

# Dress Code Policy

## DRESS CODE / UNIFORMS

### Philosophy

Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School's dress code and uniform policies are intended to reinforce an environment which maximizes respect among faculty, staff, and students, and fosters an atmosphere of learning with the focus on academics rather than dress.

For our uniform and dress code policies to be successful, the support of every parent is essential. Please assist us by making certain your child is properly dressed according to the Monday – Thursday uniform and Friday dress code policies. All clothing must fit properly and be in good condition with no rips, tears, or holes. If a student is consistently out of uniform, parents will be called to bring in appropriate clothing or the student will be given clean uniform attire from school supplies before attending class.

**Please label all clothing with your child's name.** All unclaimed items in the Lost and Found will be donated to charities.

We encourage students to wear sun hats during all outside activities.

There is a designated uniform through Dennis Uniform Company or Lands' End. Parents are encouraged to purchase these uniforms, however it is not required. If parents choose not to purchase the Dennis uniform, other clothing must be of the same color, style, fit, and look.

### Uniform (Monday through Thursday)

All uniform clothing must be solid colors with no contrasting colors. Visible thread or trim must match the color of the garment. If a contrasting color is inside the collar, the shirt must be buttoned so the contrasting thread is not visible. ONLY RHSM logos are allowed.

### Tops

Collared, plain shirt or blouse, white or navy blue, long or short sleeves

Solid, navy blue sweaters, including pullovers, cardigans, and vests

Collared shirts must be worn under sweaters, sweatshirts, and vests

RHSM logo crew sweatshirts, purchased through Home and School Association

RHSM logo fleece vests, purchased through Dennis Uniform or Lands' End

Lower School Chess and Choir shirts (members only) as well as Boy/Girl Scout Uniforms are allowed only on designated days.

### Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers

Slacks, solid navy blue all year

Capri or cropped pants, solid navy blue – September/October and April/May/June

Bermuda/walk length shorts, solid navy blue, September/October and April/May/June (minimum length: to end of fingertips of fully extended arm)

Jumper, skirt, or skorts, blackwatch plaid or solid navy blue

### Socks

Solid color, any length, navy blue, white, or black (no logos)

All shoes must be worn with socks

Solid color tights, navy blue, white, green, or black, worn under other clothing, in place of socks

## Shoes

Rubber soles, closed at the toes and heels, tennis shoes or any low-heeled shoes with rubber soles in good condition are allowed. (Sandals, clogs, other open-toe or open-heel shoes, and platform shoes are not permitted.)

Shoes with laces must have the laces in and tied

All shoes must be worn with socks

For PE, Monday through Friday, students must wear athletic shoes with sufficient support, tied or secured with velcro

Parents should supervise the selection of footwear based on weather conditions. On a day that students need snow or rain boots, it is generally advisable that they also bring a pair of regular school shoes for wearing inside during the day.

## Not acceptable as uniform

Denim, jeans style slacks and shorts

Cargo or gaucho type pants or shorts

Warm-up or athletic pants or shorts of any kind

Bib overalls, jumpers or shorts

Lacy or frilly blouses

Zippered shirts

Shirts or sweatshirts with hoods

Jackets, fleece pullovers and other outerwear

## Dress Code (Fridays)

Students may wear non-uniform dress on Fridays with the following restrictions:

### Not acceptable any time:

Gym shorts, biking shorts, and other athletic pants, including athletic team attire

Sweatpants and warm-up pants

Fatigues/camouflage

Leggings, tights, or aerobic wear replacing slacks

Sandals, clogs, mules, jellies, cowboy boots, platform shoes, and slip-on shoes

Hats worn indoors

Exposed underwear or T-shirts larger and longer than outer shirts

Oversized pants or shirts

Sleeveless tops, tank tops, or body suits

Tight fitting fabrics

Cropped shirts

Exposed midriff

Ethnic, racial, or gender-specific slurs on T-shirts

Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco products.