

IV. DRESS CODE

Student Dress Code

Rockford Lutheran School wishes to establish a climate in which learning can thrive without distractions by extremes in dress. The goal of our dress code is to exemplify Christian modesty, display professionalism, and minimize socio-economic distinctions.

Our dress code is part of the conditions of enrollment at RLS and *we ask parents to be partners with us in ensuring that the policy is met each day.*

Shirts (Males and Females option)

- **Polo-style or oxford shirts** of any solid color may be worn.
- Shirts may have **manufacturing logos on them** (ie. Nike “swoosh”) **given these are no larger than 1 inch**. Shirts may not have images/words across them unless it is a RLS spirit shirt worn on approved days.
- **Buttons must be fastened** except for the top two buttons.
- **Undershirts** are to be solid white, black, or grey without visible designs seen through the shirt.
- **RL logo shirts are preferred** and may be the required standard next year.

Pants/Shorts (Males and Females Option)

- **Flat-front, pleated-front, or jogger styles** pants must be worn. These should be a Cotton twill material only. Pants must be solid navy, black, or khaki color.
- Cargo style, Jean, Athletic, Sweat, and Spandex pants and shorts are not allowed.
- Pants and shorts must **fit loosely and not contain rips or holes**. Pants may only have inside pockets. No patch pockets are allowed.
- Shorts must **extend to mid-thigh**.

Skirts (Females-only option)

- **A-line or pleated skirts** that are in solid navy, black, or khaki color; and skirts in **Clear Blue Plaid** (from Lands’ End) may be worn.
- Plain, **solid-colored tights or leggings** may be worn under a skirt. (ie no sweat pants, fish nets, pajama-bottoms, thigh highs, etc).
- Skirts must **extend to mid-thigh**. Skirts may not be unzipped/unbuttoned/rolled-up.

Outerwear (Males and Females option)

- **Official RLS sweatshirts and class sweatshirts, and single solid color** pullover sweaters, hooded sweatshirt, cardigans, fleece, sweatshirts, and sweater vests may be worn any day
- **Outerwear** still must be worn over school approved polo or oxford shirts.
- **Hoods** are not to be worn in school.

Spirit Fridays

- School branded **RLS spirit shirts** and class T-shirts may also be worn on Fridays.
- **Only Seniors may wear sweatshirts from the college** they wish to attend given the clothing demonstrates a “dressed-up” look (as determined by school administration) and clearly displays the name/acronym of the school.
- The standard dress code remains in affect regarding pants/shorts/skirts.

Specific Issues

- **Footwear** must be worn at all times. Shoes should be closed-toed and closed-heeled, have a clean and well-groomed look, and any shoe laces must be tied. Not allowed: slides, high heels, cleats, “croc” and other foam-based shoes, oversized shoes, shoes with “fluffy” parts, large winter boots, etc. (The school administration reserves the right to determine what is and is not closed-toe and closed-heeled.)
- **Hairstyles** should exemplify professionalism and Christian modesty. Hair should not be covering the eyes.
- **No dying or bleaching of hair beyond natural hair color.**
- **Facial hair** is allowed but must be kept neat and trim.
- No **visible body piercing** beyond ear piercing and nose studs. (ie. No lip rings, septum rings, or ear gauges, etc.)
- **No headwear is allowed.** This includes: hats, *athletic* headbands, bandanas, sunglasses, etc.
- **Belts** are encouraged with school pants or shorts. (Belts may not have lettering or be made of chain, metal, scarves, etc.) Pants/shorts must be worn at waist level.
- **Writing or coloring** on clothing/shoes with pens or pencils is not permitted.
- **Tight fitting or oversized clothing** is not allowed.
- Students should listen carefully when **special dress days** are planned. If a student chooses not to dress according to the plan of a special day, the regular school dress code is in effect.
- Students wearing **long untucked shirts** on special dress days need to have shorts protruding below the shirt so that they can be seen.
- The dress code is in affect at all times when in the building **during school hours** even if the student has late arrival or early dismissal.
- For a school sponsored **off-campus activity** (ie. field trips, etc), the school dress code is in effect unless otherwise specifically stated by the trip sponsor.
- Students **attending school events** (ie. games/plays, etc) **as spectators** are exempt from wearing standardized dress, but are still expected to dress in Christian modesty.
- The school reserves the right to deny anything that is deemed distracting or divisive in the eyes of school administration.
- RL Logo clothing is preferred and may be the required standing in future school years.

Physical Education Uniforms

RLS students enrolled in a physical education class will be required to purchase and wear PE clothing as approved by the school.

Land’s End School Codes & Contact Information

RLHS School Code: #900075235 / RLA School Code #900122813

Website: www.landsend.com/school Phone: 1-800-963-4816

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

See Expected Standard of Conduct

