SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Red River Parish School Board believes that a mandatory school uniform policy will provide a more secure school environment, promote an atmosphere for greater discipline, and increase learning opportunities for students by removing many of the distractions and connotations associated with various types of clothing.

All students are required to act with maturity in their dress by avoiding extremes and manifesting self-discipline with regard to these regulations. Cooperation of parents is essential. Any student violating the dress code in such a manner that cannot be corrected at school shall be sent home for such corrections. Any student who repeatedly has been warned of violating the student dress code will be subject to suspension from school as provided in Louisiana Revised Statute 17:416A.

The dress code was formed by the 1994-95 Discipline Policy Review Committee and the 2013-14 Uniform Policy Committee amended and approved by the Red River Parish School Board. The dress code was formed for the health and safety of all students of the parish and reflects the social norms of the community and was formed to help create a pleasant learning environment for all.

All schools and grades in Red River Parish will require uniforms. All students will be required to wear uniforms to class. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the designated school uniform clothing as outlined below. There shall be no alternations.

Boys’ Uniforms: Effective 2013-14
(PK - 5 only)
Elastic waist shorts may be worn

(PK-12)
Shirts – Royal Blue and Baby Blue Only
Pants ~ Khaki or Navy
Walking or Bermuda Shorts ~ Khaki or Navy

Cardigans, vests, pull over sweaters and sweatshirts
Royal Blue or Gray (Hoods shall be removed from head when student enter building.)
Uniform Shirts must be worn at all times

Coats and Jackets may be of any color (may have hoods)
Hoods shall be removed from head when student enters the building.

Girls Uniforms: Effective 2013-14
(PK – 5 Only)
Elastic waist shorts may be worn
Skorts – Khaki and Navy
(PK-12)

(Shirts – Royal Blue and Baby Blue Only
Pants – Khaki or Navy
Walking or Bermuda Shorts & Capris ~ Khaki or Navy

Cardigans, vests, pull over sweaters, and sweatshirts
Royal Blue or Gray (Hoods shall be removed from head when student enter building)
Uniform Shirts must be worn at all times

Jumpers (PK-5) - Khaki, Navy Blue or Plaid style color #57
Skirts - Khaki, Navy Blue or Plaid style color #57

Uniform Coats and Jackets – Navy Blue, Gray or Black (may have hoods)
Hoods shall be removed from head when students enter building.

Boys and Girls
Belts must be worn correctly at all times.

Shoes – Dress shoes may be worn with coordination of the uniform. No boots shall be worn unless required for class. Example: Welding, Band or ROTC

Athletic shoes are allowed.

Socks must be worn at all times.

Coats and Sweaters -- They may only be worn in inclement weather. Jackets must be a uniform coat. School organizational jackets that are awarded by the school may be worn.

Coats must reach at least the waist and not extend past the thigh. No Trench Coats or Dusters.

NOTE! Parents may wish to write child’s name on the inside label to show ownership.

Any color undershirt is allowed

Uniforms which are oversized, or extremely tight fitting, or sagging are prohibited.

Pants must be worn at the waistline level with no outside pockets, flared legs, and leg zippers. The principal or his designee will determine if this provision has been violated.

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed appearance at school. No article of clothing shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students.
The first responsibility for maintaining proper standards belongs to the student and parents, or guardian. The school should deal with this responsibility when the student or parents fail to recognize this need.

Specific school dress codes can exceed the minimum requirements as given below.

Shoes must be worn by all students. Socks must be worn with dress shoes, and/or athletic shoes. Sandals/shoes with straps are acceptable footwear and shall be worn with hosiery. Sandals/shoes without straps are unacceptable. No Crocs or boat shoes allowed.

Biker shorts and leotards are prohibited as outerwear. No Leggings/Tights for male.

Students are not permitted to wear beards or goatees. Exaggerated mustaches and/or side burns are considered inappropriate for school.

All tops (shirts & blouses) must be tucked inside pants or skirts at all times.

Pants are to be worn at the waist (sagging will not be tolerated). An appropriate size belt should be worn to keep pants at waist level. NOTE: Sagging is wearing pants on the hips in a way in which part of the buttocks or underwear is showing.

Minimum length for girls’ shorts, skirts and skorts shall be 3 inches from the top of the knee. Splits or slits for skirts or dress should be appropriate for young ladies.

Boys are encouraged to wear ties at least once a week.

Muscle or tank top shirts, halter tops, white undergarment type T-shirts, see-through garments, and bare midriffs may not be worn.

Students (male & female) are not permitted to wear any form of headwear. Headwear is defined as caps, hats, etc. Bandannas are also prohibited. Headbands are to be used to hold hair in place properly on the hairline. No type of headband may be worn on the forehead.

Sunglasses are prohibited unless they are prescribed. (A medical prescription must be on file in the school office).

Obscene or occult writing, profane language, provocative pictures, alcohol and tobacco or distasteful advertising on clothing or jewelry are all prohibited.

Hair must be clean and neatly arranged. Grooming instrument may not be used in class or worn in the hair.

NOTE: Parents, some combs and picks could be considered as dangerous weapons. Please monitor these instruments and make sure they are appropriate for a school setting.
Males are not to wear earrings of any type. Females may wear earrings on the ear only. Body piercing jewelry is prohibited. Jewelry shall not be extreme in length or size.

Undergarments Must Be Worn At All Times.

No one unless authorized by the school principal may have an electronic telecommunication device (including pagers and cell phones) according to State Law R.S. 17:239.

Jackets/coats must button or be zipperred from top to bottom, not oversized, no visible logo.

Extremes in size, style or fit are not appropriate and shall not be permitted.

Visible brand name labels, emblems or logos are not appropriate and shall not be permitted. Your child will be given a chance to remove the label before being sent home.

All apparel issued or sold at school must be pre-approved by principal.

Students may wear any apparel that is issued or sold by any school within the parish.

Transfer students are to wear uniform of their previous school up to two (2) weeks. After two (2) weeks they are to wear RR Parish school uniforms.

ALL FINAL JUDGEMENTS ON THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE ARE DECIDED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

Consequences of Violations
First Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Student then will be allowed to return to class.

Second Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned one (1) day detention.

Third Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned two (2) days detention.

Fourth Offense: Contact parents or guardian and allow them the opportunity to bring the missing item(s) to school or allow them to take the student home to dress in the proper uniform. Students will be assigned three (3) days of in-school suspension at the
Discipline Alternative Program (DAP). Students assigned to DAP will be required to wear a school uniform.

Fifth Offense: Contact parents or guardian to pick up the student. Students will be assigned to three (3) days out-of-school suspension. These days are unexcused absences.