

## **Rilke Schule Dress Code**

### **Approved 22 July, 2010**

Rilke Schule expressly does not have a school uniform intended to make all students look the same. We have a dress code that aims to promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school, respect for our educational environment, and to reduce any sense of inequality of personal dress. Faculty and staff need not abide by this dress code, but are expected to dress in a business professional manner.

#### **Basic Dress Code**

**Students shall wear solid colored clothing without contrasting logos. This includes any color shirt, blouse, or dress with a collar and sleeves; and pants, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers that are black, brown, grey, olive, navy blue, or khaki.**

#### **Exceptions**

- **Students may wear any solid color clothing with a Rilke Schule logo of any kind on any day.**
- **Students in grades 6,7, and 8 may wear collared shirts with stripes and plaids.**
- **Traditional appropriate Dirndls, Lederhosen and Kniebundhosen may be worn on any day.**
- **Dress Code rules are suspended on monthly Theme Days.**
- **Students and staff may wear blue jeans one designated Friday a month.**
- **One Friday a month is Dressy Friday.**
- **Boy Scout and Girl Scout uniforms are allowed on meeting days.**

#### **Theme Days, Blue Jean Fridays, and Dressy Fridays**

The student council will define monthly theme days with the Principal's approval. The dates for Theme Days, Blue Jean Fridays, and Dressy Fridays will be posted with at least two weeks notice. On Theme Days, students may dress in either standard dress code clothing or according to the theme chosen for the day. On Blue Jean Fridays students may dress in either standard Rilke Schule dress code bottoms or wear blue jeans. On Dressy Fridays students may dress in either standard Rilke Schule dress code clothing or more formal attire including dresses, skirts and suits with patterns or designs. For all exception days, ASD dress guidelines of modest, non-offensive apparel and proper appearance still apply.

#### **Field Trip Days**

Students are encouraged to wear tops with Rilke Schule logos when their class participates in a field trip outside the school.

#### **Clarifications**

- Clothing must be clean and, if torn, well-mended.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized, not more than one size larger or smaller than the student actually measures.
- Hats or other headgear (hoods, caps, visors, and bandanas) must be removed from the head upon entering the building and may not be carried during the school day. Hooded clothing is allowed as long as the hood is down inside the building.
- Clothes that drag on the floor, posing a tripping hazard are not allowed.
- Extra wide/long/baggy/saggy clothing is not allowed.

- Mesh, fishnet, spandex, sheer, see-through, shiny, or noisy fabrics are not allowed.
- Clothing that exposes the back, chest, shoulders, or midriff is not allowed.
- Display of undergarments is not allowed.
- Skirts, skorts, shorts, jumpers, over-alls, and dresses cannot be shorter than four finger-widths above the knee.

#### Shirts and Tops

- Shirts, blouses, and dresses must be a solid color with sleeves and a collar, unless they are any Rilke Schule t-shirts.
- Shirt hems that extend past the bottom of the back pants pockets must be tucked in.
- Shirts should be buttoned above the chest line.
- Solid colored, long and short-sleeved t-shirts can be worn underneath collared shirts.
- Solid colored over shirts with no contrasting logos are allowed. This includes sweaters, vests, cardigans, and sweatshirts with or without a hood.
- Solid colored turtlenecks are allowed.

#### Bottoms

- Bottoms include pants, skirts, shorts, skorts, and jumpers.
- Bottoms must be worn at the waist and completely zipped or fastened.
- All bottoms must be black, brown, grey, olive, navy blue, or khaki.
- Capris and cargo pants (with side pockets) are allowed as long as they are fitted, not baggy.
- No jeans (denim), track, or sweat pants are allowed during the regular school day.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants.

#### Footwear

- Children are expected to have weather-appropriate footwear securely attached to their feet.
- Shoes must be tied or appropriately fastened for safety reasons.
- Shoes must have hard soles and be sturdy enough to withstand an evacuation drill.
- Blinking sneakers are not allowed in the classroom but are acceptable as athletic shoes for Phys Ed.
- Heeleys are not allowed.
- Excessively high or spiked heels that are unsafe are not allowed.

#### Accessories

- Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are allowed.
- Light, solid colored nail polish is allowed. Bright, vibrant, or dark nail polish and nail art is not allowed.
- Light make-up is a privilege reserved for students in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- Tights or socks of any color, design, or pattern should be worn at all times.
- Leggings of any color, design, or pattern can be worn underneath skirts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers.
- Ties of any color, design, or pattern may be worn.
- Accessories must not be a safety hazard or distracting.
- Chains, dog collars, or bracelets and necklaces with spikes are not allowed.
- Tattoos and facial jewelry are not allowed.
- Sunglasses or contact lenses which obscure the eyes are not allowed indoors.

#### Hair

- Hair dye or bleach is not allowed.
- Hair styles or excessive hair decorations that are obvious distractions are not allowed.
- Hair should be neat and clean and not covering the eyes.