

Student Dress Code

Ramona High School is a teaching and learning institution. Students are expected to wear clothing which is appropriate for school and school sponsored activities. This means that clothing shall be decent, distraction free, free of any intimidation factor and free of advertising of items that students are forbidden to buy or have in their possession. **If an administrator deems that any student violates the dress code, the student will be asked to change his/her clothing at the school to a loaner or PE shirt. The dress code will be strictly enforced.**

Definitions:

- **Decent** means that the body shall be covered from the arm pit to mid-high. Strapless and low plunging necklines or midriff-baring tops are not permitted. Underwear is to be covered by outerwear. All pants must fit on or above the hip bone without being belted or otherwise altered. If the pants begin to slide when the belt is removed, they are too big. Tops are considered too short if the skin shows as the student sits, walks or engages in usual activities. Clothing shall also be free of pictures or slogans with sexual references, drug references, or anything administration deems inappropriate.
- Shorts and skirts are to be at the length of fingertips, when arms are fully extended at the sides of the body. If shorts or skirts are shorter than previously mentioned, then they should be worn with leggings underneath. Also, torn jeans should be worn with leggings underneath.
- Leggings are not allowed to be worn by themselves.

• **Distraction Free** means clothing may not divert the attention of students away from lessons and studies.

This might include clothing which is dirty or ragged, transparent, is decorated with graffiti colors, or has slogans or pictures deemed by staff members or Riverside Police Department as disruptive or offensive to others.

• **Free of any intimidation factor** means that clothing associated with membership in gangs is not permitted.

Specifically, no hair nets, head rags, bandanas or clothing with gang logos. Names or nicknames embroidered, sprayed or printed on clothing or hats are not acceptable. Sagging/baggy pants and hanging web belts or chains, and gloves on warm/hot days are also considered to be gang attire and, as such, are not permitted.

• **Free of advertising** means that students shall not wear clothing which has advertising for any item which is illegal for a student to buy or possess. This includes alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana leaves, spray paint cans, guns and drug paraphernalia.

• **Safe** means that students should not wear clothing that could hurt themselves or others.

Dress Code Specifics:

- No sagging or baggy pants – this includes PE shorts. The student's underwear may not show when arms are raised – All belts and pants must fit at the waste. No pants or shorts may be worn below the waist.
- No inappropriate signs, symbols, pictures or words (*examples of inappropriate symbols: Iron Cross, Playboy bunny or other similar products, "Skin" Industries, alcohol, tobacco and drug related materials, pictures or words about weapons, references to sexual or illegal acts*)
- No pajamas or slippers, blankets or pacifiers except on thematic days set by USB.
- No bandanas or "Do Rags", stockings or similar objects worn on the head or other parts of the body.
- No face or body piercings that have jewelry deemed unsafe (as determined by administration) to the student or others.
- No earrings that spike dangerously through ear toward head.
- No studded jewelry or clothing – No hoop earrings greater than 1 ½ inch in diameter.
- No clothing that refers to, in any way, any gang, group or idea that may intimidate or offend another student on the basis of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. Wearing a jacket or other outerwear over inappropriate clothing is not acceptable and the student will be asked to change.
- No halter tops, strapless tops or tops that have only one strap over the shoulder. The strap of any top must be at least 1 inch wide and should not show any undergarments.
- Skirts, shorts and pants must not have an excessive amount of "holes" (per administrative decision).
- Torn jeans should be worn with leggings underneath.
- Shorts and skirts are to be at the length of fingertips, when arms are fully extended at the sides of the body.
- If shorts or skirts are shorter than previously mentioned, then they should be worn with leggings underneath.
- Leggings are not allowed to be worn by themselves.
- Blouses may not be low-cut, expose the belly or midriff area or show skin when the student raises his/her arms above his/her head.
- All headgear and hats must be removed inside buildings – Gloves are only allowed for cold weather. Sun glasses may not be worn indoors.
- No wallet chains, metal belts, steel toed shoes or other potentially harmful accessories.
- In the interest of health and safety, student must wear shoes at all times. Slippers and house shoes are not permitted.