

Uniform Expectations

As we are getting back into the swing of the school year, here are some reminders about uniform expectations:

RMCA's philosophy and principles of uniform and dress code reflect the following purposes:

- Cultivate an awareness of the importance of clothing in atmosphere and relationships
- Foster the virtues of humility, modesty, and conscientiousness
- Prepare for life through the discipline of choices that glorify God and serve others

Based on these purposes, the following modesty, safety, and grooming guidelines apply at all times when students are at school and/or school-sponsored events.

All Wear:

- Clothing should fit appropriately, neither overly baggy nor tight, be clean, and in good repair.

Upper Wear:

- Polo shirts for non-chapel days must be free of NON-RMCA logos or pictures and be of a solid natural color (no neons).
- Solid color sweaters or RMCA logo only crew sweatshirts for non-chapel days may be worn over a polo shirt.
- All shirts, tops, and dresses must have sleeves. Undergarments (including tank tops and camisoles) should be out of sight.

Lower Wear:

- **Khaki or navy uniform-style shorts and pants** - NO athleisure, drawstring, or elastic/cinching at the ankle.



- Girls' shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 4" above the knee in length.
- Girls must wear **navy or black** bicycle shorts, tights, or leggings under skirts and jumpers.
- **Girls - NO skirts/dresses on PE day.**

Shoes, Outerwear, & Miscellaneous:

- Athletic shoes are required for P.E.
- Shoes must have closed toes and heels (unless specified for non-uniform days or other special occasions/concerts). Shoelaces (if present) must be tied.

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- Crocs are not permitted.
- **Solid colored socks, free of any pattern.**
- Caps and hats may only be worn outside.
- **Outerwear may be worn outside only.** Hoodies, boots, and other winter clothing may be worn outside only. Students are expected to bring cold weather gear when appropriate.
- For boys, hair should be neatly groomed (no longer than the top of the shirt collar and bangs not hanging in the eyes). Tails, shaved patterns, unnatural dyes, or other extreme styles are not permitted.
- For boys, any jewelry (e.g., necklace or bracelet) must not be distracting or excessive. Earrings or other visible piercings and associated jewelry are not allowed. Boys may not wear makeup except as part of a costume and may not wear clothes traditionally worn only by girls.
- For girls, jewelry, makeup, and nail polish must not be distracting or excessive. No visible piercings and associated jewelry other than one piercing in each earlobe are permitted. Girls may not wear clothes traditionally worn only by boys.
- For girls, hair should not be dyed or feature a distracting style.
- Visible tattoos (temporary or permanent) are not permitted.