

Dress Code Policy revision 6

At River Mill Academy, our focus is to allow our students to concentrate on academic and character education that is of the highest quality. Students are not allowed to dress in such a manner that draws attention away from the teachers, staff, and other students. River Mill Academy will continue to place the educational emphasis on character building and learning.

All students, staff, and visitors are responsible for knowing our dress code policy and are held accountable. As with the other rules in this student handbook, students are expected to follow the dress code while on the campus of River Mill Academy as well as in other locations where they represent our school, such as field trips, sporting events, etc.

GENERAL CLOTHING GUIDELINES

- Outer garments must completely cover underwear at all times. Underwear must not be visible at any time.
- All clothing must be neat and clean.
- Sheer, see-through or fishnet material must cover or be covered by a garment that meets all dress code requirements.
- Leggings may be worn underneath garments that meet all dress code requirements.
- No clothing that exposes bare midriffs and/or cleavage is acceptable.
- No halter shirts may be worn.
- Athletic and PE uniforms must meet dress code if they are to be worn during the instructional day.
- Student clothing should not be a distraction to the learning process. Students wearing questionable attire will be required to change into clothing meeting dress code requirements.

LOGOS AND WORDS ON CLOTHING

- All clothing must be free from sexually suggestive content.
- All clothing must be free from drug, tobacco, or alcohol content.
- Words or images that demean race, religion, gender, national origin, handicapping condition or intellectual ability are unacceptable.
- Content that suggests, implies, or supports violence is unacceptable.
- Content that could offend, frighten or intimidate others is unacceptable.

SHIRTS AND TOPS

- Upper body garments must be long enough to cover the body at all times.
- Shirts and tops may not fall below the knees.
- Shirt sleeves must be at least 2 adult fingers width wide.
- Students who wear vests or athletic jerseys must also wear at least a tank top underneath.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS AND DRESSES

- Pants must be properly fitted. Extremely tight or extremely loose-legged pants are not allowed.
- Hems must not drag the ground.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must extend below the longest fingertip when the student's arms are extended down. This includes slits, splits, or wrapped items of clothing. Longer skirts and dresses are permissible as long as they do not drag the ground.
- Any holes in the pants/shorts/skirts that expose the skin, must begin below the longest fingertip when the student's arms are extended down.

SHOES

- Appropriate shoes for daily activities must be worn.
- Athletic shoes are required for P.E. classes.
- Bedroom shoes may not be worn.

HATS, HOODS, HEADWEAR

- Hats, hoods, bandannas, scarves, handkerchiefs, novelty headbands, etc., shall not be worn on the body, including the head and arms, inside the school building at any time.
- Hats, bandannas, scarves, and handkerchiefs may not be visible or worn on any article or clothing, book bags, purses, or on the body.
- Hats may be worn by students on our campus at athletic events and at school sponsored dances only. All other clothing and behavior must adhere to existing school rules and regulations.

EYE WEAR

- No one may wear sunglasses inside the school building, unless documentation is submitted to front office staff, from a physician or from an ophthalmologist.

JEWELRY

- Necklaces may be no longer than 36 inches in length and ½ inch in width.
- Pendants must be in compliance with the logos and word requirements.
- State law prohibits any kind of chains, including wallets with chains.

PIERCINGS/TATTOOS

- Pierced jewelry is limited to ears only and must not be longer than 3 inches. Nose piercings, lip piercings, gauges, or any other visible body modifications are not permitted at school.
- No form of body art, including drawings and tattoos (permanent or transfer) may be visible at any time.
- Exceptions may be granted, on a case by case basis, for bona fide cultural and/or religious beliefs at the sole discretion of the principal or his/her designee.

PURSES AND BACKPACKS

- These items must be in compliance with logo and word requirements.
- No rolling book bags are allowed on the bus or in the school building without medical documentation.

DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS: Students found guilty of dress code policy violations will be held accountable in the following manner:

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

- First Offense: The student will be given the opportunity to change into clothes that meet school dress code policy. If the student cannot comply with personal clothing, the student will remain with an administrator until a parent is contacted to provide a change of clothing.
- Second & any additional offense: Any student found in further violation will be referred to administration for insubordinate behavior.

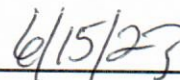
In matters of opinion, the judgment of teachers and administrators will prevail. The principal and administrators have the final authority in all rulings pertaining to the dress code.

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Approved by the River Mill Academy Board of Directors



Board Chairperson



Date