

RIVERSIDE JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
DRESS CODE 2009-2010

The intent of this policy is to ensure that our students dress appropriately, are not disruptive to the educational process, and do not compromise the safety and security of our school. While requiring a specific type of clothing, it is not our purpose to interfere with student decisions or freedom of expression. However, the safety of all students, the security of the building, and the environment in which our students learn must be the foremost objectives of our school.

Uniform Policy

All uniforms must be appropriately sized to the student.

- Pants:** Khaki (Beige/Tan) and Navy Blue are the only acceptable colors that may be worn by students. Pants must be secured at the waist. Cargo pants, baggy/skateboard pants, extra wide/extra full, military pants (fatigues), sweat pants, windpants, capris, and jeans are not permitted. All pants must be a solid color of either Khaki or Navy Blue. Faded Navy Blue pants will not be accepted as the uniform pants and color.
- Skirts:** Khaki (Beige/Tan), Navy Blue are the only acceptable colors that may be worn by students. Skirt length should range from the middle of the knee to the ankle. All skirts must be a solid color.
- Shirts:** All shirts must have a collar. Golf style shirts, (long sleeve or short sleeve), and button down dress shirts (long sleeve or short sleeve) must be worn. Golf shirts must bear the Riverside Logo on the shirt. No other type of golf shirt will be accepted unless it bears the Riverside Logo, which is the only acceptable logo. The colors may be White, Navy Blue, or Red. All shirts must be of a solid color.
- The button down dress shirts must have a collar and the only acceptable color is white. The button down dress shirt can either bear the Riverside Logo or not. The Riverside Logo is the only acceptable logo that can be worn. Shirts must be fully buttoned except for the top three buttons.
- Any shirt that exposes the midriff or tied in a knot in the back is prohibited. If students wear a shirt underneath their golf or button down dress shirt, it must be a solid color T-shirt, either White, Red, or Navy Blue. If a long sleeve t-shirt is worn underneath a short sleeved golf shirt, the sleeves cannot be pulled down to the wrist.
- Sweaters:** Crew, V-neck, and button down sweaters may be worn. A collared shirt must be worn underneath. The sweater colors are those listed above for shirts. Sweaters must be a solid color and cannot bear any logo except the Riverside Logo.
- Sweatshirts:** Crew neck sweatshirts may be worn. They must be a solid color of White, Navy Blue, or Red. They cannot be ripped or torn around the neck line. The only acceptable logo is the Riverside Logo. The sweatshirts cannot be worn inside out. No hooded sweatshirts or zipper-up sweatshirts are allowed in the homeroom or in any classroom through out the day. A collared shirt must be worn underneath the sweatshirt and be visible to the faculty.
- Shorts:** Shorts will not be permitted.
- Shoes:** Some style of shoe/sneaker must be worn at all times. Flip-flops are prohibited. Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted.

Display of any type of undergarment will result in an automatic In-School Suspension

The following may not be worn while in school: No hoodies, hats, coats, jackets, vests, torn clothing, sunglasses, or head bands. No chains worn on clothing or attached to backpacks or other hand held items. Spiked bracelets or dog collars are prohibited.

All book bags and backpacks must be placed in the students' lockers after they enter the school building. They will not be allowed in the classrooms or other parts of the building. The only exception to this policy will be for students who have a ninth period class in gym, shop, art, and family and consumer science areas to facilitate the student's ability to access the school buses at the end of the school day.

Any item brought into the school by a student that, in the opinion of the administration, constitutes a danger or threat to that student or others in the building will be confiscated.

Any changes to the dress code during the school year will be made by the Administration.

The school nurse and/or Administrative Secretary will assist the administration in determining when a particular style of clothing is deemed immodest. Upon such a determination, the student will be placed in In-School Suspension.

Discipline Guidelines for Dress Code

All students will attend school in uniform. Any students arriving to school in violation of the mandated uniform policy will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1st Offense: The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the day. Also, the student will be prohibited from participating in all dress down days for the remainder of the school year. The administration will contact the parents regarding the student's non-compliance with the uniform policy.

2nd Offense: The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the day. The student will not be able to return to school unless a parent accompanies him/her to meet with the administration.

3rd/4th Offense: The student will be subject to an Out-Of-School Suspension which will last for 1 day. The student will not be able to return to school unless a parent accompanies them to meet with the administration.

5th/ or more Offense: There will be a mandatory 3 day Out-of-School Suspension. The student will not be able to return to school unless a parent accompanies them to meet with the administration.

All In-School Suspension and Out-of-School Suspensions will be counted as an unexcused absence and will also be counted towards the 15 and 20 day policy set forth in the district guidelines. The S.T.A.R.S. truancy program, developed through the Lackawanna County Court System, will be contracted regarding truancy.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A. DRESS

Shorts: Gym (Athletic) shorts only, i.e., nylon, elastic waistband (no pockets, no belt loops, no cargo pants, no jean shorts). Length will be no shorter than arms length (length at fingertips). One solid color – no stripe anywhere on shorts (red, navy, white). A small manufacturers label or the Riverside logo is acceptable.

Sweatpants/Windpants: One solid color. Must be worn at waist. May not drag on floor. No tearaways. Same colors as shorts. A small manufacturers label or the Riverside logo is acceptable.

Shirts: Tee shirts – red or navy tee shirt with Riverside PE Logo or a plain white tee shirt. Also, the school shirt - 3 button with collar, short or long sleeve – solid color (red, white, navy). No tank tops, no midriiffs.

Sweatshirts: Solid colors (red, navy, white). Riverside logo only. No hooded sweatshirts.

Sneakers: Must be fastened with laces, zipper, or velcro. No slip on sneakers.

Display or any type of undergarment is prohibited. No articles of clothing may be altered or worn inside out. All clothing must be worn as designed. No rolling of shorts or sweatpants.

B. Excuses:

All students are required to participate in physical education class. The only exception is with a signed doctor's excuse that specifically states that the student cannot participate in gym due to illness or injury. With any other excuse, the student must attend a make-up class.

C: Make-up Classes

The makeup classes are held every Wednesday morning starting at 7:00 AM. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for their own transportation. The class consists of completing 25 laps per gym class missed. Laps are doubled if not made up in the same quarter that they are assigned.

Students are advised to make up any gym classes they have missed as early as possible in case for some unforeseen reason they cannot make them up at a later date. (i.e. injury)

Any student who makes up gym classes on Wednesday morning are advised not to leave the school. If the student is late to homeroom or school they will not receive credit for the make-up laps.

D: Suspension

If a student misses three physical education classes without making any up, they will be given an in-school suspension and parents will be notified. If a student misses four physical education classes without making any up, they will be given an out-of-school suspension and the parents will be notified.

E. Skipping Gym Class

Any student who skips a gym class will receive 75 gym make-up laps that can only be completed on Wednesday mornings.

- 1st Offense - warning plus laps
- 2nd Offense - In-School Suspension plus laps
- 3rd Offense - Out-of-School Suspension plus laps