



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Alexis I. du Pont Middle School believes that reasonable regulation of student attire can advance important educational interests. This policy is guided by the following principles:

- All students should be provided with the environment, resources, and commitment necessary to ensure that they succeed.
- Students and their parents/guardians have primary responsibility for selecting personal attire, hairstyles, jewelry, and accessories.
- Schools are responsible for ensuring that student dress does not interfere with the health or safety of any student or contribute to a hostile or intimidating environment.
- Schools are responsible for the safety of the school community.
- Students and staff are responsible for managing their own personal distractions.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to attending school.

RCCSD SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVISION

Schools approved under RCCSD Administrative Memorandum 8001.7, School Uniform, may continue implementing their school-uniform policies, provided that those policies are gender-neutral and inclusive of attire worn for religious reasons.

EQUITABLE AND RESPECTFUL ENFORCEMENT

- Students have the right to be treated equitably. Dress code enforcement must not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, or be applied more strictly because of a student's racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size or type, or body maturity.
- Principals must ensure that all staff members are aware of and understand this policy.
- Staff members must not enforce the dress code against an individual student in front of other students.
- Students shall not be removed from class as a consequence for wearing attire in violation of this policy unless the attire creates a substantial disruption to the educational environment, poses a hazard to the health or safety of others, or factors into other student Code of Conduct violations.
- A typical first response for a violation of this policy is student redirection. Students who are out of dress code will be given the opportunity to change into dress code-appropriate clothing.

APPLICATION AND FINAL DETERMINATION

- The dress code may be enforced while students attend school functions or school-sponsored activities, whether on or off school property.
- Parents/guardians are strongly urged to work closely with the school to support students' adherence to these standards.
- Although opinions may differ regarding appropriate dress or grooming, or whether a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment, the final determination will be made by building administration.

AIMS FIT CHECK

TOP: LOCKED IN	BOTTOMS: ON POINT
• AIMS T-shirt during regular school days; official team-uniform shirts or jerseys only on the student-athlete's team game day; a solid-colored T-shirt worn solely as the required underlayer beneath a sleeveless official team uniform or jersey on that game day. • Collared or polo-style shirt in any color. • Button-down collared shirt worn buttoned. • Permitted non-hooded sweatshirts, quarter-zip pullovers, pullover sweaters, cardigans, and lightweight jackets worn over an AIMS T-shirt or collared/polo-style shirt; the required shirt remains underneath throughout the school day.	• Solid navy, black, or tan non-athletic cotton-fabric pants, including Dockers-style pants, chinos, dress slacks, or jogger-style pants made of non-athletic cotton fabric. • Reasonable-length, non-athletic cotton shorts in solid navy, black, or tan. • Solid black, unripped jeans. • Approved-length skirts or dresses in navy, black, or brown/tan. • AIMS sweatpants—the only athletic-style bottoms allowed during regular school days, except for official team-uniform shorts worn on the student-athlete's team game day. Athletic-material or sweatpant-style joggers are prohibited.



DRESS CODE AT A GLANCE

Use this quick guide as a summary. The detailed requirements below provide the complete standards.

✓ YES — MAY BE WORN	✗ NO — MAY NOT BE WORN
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ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION

Items not specifically covered in the above list of dress code regulations will be at the complete discretion of the building administration to approve.



DETAILED DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

AIMS SPIRIT WEAR AND TEAM UNIFORMS

- AIMS T-shirts are the only T-shirts permitted during regular school days, except that official team-uniform shirts or jerseys may be worn on the student-athlete's team game day. A solid-colored T-shirt may be worn solely as the required underlayer beneath a sleeveless official team uniform or jersey on that game day.
- AIMS sweatpants are the only athletic-style bottoms permitted during regular school days, except for official team-uniform shorts worn by student-athletes on their team's game day.
- Student-athletes may wear official team-uniform shorts, shirts, or jerseys only on their team's game day. AIMS-branded shorts are not permitted unless they are official team-uniform shorts worn on that game day. Official team warm-up pants and team athletic pants are not included in the game-day exception.
- Sleeveless official team uniforms or jerseys must be worn over a solid-colored T-shirt on the student-athlete's team game day.

APPROVED AND PROHIBITED BOTTOMS

- Jeans must be solid black and unripped.
- Any clothing item, including a lightweight jacket, with rips, tears, holes, or distressed openings is not permitted.
- All sweatpants other than AIMS sweatpants are prohibited. Athletic-material or sweatpant-style joggers, athletic pants, sport pants, and athletic or sport shorts are prohibited during regular school days, except for official team-uniform shorts worn on the student-athlete's team game day. Jogger-style pants are permitted only when made from non-athletic cotton fabric and are solid navy, black, or tan.
- Reasonable-length, non-athletic cotton shorts in solid navy, black, or tan remain permitted.
- Tights, leggings, spandex pants, and yoga pants may be worn only beneath an approved-length skirt or dress and may not be worn as standalone bottoms. The skirt or dress must independently meet all dress-code length requirements.

HOODIES AND LAYERED WEAR

- Hoodies are not permitted, including AIMS-branded hoodies.
- Permitted non-hooded outer layers include non-hooded sweatshirts, quarter-zip pullovers, pullover sweaters, cardigans, and lightweight jackets. Each permitted outer layer must be worn over an AIMS T-shirt or collared/polo-style shirt, and the required shirt must remain underneath throughout the school day. Official team uniforms and jerseys are governed by the separate game-day rules.
- Non-AIMS T-shirts may not be worn as outer layers over an AIMS T-shirt or collared/polo-style shirt.
- Button-down collared shirts must be worn buttoned, including when worn beneath a permitted outer layer.

OTHER APPROVED ATTIRE

- Collared or polo-style shirts may be worn in any color.
- Non-athletic cotton-fabric pants in solid navy, black, or tan are permitted, including Dockers-style pants, chinos, dress slacks, and jogger-style pants made of non-athletic cotton fabric.
- Dresses and skirts must be navy, black, or brown/tan.
- Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee in both the front and back.
- Slits in skirts may extend no more than two inches above the hem.
- Slits in long skirts or dresses may not extend above the knee.
- A solid-colored turtleneck, long-sleeve undershirt, or long-sleeve thermal may be worn beneath a collared/polo-style shirt for warmth.

BAGS AND PERSONAL ITEMS

- Students may carry a small clutch-size handbag for personal items.
- Oversized handbags, totes, and purses are not permitted.
- Bookbags of any size may not be carried during the school day. Upon arrival, students must place their bookbags in their school-issued lockers and keep them there until dismissal.

FOOTWEAR

- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must have a sole, cover the toes, and have a closed back for safety reasons. Crocs are permitted only when secured in "sport mode"; when secured in "sport mode," they satisfy the closed-back requirement.
- Flip-flops, sandals, slides, house slippers, and other slippers are not permitted during the school day or at school functions.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND CLARIFICATIONS

FIT AND GENERAL SAFETY

- Polo-style shirts must fit well enough to be buttoned easily.
- Any garment deemed inappropriately tight, short, or revealing is prohibited.
- Attire that disrupts the educational process is prohibited.
- Attire that is unsafe, unhealthy, obscene, or offensive to generally accepted standards may not be worn.

HEAVY OUTERWEAR

- Heavy outerwear may not be worn during the school day and must be stored in a school-issued locker upon arrival.
- Building administration will make the final determination regarding whether an item is considered heavy outerwear.

HEAD COVERINGS AND ACCESSORIES

- Hats, head coverings, and ear coverings may not be worn in the building during school hours.
- Head coverings may be worn for religious or cultural purposes.
- Advance notice to administration is encouraged when practicable but is not required for permission.
- Accessories such as obtrusive jewelry, dangling scarves, and large belts are not permitted.

SAG AND DRAG

- Pants worn in a "Sag and Drag" fashion—below the waist to the extent that underwear or skin is, or could be, exposed—are not permitted at school or school functions.

PROHIBITED WORDS, IMAGES, AND MESSAGES

Clothing, including decals, slogans, words, or images, may not:

- Depict, advertise, or advocate alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances.
- Depict pornography, nudity, sexual acts, or obscene or immoral behavior.
- Display or depict hate speech.
- Depict violence or threaten the health or safety of any student or staff member.

BLANKETS AND STUFFED ANIMALS

- Blankets and stuffed animals may not be worn or carried.