

# RLS DRESS CODE 2023-2024

## 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, focus attention on classroom instruction, 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 must be **free of any manufacturing logos/brand names**. Only school branded logos are authorized.
- **Buttons must be fastened** except for the top two buttons. No V-Necks or tank tops allowed.
- **Undershirts** are to be solid white, black, or grey without visible designs seen through the shirt. Only short sleeve T-shirts are permitted under short sleeve shirts.

### Pants/Shorts (Males and Females Option)

- **Flat-front or pleated-front styles** which are a solid navy, black, or khaki color. Cargo style, Jean, Athletic, Sweat, 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 below the finger tips** when standing with arms at the side.

### 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 below the finger tips** when standing with arms at the side. Skirts should not be unzipped, unbuttoned, or rolled-up.

### Outerwear (Males and Females option)

- **Official RLS sweatshirts and class sweatshirts, and solid color** pullover sweaters, hooded sweatshirt, cardigans, fleece, sweatshirts, and sweater vests may be worn any day, but still must be worn over school approved polo or oxford shirts.
- All clothing must be **free of any manufacturing logos/brands** names, only school branded logos are authorized. **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 without collared shirts underneath.
- **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: high heels, cleats, UGG slippers, other slippers/moccasins, “croc”, over-sized, or non-“western style” boots.
- **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) or **visible tattoos**. **Nose or lip rings** are not permitted.
- **No headwear** including hats, *athletic* headbands, bandanas, sunglasses, hair rollers, etc. Ties are okay.
- **Belts** are *encouraged* for school pants and shorts. (Belts may not have lettering or be made of chain, metal, scarves, or ribbons, 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.
- Girls 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.
- Students **attending school events** (ie. games/plays, etc) **as spectators** are exempt from wearing standardized dress, but they 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.*

### **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

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