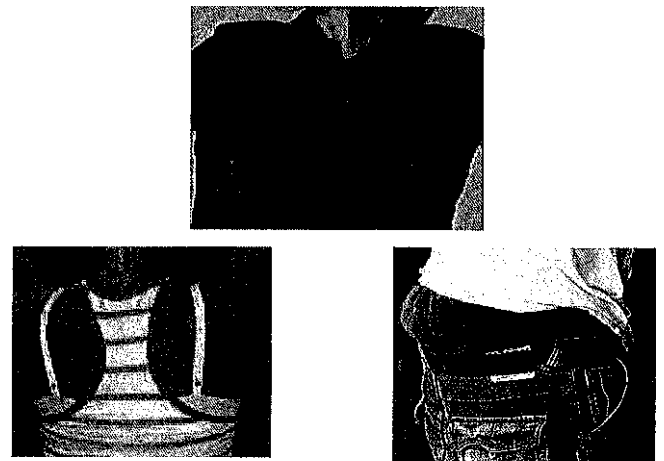
5. All clothing must conceal undergarments. Shirts that reveal undergarments, whether due to the transparency, length, or lack of coverage of the shirt are not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist and completely cover the buttocks area. Pants may not be worn in such a way as to expose underwear or skin around the midsection.

Clothing must completely cover undergarments including bras and bra straps, boxers, and underwear.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:



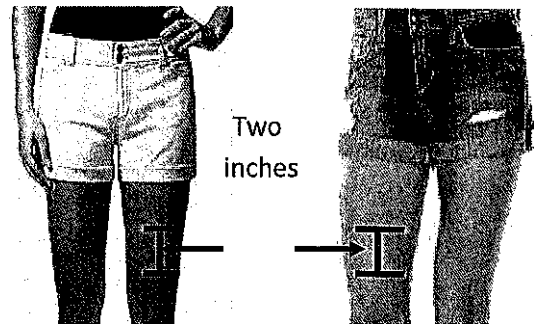
6. The bottom hem or edge of shorts, skirts and dresses may be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee when standing.

Acceptable:



Two inches above the knee as measured from the top of the knee,

Unacceptable:

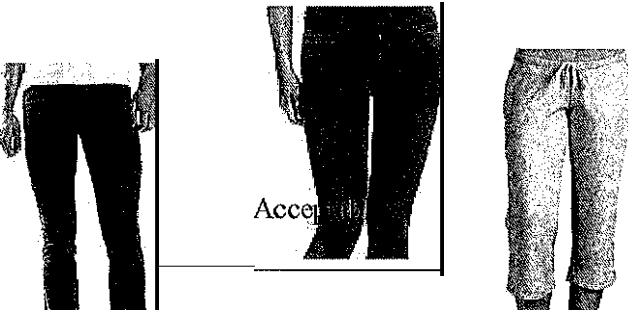


7. Any article of clothing with a printed message, word, or phrase may not contain profanity, obscenity, or the promotion of any illegal activity or violence. Likewise, any article of clothing with a picture or graphic may not be obscene or promote any illegal activity or violence. Any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate, offensive or a distraction to the educational environment by a staff member will be required to be changed.

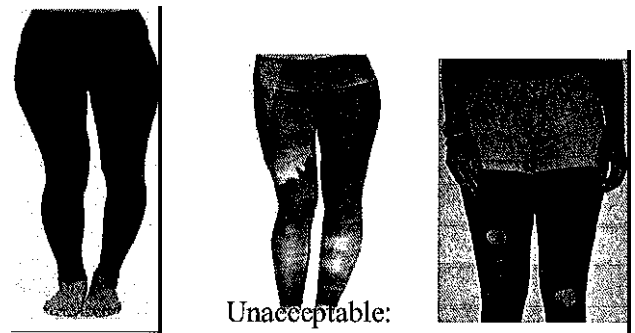
This statement is self-explanatory. Printed messages or images on clothing may not display any language, image, or suggestion of promotion of illegal activity. Administrators will require a student to change their clothing if it is called into question.

8. Skintight and close-fitting clothing is not permitted. Leggings, tights, yoga pants, or similar tight pants worn alone are not permitted. Wearing leggings under shorts, skirts, or dresses is permitted if these items are the proper length.

Tight and form-fitting clothing is not appropriate for school. Students wearing the items listed here will be required to change before returning to class. This does not include loose-fitting sweatpants or skinny jeans unless worn in a way that violates another part of the policy.



Acceptable:



Unacceptable:

9. Tights may be worn as long as a shirt, shorts or other clothing garment is also worn and meets the dress code requirement of being within 2 inches of the top of the knee.

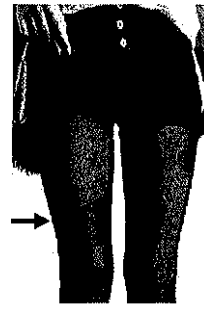
Acceptable:



Two
inches

Tights are not acceptable if they are worn by themselves or are worn with other clothing that does not meet the dress code requirement of being within 2 inches of the top of the knee.

Unacceptable:



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10. No pajamas or sleepwear may be worn.



This is a self-explanatory statement and applies to pajama pants, slippers, or other clothing categorized as sleepwear.

11. Footwear must be worn. Safety considerations may dictate the type of footwear worn in specific classes or school settings.

Shoes or other footwear must be worn at all times. It is not appropriate, nor safe to walk barefoot in or around the school. Bedroom shoes, slippers are not permitted.

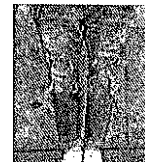
12. All clothing must be free of holes, cuts, tears and/or rips that expose undergarments or skin. Torn and tattered clothing is not permissible.

This statement is self-explanatory. Students should avoid wearing this type of clothing.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:



13. Ear Buds / Bluetooth / Headphones of any kind are not allowed during school hours from 7:00 am until 2:45 pm.



Unacceptable:

