

Dress Code Policy for Students and Parents.

Riverwalk reserves the right to dismiss a student from enrollment if he/she refuses to abide by this dress code policy. Riverwalk Academy reserves the right to bar from school, family members whose personal appearance is disruptive to the educational process and orderly operation of the school. In order to enforce this policy, the administration and the school board have adopted the following reasonable codes regarding dress:

Riverwalk students and families are expected to dress appropriately on campus and to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness, and conservative standards of dress. Dress attire by students should be appropriate as not to result in “substantial disruption” of the learning process. School administration reserves the right to determine what a “substantial disruption” to the learning process is and may ask students to change or modify their clothes to align with this policy. Riverwalk Academy believes that the manner by which students and families dress has the potential to avoid unnecessary distractions in the academic environment and reflect a positive attitude in academic pursuits. Riverwalk Academy has a set of general standards to which all students and families on campus will adhere.

Riverwalk students and families will not:

- Wear frayed, ripped, torn, slit or see through clothing.
- Have undergarments visible when the student is standing, sitting or bending.
- Wear clothing oversized or undersized in part or whole.
- Wear clothing that promotes gang affiliation, alcoholic beverage, tobacco, the use of controlled substances, depicts violence, has obscene designs or language, or is of a sexual or disruptive nature.

Specific standards of dress at Riverwalk Academy include:

Shirts:

- Shirts with buttons must have no more than the top two unbuttoned. Neat T-shirts are allowed within the guidelines regarding avoidance of all inappropriate symbols as stated above.
- The abdomen, back and chest are to be covered at all times, including when arms are raised.
- Any display of cleavage is unacceptable.
- The sleeves of shirts must reach the edge of the shoulder. No spaghetti straps are allowed. Sleeves are not allowed to be worn off the shoulder.
- It is recommended that shirts be tucked in, however as long as they are not below the hip a shirt can be un-tucked.
- All children should take caution when wearing hoodies or shirts with drawstrings around the neck area. This is especially important on the playground. Drawstrings can contribute to entanglement or strangulation when at play. Riverwalk assumes no responsibility to injuries caused by clothing hazards.

Pants, shorts and skirts:

- Pants must be worn at the waist,
- Pajama pants/bottoms are prohibited on campus for both students and parents unless a specific event such as “Pajama Day” has been announced by staff.

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- Pants are not allowed to drag on the ground.
- Leather, fishnet and mesh materials as well as tight, form-fitting spandex or knit pants are not allowed.
- Shorts must measure longer than fingertip length of arm fully extended at side.
- Skirts must touch the top of the knee when a student is standing.

Shoes:

- Students are not allowed to wear shoes with more than a 1½" heel.
- No bedroom shoes, flip flops, slides or shoes with built in rollers are allowed.
- Shoes must be properly buckled or tied. All sandals must have a back strap.
- When playing on the equipment, on the playground or in the gym, closed toed shoes are required.
- Close toed shoes are highly recommended at all times as we will be actively learning together.

Coats, hats and head wear:

- No hats, sunglasses or headgear of any type is to be worn inside the building with the exception being only for religious reasons.
- Heavy coats are not to be worn inside class, light sweaters or jackets are permitted.

Girl Scout, Boy Scout, 4-H etc.:

- Students have permission to wear club uniforms on meeting days.

Hair:

- Hair is to be neat and well groomed.
- Hair must not draw excessive attention thereby disrupting the focus on learning. Hair color must be natural to human beings.
- No rollers, combs, or picks may be worn in student's hair.

Piercing and Jewelry:

- Visible body piercing must be limited to earlobes with no more than two sets of earrings. Earrings that extend past the bottom of the earlobes are not permitted as our students are actively engaged in learning and lengthy earrings can get caught and cause injury.
- Collars, wristbands and belts with spikes are prohibited.
- Jewelry, nail polish or any other accessories are allowed so long as they are not distracting to the learning environment. Press-on nails are not allowed for students.

The administration reserves the right to determine if clothing items or accessories are distracting to the learning environment. Should the administration determine a student's attire is such that it constitutes a threat to one's health or safety, or otherwise creates a disruption in the school learning environment, the administrator or his/her designee may require the student and/or the parent to take appropriate action and remedy the situation. As stated, Riverwalk reserves the right to dismiss a student from enrollment if he/she refuses to abide by the above policies.

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