

Racine Christian School Policy & Procedure Manual

Racine Christian School, 912 Virginia Street, Racine, Wisconsin

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Due to the changing fashion trends and popular styles, it is difficult to prescribe standards regarding students' dress and personal appearance. At Racine Christian School our focus is on understanding God and His world through our educational process and avoiding distractions that might hinder us in this focus. In light of this, we have instituted the following school uniform dress code.

The following policy is in effect, unless otherwise directed by school staff, for all educational hours.

1. Shirts, Tops

- a. Shirts or tops must be a collared, with a cap-shoulder, short, or long-sleeve. Off-shoulder or bare-shoulder styles are not permitted.
- b. Girls may wear modest blouses without a collar.
- c. Style may be solid or patterned and should not contain any prominent graphics, logos, phrases, or character depictions.

2. Sweaters, Sweatshirts

- a. Style may include cardigan, pullover v-neck, or pullover crew-neck. Hoodie style sweatshirts are not permitted. Appropriate shirts, blouses, or dresses should be worn underneath.
- b. School spirit sweatshirts are acceptable including Hoodie styles.
- c. Sweatshirts containing team logos, prominent graphics, phrases, or characters are not permitted excluding RCS spirit wear.

3. Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, Dresses

- a. Boys may wear casual style pants, jeans, or shorts in flat-front, or pleated-front styles.
- b. Girls may wear casual style pants, jeans, skorts (or scooter), shorts, or skirts in flat-front, or pleated-front styles.
 - i. Modest dresses are acceptable.
 - ii. Girls may wear leggings under skirts, skorts, and dresses.
- c. Unacceptable styles include cut-offs, knit, leggings, sweatpants, and athletic pants of all styles.
- d. We encourage students to wear belts if the article has belt loops as appropriate for the student's age. Elastic waist pants are acceptable.
- e. Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must not be excessively short and should fall no shorter than between the finger tips and knee when standing.

4. Footwear

- a. Dress, casual, and athletic shoes are acceptable.
- b. All footwear must have closed toe and heel.
- c. Shoes with laces must remain bound.

5. General Appearance Guidelines

- a. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Faded, frayed, or torn clothing will not be

- permitted.
- b. Shirts should remain tucked at all times.
 - c. Clothing should be modest and must not be overly tight or grossly oversized.
 - d. Students' hair must be clean and neatly managed at all times.
 - e. Visible body piercings, other than ears for girls, are not permitted.
 - f. Jewelry and make-up should be modest and appropriate.
 - g. Sunglasses, hats, caps, and beanies and other head coverings are not to be worn during educational hours.
 - h. Jackets or coats are not to be brought into the classroom without teacher permission.
 - i. On wet, rainy or snowy days, students are encouraged to wear boots or waterproof footwear to school, and remove these before leaving the carpeted entrance area. These should be placed in a designated area, and not stored in the washrooms or lockers. Footwear should be clearly marked in some way to avoid loss or mixups.
 - j. All students in grades 5-8 who participate in gym classes must wear shorts, shirts, and footwear intended for that purpose. Gym clothing may not be worn in regular classrooms.
 - k. All clothing and footwear bearing slogans, messages, or symbols that are considered offensive or contrary to our Christian values (including music groups, cartoon characters, alcoholic beverages, tobacco advertising, or brands that promote a counter-Christian culture) are prohibited.

Exceptions

Staff may notify students of exceptions to this policy. General Appearance Guidelines that apply to standard personal apparel must be adhered to.

- a. After hours 'At home' academic and sports activities
- b. Away academic sports activities.
- c. Spirit Week
- d. Special programs which require their own dress code
- e. Unless otherwise directed by staff, Field Trips require students to wear uniforms.

Discipline Process

Serious issues regarding personal appearance of a student will be addressed by the staff and administration and the student's parents or guardians. All issues will be handled as discreetly as possible. Students must never be made to feel ashamed or out of place due to any issue with their clothing or appearance. Students may be discreetly pulled aside and notified of violations. In some cases, parents or guardians may be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing if possible.

At the staff and administration's guidance, repeated violations of our dress and appearance policy will require that our standard disciplinary process begin.