

## **Student Uniform Policy**

Appropriate dress is the primary responsibility of the student and his/her parents or guardians. RLA dress code must be followed from student arrival, and until the end of the day. Students are expected to follow the uniform policy, and adhere to the following guidelines:

**Approved school colors for uniform tops:** green, yellow, black, white, royal blue, and gray

**Shirts:** Students are required to wear a school uniform top every day, unless it is a special dress or spirit day. Approved uniform tops are RLA collared shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or performance dry-wear tops. A long sleeve or short sleeve t-shirt may be worn under uniform tops, but it must be one of the approved school colors. Uniform tops may be purchased at DENNIS Uniform, or through Zoghby's.

**Bottoms:** The approved colors for uniform bottoms are solid khaki and solid black. No other colors, stripes, or designs may be on the solid-colored bottoms.

**Bottoms** must be **pants or shorts only** for all students. Bottoms must be uniform material fabric.

## **BOTTOMS CANNOT BE:**

large pocket style pants or cargo shorts, bell-bottoms, baggy pants, hip-huggers or overalls of any kind. Bottoms fabric material **CANNOT** be made of leather, hosiery, see-through or sheer fabrics, tight-fitting spandex/leotard, sweatpants, or contain rips or holes. Shorts must be no more than 5 inches above the kneecaps as measured standing up.

Skirts, dresses, jumpers, and skorts **are NOT** allowed bottoms, as students participate in physical activities, PE, Taekwondo, Yoga, etc. in school uniforms.

Jeans or jean shorts are ONLY allowed on special dress days for elementary and middle school students. Denim jeans should fit appropriately, not sag, or have rips/holes. Uniform bottoms can be purchased at any store.

**High School Bottoms:** Students in <u>9th - 12th Grades ONLY</u> may wear blue jeans, solid khaki, or solid black pants or shorts, that meet uniform policy guidelines.

**Shoes:** All students must wear closed toed and closed backed shoes. Sandals are allowed with back or back straps. No flip-flops or slippers are allowed.



**Outerwear:** Sweaters, jackets, fleeces, hoodies/sweatshirts worn inside of the building are allowed and must be school approved uniform outerwear.

**Leggings:** Hosiery and leggings worn under a school-approved bottom must be opaque, solid, and approved school colors. Leggings and hosiery of other colors may not be worn. Socks of any color are acceptable and may have a manufacturer's label or logo, but may not have words or images.

**Other:** No headwear is allowed except for headbands and bows, or headwear worn for religious purposes. Sleepwear and costumes are not permitted except on approved days as set forth by school administration. Students may not have any piercings other than small stud earrings in their earlobes. No ball caps or hats, unless otherwise approved by school administration. Non-natural hair colors are **not** permitted.

**Backpacks and Accessories:** Backpacks and laptop bags are permitted, however, they should be used for transporting student school textbooks and supplies only. Nothing worn or brought on school campus should contain suggestive or offensive writing/symbols/pictures. Students may be required to remove inappropriate items immediately.

Rising Leaders Academy will contact parents if the student's attire is inappropriate or if a dress code violation occurs. Parents should inform the school office of any financial hardship that affects a student's ability to wear school uniform, so that assistance may be obtained.