

## Dress Code

**For the 2019-2020 school year, we will NOT require families to purchase uniforms or wear specific colors. Students may choose appropriate clothing while following these guidelines.**

The mission of RePublic High School is to ensure every student is accepted to and persists through the college of their choice. A dress code will help drive towards that goal. The following list explains the benefits of school uniforms based on the many communities that have adopted uniform policies:

- Helping a student concentrate on their work by removing distractions
- Instilling a sense of community
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school
- Instilling students with discipline
- Helping students and parents resist peer pressure
- Decreasing violence or theft among students over designer clothing or expensive sneakers
- Reducing the incidence and promotion of gang culture

A school dress code creates a sense of unity, professionalism, and discipline for the students and for the school. By wearing the school dress code, students become part of a team. This team gives students a sense of school identity and helps them in their pursuit of academic excellence. All RePublic High School students must come to school each day, including field trips, wearing the dress code.

The following table should be used as a guide for what is acceptable and what is not.

	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Short or Long sleeved solid color polo</li><li>● Polo with RHS logo</li><li>● Solid white long or short sleeve T-shirts may be worn under the polo shirts.</li><li>● All polo shirts must be fully tucked in for both male and female students.</li><li>● Sweaters and cardigans may be worn as long as they do not have a hood.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hoodies, hooded shirts, or outerwear.</li><li>● Sleeveless or cut-off shirts, blouses, dresses, tank tops, overalls, or jumpers.</li><li>● Polo shirts that have patterns or are not a solid color.</li><li>● Undershirts that have patterns or are not solid white.</li><li>● Cut, torn, colored in, drawn on, or otherwise altered polo shirts.</li><li>● Coats, non-school sweatshirts, or any outerwear are not permitted to be worn during</li></ul>

		school hours and must be left in lockers during the school day.
Bottoms (pants or skirts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Khakis, black, navy, or brown pants/skirts are the only colors permitted.</li> <li>● Pants must be worn at waist level.</li> <li>● All pants must have belt loops.</li> <li>● Clothing must be an appropriate size and fit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pants may not have tears or holes.</li> <li>● Skirts more than two inches above the knee.</li> <li>● Pants or skirts with patterns, lace, polka dots, stripes, holes, or words.</li> <li>● Sweatpants, or jeans/denim of any color, except when approved for special events.</li> <li>● No shorts.</li> </ul>
Belts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Black or brown non-embellished belts worn with all pants or skirts with belt loops.</li> <li>● Belts must fit in the belt loops.</li> <li>● Black, navy, or khaki suspenders are permitted in lieu of a belt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Embellished, metallic, colored, riveted, or studded belts.</li> <li>● Large belt buckles.</li> </ul>
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any school-appropriate sock</li> <li>● Must be worn at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Socks with inappropriate content for an academic community.</li> </ul>
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spacers or gauges must be in piercings</li> <li>● Purses, bags, and fanny packs must stay in lockers for the entirety of the school day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bonnets, bandanas, or du-rags.</li> <li>● Chains with piercings.</li> </ul>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any color shoe is permitted.</li> <li>● Boots must fall just above the ankle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open-toed shoes, flip flops, slides, or sandals.</li> <li>● Any high-heeled shoes must not have a heel greater than 2 inches in height.</li> </ul>

## **Dress Down Attire:**

When students are permitted to dress down for reward days or special activities, they are still expected to present themselves in a respectful, professional manner, as they would in a college or professional setting. Therefore, students are not permitted to wear tank tops, excessively tight, short (more than 2 inches above the knee) or revealing clothing, clothing with offensive or inappropriate print, hats, bandanas, or gang-related apparel. Any student that is dressed inappropriately will be required to change into a RHS t-shirt or pants and may lose the privilege to participate in the day's activities.

## **Other Guidelines:**

- All hats and hoods must be removed before entering the building, including durags, or bandanas. Those who need religious exemptions should notify the school at the beginning of the year.
- Students may not wear any of the following:
  - Any articles of clothing or accessories have skulls or Playboy bunnies, or that otherwise refer to drugs, sex, racist sentiment, or death
  - Any article of clothing, accessory, or marking on clothes or skin that could be perceived as gang-related
  - Any clothing, jewelry, or additional items that the school feels may distract from the academic community.
- Students may not have a tattoo exposed that has a racist, sexist, or bigoted meaning or alludes to drugs, sex, or violence. They will need to cover the tattoo while at school, if that is the case.