

## 5.2 Dress Code

Although not intrinsically wrong, anything that would cause undue attention to be paid to a student or would cause distraction to other students is not allowed under the dress code. It is the intention of Riverwood Classical School to create an atmosphere that is conducive to focus and learning. Uniforms also serve as a small measure of the self-discipline intrinsic to the core Biblical values Riverwood seeks to uphold. We intend, by defining what is appropriate attire while in attendance at Riverwood Classical School or at designated school functions, to make complying with these principles simple and straightforward for parents and students. We do not intend to imply that other attire is not necessarily appropriate at other times. Therefore, the following dress code is provided:

### ***Boys' School Clothing:***

*Pants:* khaki or navy blue slacks or dress shorts, which may be worn with a black or brown leather belt

*Shirts:* dark (forest) green, red, or navy blue polo shirts, turtlenecks, t-shirts, or button-down shirts, long or short-sleeved

*Sweaters:* navy blue, red, or dark (forest) green pull over or cardigan sweaters, vest or long-sleeved

*Shoes:* plain, dark shoes or plain, dark or light, tennis shoes or plain sandals

*Socks:* brown, black, white, or navy blue socks (socks need not be worn with sandals)

### ***Girls' School Clothing:***

*Pants:* khaki or navy blue slacks or dress shorts, which may be worn with a black or brown leather belt

*Skirts/jumpers:* khaki or navy blue skirts or jumpers

*Blouses:* dark (forest) green, red, or navy blue polo shirts, turtlenecks, t-shirts, or blouses, long or short-sleeved

*Sweaters:* navy blue, red, or dark (forest) green pull over or cardigan sweaters, vest or long-sleeved

*Shoes:* plain, dark shoes or plain, dark or light, tennis shoes or plain sandals

*Socks:* brown, black, white, or navy blue socks or tights (socks or tights need not be worn with sandals)

### ***General Clarifications:***

1. All skirts, jumpers, and shorts must not be shorter than the student's hand width (measured across the palm) above the knee. Shorts must be worn underneath all skirts and jumpers that are shorter than knee-length.
2. All pants, skirts, jumpers, shirts, blouses, sweaters, shoes, and socks must be solid colors; this means no stripes, flowers, decorative patches, logos, insignias, off-color collars, etc.
3. Tasteful hair accessories are appropriate but must not be used as self-expression. Hair accessories (clips, pins, etc.) should be in muted colors with no sequins. Hair ribbons must be navy, white, red or dark (forest) green. All fad-related hair accessories are prohibited. Hair must be styled in a manner that prevents the hair from covering the student's face or eyes, and any hair style that distracts a student from school is in violation of the dress code.
4. Any other accessories should also be muted in color, nondescript, not used as self-expression, and must match the school uniform being worn.

5. Denim is not part of the dress code.
6. Sandals must be solid brown, black, dark blue, or white with a strap to keep them on. No slip-ons, clogs, or flip flops. Crocs may be worn so long as they comply with the preceding.
7. Tennis shoes will be considered plain if their colors are primarily black, grey, navy, or white with no more than two accent colors.
8. Hats are not allowed under the dress code.
9. Overcoats, jackets, hats, ear warmers, scarves, and gloves are not covered in this dress code because they are not allowed to be worn inside the classroom. The only time that such clothing may be worn inside the school building is when the student is in the immediate process of coming inside from or going to the outdoors.
10. Any tattoos (temporary or permanent) on students must remain covered and out of sight to other students throughout the school day.

***Clarifications for Grammar Students:***

1. Boots, no matter what color, are not considered shoes for purposes of the dress code.
2. Dyed or bleached hair will not be allowed for boys or girls.
3. Girls may wear one pair of simple gold, silver, or pearl stud earrings. Each student may wear one plain watch. Other jewelry does not fall within the spirit of the dress code.
4. Nail polish and make-up is not allowed under the dress code. Students may use colorless lip balm for medicinal purposes.

***Clarifications for Upper School Students (Transition Class and Above Only):***

1. Girls may wear RCS school plaid (black watch) skirts, dresses, or jumpers in addition to the other school colors..
2. Girls and boys may wear black pants, but they may not be worn with black tops.
3. Girls and boys may wear white or black polo shirts, turtlenecks, t-shirts, or blouses, long or short-sleeved in addition to other school colors.
4. Boys may wear white, light blue, or school plaid (black watch) button-down dress shirts.
5. Boots may be worn in colors allowed for shoes in the dress code, unless they pose a safety hazard as determined by a student's teacher or the administrator. Multi-colored boots are not allowed.
6. Girls may wear one pair of small earrings on the lobe. Ear wear that could double for a fishing lure should be saved for other occasions. Earrings in double ear piercings, piercings around the top of the ear, or anywhere else are inappropriate. Earrings or other piercing-fillers of any kind are not allowed for boys.
7. Girls and boys may wear one watch. Girls may wear one small ring. Any other jewelry is not dress-code appropriate.
8. Hair color should be a color that God designed for human hair. Color used by girls should be subtle and not for the purposes of calling attention to themselves. Dyed or bleached hair is not allowed for boys.
9. Girls may wear one soft color nail polish (the same color on all nails). They may wear soft, subtle, natural colored makeup. Make up may not be applied during class time.

Deviation from the dress code, as determined by the school's administrator, will subject the student to discipline as described in Section 5 of this handbook.