



# RUSD

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2022-23 RUSD STUDENT DRESS CODE

RUSD provides engaging, innovative, and equitable learning experiences for all students.

### The Board Policy 5132 (Dress & Grooming) was revised to:

Support a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Reduce social conflict and peer pressure.

Allow for students' self-expression.

### ALLOWABLE

#### Shirts/Tops/Dresses

- All shirts, tops or dresses must have at least one strap to secure over the shoulder or neck.

#### Pants/Sweatpants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses

- All pants, sweatpants, shorts, skirts and dresses must cover undergarments.
- Straps on undergarments and visible waistbands are acceptable.

#### Shoes

- All styles of shoes are allowed.
- Activity-specific shoes are required for physical education (PE), outdoor and co-curricular activities.

#### Sun protective clothing

- Hats and sunglasses for outdoor use during the school day, without a physician's note or prescription.

### NOT ALLOWABLE

#### Inappropriate Clothing

- Clothing or accessories with images or language that depict:
  - violence
  - drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity)
  - hate speech, profanity, or pornography (including symbols)
  - Anything that could create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Undergarments, sheer materials and swimwear of similar design worn as outerwear.

#### Headwear

- Headwear or clothing that obscures the face (except as a religious observance or health/safety-related guidelines, including health and safety facial coverings).

#### Gang Affiliated Apparel

- In consultation with law enforcement or other gang experts, the school administration may limit clothing or apparel where there is a reasonable basis for identifying clothing as gang affiliated.

## PROGRESSIVE INTERVENTION

Students and parents have the primary responsibility for dress and grooming. The school district and individual schools are responsible for ensuring that a student's dress and grooming does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating learning environment.

No academic grade of a student shall be adversely affected based on non-compliance with the dress code, except Physical Education when failure to wear appropriate apparel arises from circumstances within the student's control.

Dress code violations will be resolved quickly to reduce loss of instructional time and addressed privately with individual students.

School sites will implement progressive interventions for dress code violations:

- Warning and self correct due dress code violation
- Offer students a change of nondescript and/or school-specific clothing
- Offer parent/guardian the opportunity to bring a change of clothes.
- Repeated violations may result in a parent-school conference and/or other means of correction

Refer to **Board Policy 5132** or [bit.ly/RUSDParentStudentHandbook](https://bit.ly/RUSDParentStudentHandbook).  
If you have questions, please contact your school site administration.