

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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As described on pages 8-9 and 25 of the Riverdale High School Student/Parent Handbook:

Dress or grooming is the primary responsibility of the students and parents/ guardians. However, students may be directed to change dress or grooming if it interferes with the school climate, is unclean, threatens the health and safety of the student or others, or violates the standards for dress as discussed [below]. Moreover, clothing, jewelry, or wording/graphics on clothing which is sexually suggestive, drug related, vulgar, or which depicts violence or gang membership, or which ridicules a particular person or group is strictly prohibited.

Disciplinary action may range from staff intervention to suspension.

Riverdale High School recognizes its obligations to provide an educational environment, which will prepare students for successful adult lives. Dress and grooming affect the attitude of the students in their work and study habits and contribute to a productive learning environment. Please be mindful that the school is a professional work environment for teachers, staff, students, and parent volunteers.

Pictures, Writing & Insignia: Clothing, accessories and personal items (including backpacks and binders) must be free of writing, images, and insignia, which:

- Are vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, or gang related; or make reference to or depict drugs, alcohol, weapons, or tobacco.
- Degrade race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or religious affiliation.
- Portray persons dressed in a manner that does not comply with this dress code.
- Disrupt or have the potential to disrupt normal school activities.

Tattoos: Visible tattoos must meet all of the standards related to "pictures, writing & insignia" outlined above. Tattoos that do not comply with these standards must be covered while the student is at school or school activities.

Footwear: Shoes must be worn at all times due to public health laws (except in Yoga class).