

RCS Standard of Appearance Update

The following Bible passages are the premise from which Ravenswood Baptist Church and its ministries derives its standards of dress:

Our appearance should not be worldly.

*2 Corinthians 6:14-17 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for **what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?** and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or **what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,** saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

*James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and **to keep himself unspotted from the world.***

We should separate ourselves from the appearance of worldly* cultures. Hollywood, grunge, gothic, national heathen cultural elements, etc. should not be emulated. No worldly* styles, graphics, accessories should be worn.

**Worldly* is a term Christians use to describe any anti-God cultures. Just because something is “in style” or “trendy” doesn’t mean it is worldly, but a Christian should desire to identify with Christ and not those cultures, which are against Him.

Our appearance should be modest.

Definition: mod·est—*adjective*

1. having or showing a moderate or humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions.
2. free from ostentation or showy extravagance: *a modest house.*
3. having or showing regard for the decencies of behavior, speech, dress, etc.; decent: *a modest neckline on a dress.*
4. limited or moderate in amount, extent, etc.: *a modest increase in salary.*

*1 Timothy 2:9a In like manner also, that women adorn themselves **in modest apparel...***

*1 Peter 3:3-4 **Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

*1 Corinthians 5:12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer **them which glory in appearance, and not in the heart.***

God, in the Scriptures, puts a great emphasis on our spirit, heart, and attitude. He puts a small emphasis on our appearance. His desire is two-fold:

- God does not desire our clothes and accessories to draw **our** focus away from Him.
- God does not desire our clothes and accessories to draw **other's** focus away from Him.

These standards of appearance are established for individuals to maintain their own personal appearance. Administration will enforce these standards, but we desire to do so with parental assistance and involvement. Remember, God wants our focus to be on Him.

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Girls may wear:

- School uniform polo-type shirt (over the head, 3-button).
 - **Elementary** – Solid red or navy blue (not teal, turquoise, or royal blue)
 - **Secondary** – Solid light gray (not dark gray or charcoal) or navy blue (not teal, turquoise, or royal blue)
- No writing or designs may be on the shirt, but small logos are permitted.
- No specific brand is required.
- If a student wears a sweatshirt, it must be an RCS sweatshirt.
- Navy or gray plain sweaters (not sweatshirts) or cardigans may be worn.
- Khaki style, blue-jean, cargo-style pants
- Skirts or shorts (elementary only)
- Sweatpants or joggers may only be worn on gym days.
- All shorts and skirts must be to the top of the knee when standing.
- **Yoga pants, jeggings, or leggings will not be permitted.**
- **Jackets and coats in the classroom will not be permitted.**

Boys may wear:

- School uniform polo-type shirt (over the head, 3-button).
 - **Elementary** – Solid red or navy blue (not teal, turquoise, or royal blue)
 - **Secondary** – Solid light gray (not dark gray or charcoal) or navy blue (not teal, turquoise, or royal blue)
- No writing or designs may be on the shirt, but small logos are permitted.
- No specific brand is required.
- If a student wears a sweatshirt, it must be an RCS sweatshirt.
- Navy or gray plain sweaters (not sweatshirts) or cardigans may be worn.
- Khaki style, blue-jean, cargo-style pants or shorts (elementary only)
- Sweatpants or joggers may only be worn on gym days.
- All shorts must be to the top of the knee when standing.
- **Jackets and coats in the classroom will not be permitted.**

Shoes (girls and boys)

- Students may wear black or brown casual shoes, boots, or any sneakers. **No open-toed footwear.**
- All shoes must be worn with socks. Slip-on shoes may be worn, but they must have socks.
- No snow boots are permitted to be worn during the school day in class. If a student comes to school in snow boots, they must change into school-approved shoes.

Physical Education

- Students are **required** to wear Ravenswood Christian School gym uniforms on gym days. No old or outdated school uniforms are permitted.
- Every student will receive a PE shirt at the beginning of September. This shirt must be worn for PE. Secondary students will receive two gym shirts.
- Additional PE shirts may be purchased through the school office for \$12 each.
- Students may also wear **black** sweatpants, joggers, windbreaker pants, or knee length shorts for gym class. No other types, colors, or styles of pants may be worn.
- Sweatshirts are permitted during the colder weather. If a student wears a sweatshirt for PE, it must be an RCS sweatshirt.
- All students are required to wear athletic sneakers for PE.

Miscellaneous Standard of Appearance Policies

The RCS Standard of Appearance policy applies to the entire school day including before and after school, while on property. Students must come dressed for school and

may not change out of uniform while on property, unless arrangements have been made with the administration regarding extracurricular activities.