

# SECONDARY DRESS CODE



Ridgeview Global Studies Academy has a mandatory dress code for all secondary students. There are many positive reasons for a school dress code, including:

- A dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because students project a neat, serious, businesslike image.
- Schools with dress codes have fewer discipline problems because students aren't distracted.
- Dress codes can reduce expenses for families.
- Dress codes eliminate the visible differences between needy and wealthy children.
- Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand-name clothing, "gang colors," etc.
- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging.



## **BOTTOMS:** Navy, black, khaki/tan, or jeans

- shorts (mid-thigh), pants, skorts, skirts, skirted jumpers, sweat pants (black and grey only)
- must be plain, solid-color twill or jean material (navy, black, khaki/tan)
- jeans (denim only) will be allowed as long as they do not have holes, tears, or frays
- **MUST BE APPROPRIATE SIZE (LENGTH AND TIGHTNESS)**

## **TOPS:**



- must be purchased from school (RGSA embroidered logo)
- Grades 6-8: Athletic Heather, Jet Black, or Royal Blue polo with collar
- Grades 9-12: Navy, Dark Grey, or Light Blue polo with collar
- Fridays only: school purchased RGSA spirit shirts or RGSA club/sports shirts may be worn in place of the uniform top.

## **JACKETS AND/OR SWEATSHIRTS:**



- during cold weather, students may layer long sleeve shirts UNDER their official RGSA polo shirts. Long sleeve shirts must be solid neutral colors.
- official RGSA jackets and sweatshirts are the only jackets or sweatshirts to be worn.
- official RGSA jackets and sweatshirts are available for sale or order through the school office.

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## OTHER DRESS CODE RULES:



- clothes must be appropriate size and worn at the student's waist at all times
- shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer
- shoes must be safe, appropriate, and have enclosed heels or a heel strap (flip flops, slides and sandals without heel straps may not be worn)
- clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school

**NOT ALLOWED:** clothing with colored trim, stripes, embroidery, decorations, overalls (pants or shorts), leggings, gym shorts, hats/caps, etc.

## DRESS CODE CONSIDERED UNSAFE:

- Spiked Projections from rings, belts, belt buckles, or any item worn by the student (Spiked items will be confiscated and not returned to the student.)
- Safety pins
- Apparel with emblems, printing, etc., that creates animosity between groups and/or individuals
- Metal reinforced footwear (Steel toe)
- Earrings, jewelry, body piercing or accessories which present a safety hazard to the wearer or others are not suitable for school
- Pictures of weapons
- Bandanas, dew rags, wave caps
- Wallet Chains or chains with links (these items will be confiscated and returned to the parents)
- No fishnet hosiery

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WILL DETERMINE IF CLOTHING IS APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL AND COMPLIES WITH RGSA RULES.**