



ST. RITA of CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

AN AUGUSTINIAN COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL

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2019-2020 STUDENT DRESS CODE

The student dress code is an educational tool that, when administered properly, complements the education of the Ritaman. The student dress code has several purposes: to enhance self-esteem, to teach discipline, to breakdown social economic barriers and to prepare students for various professional careers. Each student always carries about himself the reputation of the school and must realize that when he is in the public eye, he is the ambassador of the values and education of our school.

Any student who cannot abide by the student dress code due to injury or illness must have written permission from the Dean of Students (Mr. Andrew DiMarco). To obtain permission, a note indicating the injury or illness must be written.

Application of the Student Dress Code:

Chapel Dress – The student is to wear an approved shirt (French blue for seniors and juniors; light blue for sophomores and freshmen) with a St. Rita tie. All students must wear khaki, black or blue pants and proper footwear. On days that Chapel Dress is required students must wear the Chapel Dress properly the entire school day. As with all forms of the student dress code, students must be properly dressed from the moment they enter the school building until the end of the academic day. Chapel Dress may also be required of students on days they represent the school at various functions.

Shirt – The required shirt on non-Chapel Dress days is a collared polo/golf shirt with a St. Rita logo. The color must be red or blue. The shirt should be clean and neat. If an undershirt is worn it must be short-sleeved and solid white.

Sweaters/Pullovers – Students are allowed to wear designated St. Rita sweaters or pullovers (e.g. quarter-zip) which have the name or logo of the school printed and permit the collared shirt to show. No long or short sleeve t-shirts are to be worn over uniform shirts. No sweatshirts (hooded or crew neck) or full-zip sweaters are permitted.

Tie – A St. Rita tie must be worn with Chapel Dress. St. Rita bow ties are also permitted. As with the rest of the school attire, the tie should not be torn, tattered or splattered.

Pants – Pants must be khaki, black, or blue colored. They must be of the dress variety. They may not be baggy or corduroy or have pockets below the hips. A belt must always be worn. During warm-weather months the Administration may permit shorts to be worn. Students may wear shorts in August as the school year begins. The exact time frame shorts will be permitted will be communicated to the students and parents during the school year. Shorts are to be khaki colored, no cargo shorts allowed.

Shoes – Students must wear black, brown or tan dress shoes. Shoes must be of a boat style, penny loafer style, or dress shoe style. Shoes must be laced at all times and have a non-marking sole. Unacceptable shoes include moccasins, sandals, slippers, slip-ons, shoes without backs, slides, boots, Vans and Uggs. During warm-weather months the Administration may also permit athletic shoes to be worn with shorts.

Socks – Socks must be worn at all times and extend above the ankle.

Hats/Headgear – Hats or headgear are never permitted to be worn in the school building or at any inside school function. Hats/headgear will be confiscated if worn in the building.

Jewelry – Earrings are never permitted in the school building or at school sponsored events, activities or ceremonies. The use of band aids or bandages to cover earrings is not acceptable. Excessive chains of gold or other materials are not permitted.

Tattoos – Visible tattoos are not allowed in the school building or at school sponsored events, activities or ceremonies. Any student who has a tattoo must keep it covered by an article of clothing at all times. The use of band aids or bandage wraps to cover tattoos is not acceptable.

Hair – Student hair must be neat, clean and well-groomed. Hair should not exceed the eyebrows and not to extend beyond the collar of the shirt in the back and no hair covering the ears. Excessive side burns are not acceptable (nothing lower than the ear lobe). Extreme hair styles (e.g. faux-hawk, Mohawk, line designs) are not allowed. The color of the hair must be natural.

Shaving – Students must be clean shaven. Students that are not clean shaven will be issued a detention and made to shave at school.

School ID – The student's current school issued ID in its clear holder must be worn at all times on his class year designated color St. Rita lanyard.

Coats/Jackets – Coats and jackets are not to be brought into the classroom or worn during the school day.

Book Bags – Book bags and athletic bags of any kind are not allowed in the classroom. Students should leave all nonessential items in their lockers or athletic locker rooms during the school day.

Field Trips – For all field trips and/or activities during the school day outside of the school, students will be expected to be in student dress code unless otherwise approved by the Dean of Students.

General Policy – The Dean of Students is the final arbiter in all matters of interpreting the student dress code and enforcing its application. Rather than taking the risk of challenging the student dress code it is always best for students to consult with the Dean of Students if they have questions regarding specific items and the student dress code. Should a question arise with regard to dress or appearance, the decision of the Dean of Students is final. The Dean of Students may modify the student dress code at any time.

Discipline – Generally, a warning is given to a student who is not in compliance with the student dress code. This should be sufficient to correct the infraction. If a student needs repeated warnings then one or more courses of action may be pursued.

For example:

1. The student will be given a detention.
2. The student will not be allowed to attend class or school until the situation is rectified.
3. The student will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular or outside school events (e.g., class trips, athletic events, conferences, etc.) the day of the infraction and until the situation is rectified.