

# RCMS DRESS CODE!

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Our middle school dress code has been designed to maintain the standards required to promote the appropriate atmosphere for learning and allow for individual expression. Everyone admires a student that is neat and properly dressed. Appropriate dress is a somewhat subjective thing, but we must have written standards in accordance with Indiana Code. Attire should not distract from the main objectives of the school day, which are to attend to instruction and to perform duties. For these reasons this dress code has been designed to be very specific in order that you may have guidelines in the purchase of school clothes.

The following items are a violation of our dress code at RCMS. Please see descriptions and explanations below:

- Halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops without a shirt over the top
- Torn or ripped clothing to the point of disruption no rips or tears above the knees
- Open chest or arm pit muscle-man shirts
- Short skirts (must be long enough to meet up with fingertips)
- Bare midriff (standing or sitting, from front or back)
- Underwear showing
- Hats or bandannas used as a hat (while in the building during school hours)
- Chains of any type, including belts, wallet security, or pant decoration- if an item is in question, please refer to a teacher or administrator
- Spiked jewelry
- Clothing displaying tobacco, alcohol, or drug affiliation
- Clothing displaying sexually inappropriate material.
- Sunglasses in the school building
- Pajama pants or slippers

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ANY FORM OF ATTIRE.**

1. For health and safety reasons, all student dress is expected to be reasonably clean.
2. Students may not wear clothing that would expose them to the point of indecency. Clothing which does not adequately provide appropriate coverage of the body is not allowed. Undergarments should not be visible. All shirts must have sleeves. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be of appropriate length. Shorts must be long enough to reach below the student's fingertips when standing and with his or her arms at his or her side.
3. Clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or drugs may not be worn. Clothing bearing profanity or suggestive inscriptions is not permitted. Clothing advertising or suggesting death, suicide, destruction, gangs, or satanic cults will not be permitted.
4. Hats, caps, and other headgear may not be worn in the school building.

5. Book bags, jackets and/or coats must be left in the locker during the day. Sweatshirts with hoods may not be worn with the hood upon the head while in the school building.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times for protection, safety, and health reasons. Students may not wear slippers to school. Heelies and/or in-line shoes with wheels are not allowed to be worn at school.
7. Clothing designed for a specific discipline may be allowed pending, administrative approval.
8. Students attending dances that require formal attire should carefully refer to the dress code. Parents are encouraged to guide their student's in choosing age-appropriate clothing for formal occasions within the middle school.
9. PLEASE NOTE!!! THE FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION OF RENSSELAER CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, WITH GUIDANCE FROM THEIR PARENTS TO DRESS REASONABLY FOR THE SEASON. FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS SHOULD CHOOSE FULL SHOES OVER FLIP-FLOP STYLED SHOES DURING THE WINTER SEASON.
10. **Administrators and staff reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of any form of attire.**

## **CONSEQUENCES**

1. The student will be asked to change.
2. The parent will be called if necessary to provide a change of clothes OR appropriate clothing will be provided for the student. The intent of the RCMS administrative staff is to provide the least amount of interruption to the student's educational process.
3. Three dress code violations per semester will result in one hour of service to the school to be performed after school hours.