

DRESS CODE

The Uniform Policy of Roanoke Catholic School is outlined below. While dress code is certainly not the most important aspect in educating your child, it is important to have students dressed in a way that promotes a positive and cohesive learning environment without distractions. Students should maintain a modest, neat and well-groomed appearance while at school and at all school functions. Clothing and hair should be neat, clean and appropriate for school. Students should be in full uniform during the school day. Students may wear only items listed in uniform guidelines.

Dress code enforcement begins at home. Students will not be allowed to attend class or participate in school activities unless they are properly dressed. A student in violation of the dress code may be sent home to correct the violation immediately or a parent may be asked to bring the appropriate attire. In addition, demerits will be issued for non-compliance in grades 5-12. The administration reserves the right to determine what appropriate school attire is. Uniforms and embroidered items may be purchased directly from the school's suppliers: Flynn and O'Hara, Global School Outfitters (Tommy Hilfiger) or Jammin'. Links appear on our school website. Our school logo is available for application through all suppliers.

General Uniform Notes

- All clothing must be clean, unwrinkled, hemmed and in good condition.
- Shirts should be buttoned; the top shirt button may be open.
- All shirts should be tucked into the waistband so the waistband is visible.
- Only white undershirts without logos or designs can be worn under polos
- Slacks and shorts should be worn above the hips with belts visible.
- All shoes must be closed-toed and closed-heeled; no clogs, sandals, boots, slippers, or footwear resembling slippers and socks.
- Shoes should not include patterns (i.e. stripes, plaids, checkerboard), textures (i.e. glitter, sequins), lights, or wheels.
- Coats and jackets designed for outside are to remain in lockers/classroom and may not be worn in class. Acceptable outer garments allowed in class are the letter jacket; navy blue, green, or other school sweatshirt with RCS logo (available through the school); navy blue or green fleece jacket (available through the school or Tommy Hilfiger) or uniform sweaters. School uniform polo must be worn underneath. Hoodies are not acceptable to wear during the regular school day.
- At no time are bare shoulders, bare backs, bare midriffs, or low-cut necklines acceptable. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and halter tops are not permitted, even if worn under jackets, blouses, or sweaters.
- No visible tattoos or piercing other than ears are permitted. (no more than two per ear)
- Jewelry must be kept to a minimum. Large necklaces and bracelets are not acceptable. A maximum of two stud earrings, worn on the ears, will be allowed. Boys may not wear earrings. One cross, crucifix or medal, one ring, and a watch are permissible. No make-up or nail polish, including French or American nude manicure styles, are allowed in lower or middle school.
- Hats and caps may not be worn at anytime during the school day.
- Hair should be neatly styled and groomed away from the face so as not to cover the face. Maximum hair length for male students is to the eyebrows, to the top of the shirt collar, and above the middle of the ears – groomed or ungroomed.
- No unusual/extreme styles, or extreme/unnatural color, all as determined by administration. Hair accessories should be tasteful and kept to a minimum and be less than one inch in diameter, so as not to distract fellow students.
- Male students should be clean-shaven with sideburns no longer than mid-ear. Students who have a medical exemption to this rule should have a doctor's note on file with the principal and the nurse. This note must be current and if necessary reissued and filed annually.

Lower School Uniform Guidelines

The color code for RCS Green is PMS 342. This is needed if you choose to purchase green polos from another vendor and get them embroidered locally.

School Attire for Girls

Items appearing in italics must be ordered from the school's vendors.

Standard Uniform

- *Uniform jumper* (Grades PK-4); hem must be at-the-knee length
- *Uniform skirt* (Grades 5-7); must be at-the-knee length
- Blue oxford-cloth dress shirt with button-down or Peter Pan collar; no ruffles, emblems, or contrast stitching; may be long or short sleeves; shirt tails must be long enough to be tucked in.
- Solid navy, black or white knee socks or white fold-down crew socks (Socks must cover ankle.) Solid navy, black or white tights or leggings (leggings must be covered by a sock)-required at 45 degrees or below outside temperature at the time of recess, when jumpers or skirts are worn.
- Tennis shoes (either black or white) or saddle oxfords with rubber soles.

Options

- Navy blue walking shorts; walking shorts are defined as being no more than three inches above the knee; must be worn with belt and only during Eastern Daylight Time
- Green polo-style shirt (long or short sleeve) with Roanoke Catholic School logo; may be worn with shorts, slacks, jumpers, or skirts
- Belt – blue, black, brown, or *school plaid (available at Land's End), must be worn with slacks or shorts in grades 2-7
- Navy blue dress style slacks
- Navy blue or white tights
- *Navy blue or green crewneck or cardigan sweater with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue or green fleece jacket with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue, green, or other sweatshirt with RCS logo*

Physical Education Uniform

Girls may wear their school shorts or slacks, or, if they wear jumpers and skirts, shorts of any color should be worn under the jumper or skirt. Please make sure these shorts are not longer than the skirts and jumpers.

Out-of-Uniform Guidelines (Boys & Girls)

On out-of-uniform days, students must wear neat clothing and must always wear tennis shoes with socks. Skirts should be no shorter than the knee. Shorts must be no more than three inches above the knee. Torn/Distressed jeans and sweat/jogging pants are never permitted during the school day. Students must comply with whatever specific guidelines are stipulated for special out-of-uniform days, i.e. green and gold day. No jeans are acceptable on dress-up days. Uniforms are always acceptable. Jewelry and nail polish restrictions are relaxed on out-of-uniform days; however, make-up may never be worn to school. All girl and boy scouts may wear the appropriate scouting uniforms on meeting days.

School Attire for Boys

Items appearing in italics must be ordered from the school's vendors.

Standard Uniform

- Green polo-style shirt (long or short sleeve) with Roanoke Catholic School logo
- Navy blue dress style slacks
- Solid color belt (blue, black or brown) for Grades 2-7
- Solid navy blue, black or white socks. Socks must cover the ankle.
- Black Tennis shoes

Options

- Blue Oxford-cloth dress shirt with button-down collar; no emblems or contrast stitching; may have long or short sleeves; shirt tails must be long enough to remain tucked in
- Navy blue walking shorts made of a cotton/polyester blend; walking shorts are defined as being no more than three inches above the knee; must be worn with solid-colored belt and only during Eastern Daylight Time
- *Navy blue or green crewneck or cardigan sweater with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue or green fleece jacket with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue, green, or other sweatshirt with RCS logo*

Physical Education Uniform

Boys in grades K-7 will participate in Physical Education classes in their regular school uniform, but boys in grades 5-7 may bring a plain white t-shirt to wear for P.E.

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Upper School Uniform Guidelines

School Attire for Girls

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Standard Uniform

- Plaid kilt, box-pleated skirt, or A-line skirt [Classic navy/evergreen plaid] (All skirts/kilts – must be at-the-knee length. Skirts may not be rolled. Shorts under skirts are recommended.)
- Khaki uniform slacks made of a cotton/polyester blend
- Green polo-style shirt (long or short sleeve) with Roanoke Catholic School logo
- Solid color tennis shoes (no bright colors) or solid brown, navy or black flat dress shoes (no boots, clogs, or slippers).
- Socks, when worn, should be solid in color (navy, black or white) and must cover the ankle; solid navy blue knee socks; solid navy blue opaque tights; solid navy blue or skin-tone hose may be worn with dress shoes.
- Dark belt must be worn with slacks or shorts.

Options

- Khaki uniform shorts made of a cotton/polyester blend must be no more than three inches above the knee; no rolling up allowed; must be worn with solid-colored belt and only during Eastern Daylight Time
- *Navy blue or green crewneck or cardigan sweater with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue or green fleece jacket with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue, green, or other sweatshirt with RCS logo*
- RCS Letter jacket

School Attire for Boys

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Standard Uniform

- Khaki uniform slacks made of a cotton/polyester blend
- Green polo-style shirt (long or short sleeve) with Roanoke Catholic School logo
- Solid color tennis shoes (no bright colors) or solid brown, navy or black flat dress shoes (no boots, clogs, or slippers).
- Solid color socks (navy, black or white). Socks must cover ankle.
- Dark belt must be worn

Options

- Khaki uniform shorts made of a cotton/polyester blend must be no more than three inches above the knee; must be worn with solid-colored belt and only during Eastern Daylight Time
- *Navy blue or green crewneck or cardigan sweater with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue or green fleece jacket with RCS logo*
- *Navy blue, green, or other sweatshirt with RCS logo*
- RCS Letter jacket

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