

## **Dress Code Policy (updated March 2021)**

Rockwell Charter High School is committed to establishing a solid academic learning environment. All students have the responsibility to dress appropriately and observe basic standards of cleanliness and good grooming. A student's dress and appearance should not cause a disruption, distract from the learning environment, or create a health or safety concern for any person at the school.

These are the minimum Rockwell Charter High School Standards for Dress and Grooming: “Students are to dress in a modest, clean, and appropriate manner that reflects pride in themselves and in their school.”

Modesty, Cleanliness, and Appropriateness at Rockwell includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Items such as face paint or excessive makeup, excessive, dangerous, or distracting body piercing are not permitted.
- No cleavage, bare bellies, backs, or underwear should be visible.
- Shirts, or tops, must have sleeves.
- Shirts or tops that expose bare midriffs during normal activity, or which have spaghetti straps or bare backs are not permitted.
- Pants must fit appropriately around the waist.
- Shorts and skirts must reach the mid-thigh, when the wearer is in a seated position.
- Shoes must be worn at all times (Flip-flops, slippers, or any similar footwear are not allowed.) Sandals and open-toed shoes that have a strap on the back are allowed.
- Clothing that is sheer or see through; or ripped, torn, shredded, or otherwise ragged (whether intentional or unintentional) is not acceptable.
- Clothing with vulgar language, inappropriate pictures (e.g. sexually oriented, gang or violence related), alcohol or cigarette advertising, and depicting, inferring, or glorifying illegal substances, or any other illegal activities, are not permitted.
- Apparel that is gang-related or appears to be gang-related is not permitted. This includes, but not limited to: oversized baggy pants, bandanas, headbands, spiked bands, chains on pants or wallets, or any article of clothing that would identify the student with a gang.
- Pajama pants or tops, and bedroom slippers are not appropriate for school.

### **Consequences Specific to Dress Code**

Violations of the dress code policy shall be treated as a disruptive behavior under the Code of Violation of School Wide Standards. (See above.)

Administrative Prerogative: The Rockwell Charter High School administration reserves the right to address dress code issues that present themselves as a distraction to students or the educational process.

***Parents and students have the primary responsibility of ensuring that students are dressed properly for school and should do so based on these standards.*** Students who are in violation of the approved dress policy will be subject to the school discipline policy. In fairness to all involved, students choosing not to abide by the Rockwell Standard for Dress and Grooming, after being disciplined for repeated violations, should probably choose another school to attend.