




## JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

In an attempt to accommodate our students and assist our families prior to going shopping for the new school year, while maintaining adequate and appropriate uniformity, the following Dress Code applies for the entire school year.

The school's dress code is designed to facilitate an environment where the school pursues its purpose of providing students an education based on academic excellence while limiting distractions and keeping the focus on learning. The cooperation of the student and the parent is necessary in maintaining the standards of the school's dress code, and dress code violations may result in appropriate disciplinary action. Coming to school each day with clothing in compliance with the dress code is a responsibility of both the student and the parent. The following information is intended to clarify the School Advisory Council approved JSRHS Dress Code and should be used as a guide. The complete Dress Code is posted online at [www.rickards.leon.k12.fl.us](http://www.rickards.leon.k12.fl.us).

<p><b>Head</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All caps, visors, hoods must be removed when entering a classroom.</li> <li>Bandanas are prohibited.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Acceptable (No Hats/Hoods Inside)</b></p> 	<p><b>Not Acceptable</b></p> 
<p><b>Upper Garments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All garments must follow the 1-inch rule across the shoulders.</li> <li>Bare midriffs and bare sides should not show even when arms are extended above the head.</li> <li>Garments and/or jewelry which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, alcohol, or tobacco related wording/graphics may not be worn</li> <li>Clothing that is too tight or revealing is unacceptable.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> 	<p><b>Not Acceptable</b></p> 
<p><b>Lower Garments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergarments MUST remain entirely covered even when seated.</li> <li>Hemlines of shorts, dresses, skirts and skorts shall be no shorter than mid-thigh.</li> <li>Clothing that is too tight or revealing is unacceptable.</li> <li>If leggings or tights are worn, the student's skirt or shorts worn with them must be at least mid-thigh.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> 	<p><b>Not Acceptable</b></p> 

\*Please direct any questions that you might have to Mr. Striplin (Assistant Principal) at [Striplin@leonschools.net](mailto:Striplin@leonschools.net) or Dean Thomas (Dean of Students) at [Sear@leonschools.net](mailto:Sear@leonschools.net).

## DRESS CODE

1. Students **MAY NOT** wear head coverings including, but not limited to: caps, hats, hoods, or scarves in any classroom (but may be permitted outside). **Bandanas are prohibited for all students.**
2. Students **MAY NOT** wear clothing that is sexually suggestive or that features crude or vulgar messages; depicts drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, racial/ethnic clubs or gang affiliation in words, pictures or colors.
3. All pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist level with a belt (if necessary), with NO undergarments or other shorts showing. (This is now state law).
4. Dresses, skirts, shorts, etc., are to be of appropriate length (**with arms extended at your side, clothing must be longer than fingertips**), with a finished hem, worn at the waist with NO undergarments are to be showing.
5. **Holes in jeans must be below fingertips**
6. Shirts must cover the chest, back and shoulders (no spaghetti straps - straps must be one inch in width) and MAY NOT expose the midriff, cleavage or excessive armpit area.
7. Students MAY NOT wear see-through clothing or spandex-type clothing without something underneath or over. This includes but is not limited to: tights, leggings, Jeggings as pants.
8. Pajamas are prohibited.

Examples of inappropriate clothing include bicycle racing attire, see through garments, halters, backless dresses, tube tops or tank tops without over blouses or shirts, clothing not properly fastened, and bare midriff outfits.

- Clothing, jewelry, buttons or any other items with profanity or with symbols, pictures, patches, and/or signs, which are indecent, offensive, suggestive, drug and alcohol-related or associated with gangs are inappropriate. Clothing, identifying markings, or paraphernalia, which are racially or religiously offensive, including those associated with gangs, clubs, sects, or groups avowing or practicing discrimination against any person on the basis of age, ethnicity, handicapping, condition, religious, sex, or sexual orientation are inappropriate.
- Curlers, fingernail polish, and other hair and grooming aids should be used in restrooms only. Sunglasses must be removed in class.

The final decision on dress code will rest with the Assistant Principal of Discipline. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to bring their dress into compliance, and repeat violators may face other disciplinary consequences.

### CONSEQUENCES FOR INFRACTIONS

**\*For any egregious infraction that is deemed a disruption to the learning environment, the student will be removed from the classroom and escorted to OFI so that they can call a parent to be supplied with appropriate attire or to remain for the duration of the day in OFI.**

Dress code violations are considered Level 1 infractions and will be addressed by teacher as described in discipline plan submitted to administration. After 3 Level 1 infractions has been committed, administration will intervene. Administration will follow the specific guidelines for multiple Level 1 infractions:

*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Intervention: 1 period (dress code infraction must be corrected)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Administrative Intervention: 1 full school day OFI*

*5<sup>th</sup> + Administrative Intervention: Out of School Suspension (1-5 days)*

**These interventions are for dress code violations that occur, but not deemed a disruption to the learning environment. Also, this is not an all-inclusive list. Administrative discretion will apply in some cases.**