

RIVER OAK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



Student Uniform and Grooming for Grades Kinder Prep – 8th Grade

The purpose of River Oak Christian Academy's dress and appearance expectation is to enable the student to demonstrate traits of a discerning leader by making appropriate dress and appearance choices that reflect River Oak's key values of wisdom, integrity, excellence, dignity, and unity.

River Oak Christian Academy students will honor:

God - We honor God by making personal choices that glorify Him. You can honor God by choosing modesty for the sake of pleasing the Lord.

Others - As Christians we have a responsibility to our brothers and sisters. Romans 14: 12-13 says, "so then, each of us will give an account of himself to God...make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way."

Ourselves - 1 Corinthians reminds us that "You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body."

Cooperation between the home and school regarding the matter of dress guidelines will strengthen the school.

Dress Code for Boys and Girls

Due to the various colors of green, we ask that Kelly green polos only be purchased through the school spirit store. The other polo colors: navy blue, white, and light blue are standard uniform colors.

Clothes should be in good condition, clean, and properly hemmed.

Shirts

- Polo shirts in both long and short sleeves in **navy blue, white, and light blue** with no emblems or logos.
- Kelly green, light blue, white, and navy-blue embroidered polo shirts can be ordered through the school spirit store.
- Long-sleeved button-down collared dress shirts in **white or light blue**
- A **navy blue or white** long sleeve shirt may be worn underneath collared shirts.

- **Navy blue or white** cardigan sweaters, fleece jackets, or zippered jackets may be worn over collared shirts with **no other emblems or logos** other than River Oak Christian Academy.

A polo or the button-down collar dress shirt must be worn under any River Oak crewneck sweatshirts, jackets, and hoodies. **All uniform shirts must be tucked in during school hours.**

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers (Girls)

- **Navy blue or khaki/tan**
- No shorter than mid-thigh.

For modesty, girl's **navy or white** tights/leggings/shorts with no patterns must be worn under skirts and jumpers.

Dresses

- Polo style dresses (**navy blue, white, or light blue**)
- No shorter than mid-thigh

For modesty, girl's **navy or white** tights/leggings/shorts with no patterns must be worn under dresses.

Socks

Socks must be always worn.

Pants and Shorts (Girls and Boys)

- **Navy Blue or khaki/tan** colored dress pants, shorts, and cargo shorts
- If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn (in grades 3 – 8)
- Elastic waist pants or shorts may be worn with no belt
- Short-length must go to mid-thigh

Blazers

- **Khaki or Navy Blue**

Footwear

- Tennis shoes are preferred and must be worn on PE day
- Closed heel and toe, flat sole footwear is permitted.
- Flip flops, backless sandals, and cowboy boots are not permitted

Accessories

Permitted:

- Hats, visors, and sunglasses may be worn only on the playground
- Students are not allowed to wear any jewelry for body piercing, except girls may wear one small, post earring in each ear.
- Boys may not wear earrings
- Only natural hair colors are permitted
- Bows, Headbands, or Barrettes are permitted

Not Permitted:

- Clothes with holes, tears, rivets
- Scarves or Bandanas
- Cut-offs or frayed hems
- Sleeveless shirts
- Logos/emblems/insignias other than River Oak Christian Academy

Any form of dress, jewelry, make-up, hair style, hair coloring, or elements of personal appearance, which is considered extreme, distractive, disruptive, or does not follow the intent of the dress code will not be permitted. The administration's ruling in these cases will be final.

Please mark coats, sweaters, and other articles of clothing with your child's name.

Spirit Wear Fridays, Field Trips, and Dress-up/Down Days

The administration may designate a day or a special week as casual dress. On days designated for jeans to be worn the following must be followed:

- **Jeans may only be solid blue** and may not have cargo pockets
- No holes, tears, patched, frayed hems, or overalls are permitted
- No acid-wash, or distressed jeans

Guidelines for Pajama Day

This day is designed to create school spirit and part of that is your cooperation in following the guidelines.

- Footie Pajamas may be worn. Feet should have some type of non-slip surface on the bottom. Shoes must be worn at recess, PE, and while traveling in the hallways.
- Pajamas must have appropriate top and bottom and be seasonally appropriate
- Pajama dresses must have leggings or shorts worn underneath
- Gym shorts and sweatpants are not considered pajama day wear
- No “back flap” pajamas
- Any bottoms worn must go past the knee. (No shorts)
- There may NOT be any writing on the rear-end of the pants.
- Logos and/or graphics must be school appropriate.
- Tops must have sleeves; no tank-top style tops
- Slippers may be worn but shoes must be worn at recess, PE, and while traveling in the hallways.
- Robes may be worn over pajamas

On these special days students must follow the overall spirit of the school's dress code.

Dress Code Violations

If a student comes to school out of dress code one of the following protocols will be followed:

1. A verbal warning will be given to the student by the classroom teacher.
2. An “Oops, you must have forgotten” note will be sent home to the parents, by the teacher. The slip must be signed by a parent and returned to school the following day.
3. A phone call to a parent asking for the student to be picked up or a change of clothes brought to school.

If exceptions arise due to medical reasons, please provide documentation from a medical professional.

DRESS CODE CHEAT SHEET

what to wear



what not to wear

