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
(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
(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  

Coats and Jackets may be of any color (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 -- may only be worn in inclement weather. 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.**

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well groomed appearance at school. Attire must not be destructive to school property.  

Uniforms which are **oversized**, or **extremely tight fitting**, or **sagging** are prohibited. Uniforms must be of correct size in order to avoid inappropriate appearance. No article of clothing or accessories shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Extremes in size, style or fit shall not be permitted. Students may not wear clothing with holes on school campus.  

**All tops** (shirts and blouses) must be worn tucked into the uniform bottoms. Muscle or tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, see-through garments, white undergarment type T-shirts, bare back, tube top, or cutoff shirts shall not be worn.
**Bottoms** (pants, shorts, skorts, or capris) and skirts are to be worn at the waistline level. No “Sagging” is permitted. Underwear of any kind shall not be visible. Loose fitting shorts may be worn by students. All shorts must be hemmed. **Cutoff shorts, rolled up jeans, sweats, athletic or spandex shorts cannot be worn.** No other article of clothing can be worn beneath the shorts for viewing. PK-5 may wear elastic waist shorts. The principal or designee will determine if any provision has been violated.

**Undershirts** in any color are allowed.

**Belts** – any color may be worn but shall be worn through the belt loops at all times.

**Shoes** – any color shoe may be worn. Shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety by all students. Dress shoes may be worn with coordination of uniform. Socks must be worn with dress/athletic shoes.

Sandals or shoes without straps are unacceptable. No boots shall be worn unless required for class (welding, band, ROTC). No crocs, boat shoes, flip flops, house shoes, cleats, stilettos (extremely high heels) or athletic sandals of any kind are allowed.

**Outerwear** – coats or jackets shall reach at least to the waist and shall not extend past the thigh. They must button or be zippered from top to bottom. Hoods on any type of outerwear shall not be worn on the head inside of the buildings.

**Headwear/Hair** – hair must be clean and neatly arranged. Grooming instruments may not be used in class or worn in the hair. Headbands are to be used to hold hair in place properly on the hairline. No type of headband may be worn on the forehead. Hats, bandannas, stocking caps, kerchiefs, hair rollers, baseball caps, and other forms of such headwear are not permitted on campus or in the buildings.

**Body Piercing** – Piercings are limited to ears only. Jewelry shall not be extreme in length or size. No other form of body piercing wear is allowed. (This includes piercing wear for the nose, tongue, eyebrows, or any other body part).

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

Obscene, profane language or provocative pictures on clothing or jewelry is prohibited. Satanic, cult or gang related symbolism in any form is prohibited on school campus. Drug related symbols in any form, including advertising or promotion of tobacco, are prohibited.

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.

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.

Principals, after consultation with their School Improvement Committee, have the discretion to adjust the dress code to fit unique situations as long as the decision does not interfere with the requirements of the Title IX. (Approved by Superintendent)

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.