

## Dress Code Policy

The primary objective at RIBMS is the academic success of all students; consequently, the dress policy allows for the conditions most conducive to learning, that students can work comfortably and without distracting or disturbing others. The key principles of the policy call for dress to be CLEAN, NEAT and MODEST.

Students dressed inappropriately will be asked by their homeroom teacher to go to their lockers and change into appropriate clothing. It is understood that students will do this quickly and that the inappropriate clothing will be covered **FOR THE DAY**. If no appropriate clothing is available, the students will be directed to the office to either call home for suitable clothing, or be provided with clean clothing at the office. If a student needs to wait for a parent to bring appropriate clothing, the student will wear what is provided at the office for the interim, in order that the student can return to the classroom as soon as possible. The student can then go to the office at the next break to change into the appropriate clothing supplied by the parent.

Specific items that will not be worn to school include:

- Slippers
- Spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, tube and halter tops
- Transparent or see-through fabrics
- Short tops that expose the midriff at ANY time
- Low cut tops
- Short shorts, skirt, or skorts (must be past standing finger length)
- T-shirts that are in poor taste\*
- Hats and headgear (bandannas, skull caps etc.)
- Jackets and coats are not to be worn in the classrooms
- Clothing that is designated underwear should be kept undercover

\*the dress policy specifically prohibits clothing that contains logos or advertisements for drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; that contains or implies messages with sexual innuendo, or that appears to promote racism, discrimination, hate or illegal activities.

The dress policy applies to all school activities – dances, field trips, PE classes and extra-curricular sports practices, etc. save school-designated theme days which will allow students to dress in theme related attire while still conforming to the dress code.