



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue our tradition of excellence here at H.B. Rhame Elementary, our number one priority is to provide your child with the best positive learning experience in a safe environment. Our team works each day to encourage students to be successful at their job of learning. We ask that you continue to support our uniform dress code (school uniform) which is a part of the H.B. Rhame legacy. We believe standard dress expectations has a positive impact on students' learning and behavior in and around the school, serves to unite students, increases school pride, and eliminates class barriers that develop when some students cannot afford expensive name-brand clothing. All H.B. Rhame Elementary students are expected to participate in our uniform dress code as well as, the Richland One student dress code.

Attached to this letter is standard dress description to ensure that your child is in accurately dressed everyday beginning the first day of school. Additionally, belts are strongly encouraged for belt loops. All bottoms should fit properly and sagging below the waist, leggings are permitted for students underneath skirts and/or tunics only. School uniforms may come from: Your closet, garage sales, or your favorite store – Target, J.C. Penney, Burlington, Wal- Mart, Old Navy, Goodwill, etc.

Shoes:

Students may wear an appropriate choice of shoes. However, they must be safe and appropriate for the school learning environment. Students must wear athletic shoes in all PE classes and/or outdoor activities. **Cleats, slippers, crocs, flip flops, plastic athletic slides and shoes with wheels are not permitted to be worn on campus for the safety of children.**

Students may be out of standard dress on only school picture days, Freedom Fridays and other days designated by the school administration. It is expected that students will follow the dress code for Richland School District One, when they are out of standard dress. However, students not allowed to wear jeans that are torn, ripped or cut or revealing shirts. Additionally, in accordance with the RSCD *Student Code of Conduct Handbook*, no camouflage or camouflaged paraphernalia or other gang paraphernalia at any time will be permitted on the school premises. School spirit day is each Friday, and all students may wear their H.B. Rhame Elementary school or college t-shirt and jeans. Special days throughout the year may be designated as opportunities for students to wear clothing other than their school uniform.. Again, I ask you to please support our standard dress effort and ensure that your child is appropriately dressed. We firmly believe that if our students are dressed for school in clothing consistent with our standard dress code, they will be prepared for work in the classrooms.

Educationally Yours,

Monica Owens Carter

Monica Owens Carter, Principal

H.B. Rhame Elementary School

School Uniform & Dress Code Information

Dress Code Benefits

H.B. Rhame Elementary School has a standard dress code expectation for all elementary students. There are many positive reasons for a standard school dress code, including:

- A dress code encourages students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances.
- A dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because they project a neat, serious, businesslike image.
- Schools with dress codes have fewer discipline problems because students aren't distracted.
- Dress codes can be less expensive for parents.
- Dress codes eliminate the visible differences between students.
- Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing, "gang colors," etc.
- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging.

Dress Code Information

Bottoms: Navy, Khaki/Tan, or Jeans

Walking Shorts, Slacks, Skorts, Skirts, Skirted jumpers must be plain, solid-color Twill, Corduroy or Denim fabric

Tops: Navy, Yellow, White or Light Blue with collar

- Must have long or short sleeves
- Knit polo-type, Oxford or woven dress shirts, blouses, turtlenecks
- School t-shirts are OK (available through our school office)

The Dress Code does not allow for clothing with colored trim, stripes, embroidery, decoration, etc. It also does not provide for overalls (overalls with pants or shorts), sweat pants, knit pants/ skirts, leggings, etc. A small logo is acceptable.

Other dress code rules:

- A belt is required if the garment has belt loops.
- Shirts (including t-shirts) must be tucked in.
- Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate.
- Clothes must be appropriate size, with waist of garment worn at student's waist.
- Clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school.

School administrators will determine if clothing is appropriate for school and complies with school rules. For more specific information on the student dress code, please refer to the H.B. Rhame Elementary Student Handbook.

