

RISING LEADERS ACADEMY

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. **Students who are in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to attend class until the issue is corrected.**

Approved school colors for uniform tops: green, yellow, black, white, blue, purple, and gray.

Shirts: Students are required to wear a school uniform with the school logo 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 solid color similar to the RLA uniform shirt colors. Nothing can cover the school shirt, unless it's approved outerwear (see Outerwear section below). No pins can be attached to RLA shirts.

Outerwear: Approved outerwear will be the school-approved RLA logo fleece, jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirt. Other outerwear should be removed once inside the classroom and should always be worn over a school uniform shirt. Inside the classroom, the students must be in their RLA school shirt, which can be a short or long sleeve shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, or RLA jacket. Please purchase outerwear early, to allow for arrival before cold weather arrives.

Hair: Students cannot come to school with any chemicals or unnatural coloring in the hair. Hair below the shoulder is recommended to be pulled-back, braided, and not a distraction in the learning environment. No headwear except for simple headbands and bows, or headwear for religious purposes. No shaved heads with designs.

Jewelry: Students cannot wear any flashy or heavy jewelry that might create a hazard to a student's safety. Light, small necklaces and bracelets are permissible. Students may not have any body piercing other than small stud earrings in the earlobes, which can be gold or silver. No colorful beaded earrings that hang below the ear lobe.

Shoes: All students must wear closed-toe and closed-back shoes. Crocs, Cowboy boots, steel-toe boots, spiked-heeled shoes, roller-shoes, flip-flops, and/or slippers are NOT allowed. Athletic shoes are recommended. Socks of any color are acceptable and may have a manufacturer's label or logo, but may not have words or images.

School Uniform Bottoms

Students may wear solid khaki or solid black pants/shorts. Students in grades 6–12 may also wear solid blue or black jeans. No other colors, stripes, patterns, logos, graphics, or designs are permitted.

All bottoms must:

- Fit appropriately
- Be worn at the waist and not sag
- Be free of rips, holes, tears, graphics, designs, or embellishments
- Be straight-leg or traditional uniform style
- Be knee length if shorts are worn

The following are NOT permitted:

- Cargo pants or cargo shorts
- Sweatpants
- Bell-bottoms or flare pants
- Baggy or hip-hugger styles
- Overalls
- Jeggings, leggings, biker shorts, or tight-fitting/spandex-style bottoms worn as pants
- See-through, sheer, leather, hosiery-style, or leotard-style materials

Skirts, dresses, jumpers, and skorts are not permitted, as students participate in physical activities throughout the school day, including PE, Ninja Warrior, and recess.

Uniform bottoms may be purchased from any store, provided they meet the school uniform policy guidelines.

Rising Leaders Academy will contact parents if a student's attire is inappropriate or if a dress code violation occurs. Multiple dress code violations may result in progressive disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or dismissal from RLA for failure to follow school policies.