

Lower School Uniform Policy

Renaissance Academy reserves the right to decide if an article of clothing is inappropriate for school. If a student is found to be in violation of the uniform policy or dress down dress code, he/she will be sent to the school nurse for a change of clothes and/or parents/guardians will be called to bring in appropriate clothing for the student.

Tops:

Each Academy is assigned a different color top. Students must wear the assigned color:

- Primary Academy (K-2) Hunter Green
- Elementary Academy (3-4) Red
- Intermediate Academy (5-6) Light Blue
- All shirt tops must have the official Renaissance Academy logo in khaki color and match the color swatches available from Lands' End or other approved vendors.
 - Acceptable top choices:
 - Long or short sleeve polo shirt
 - Sweatshirts, vests, pullover sweaters in crew or v-neck
 - Cardigans
 - Pull over or zippered fleece
 - All of these options are required to have the Renaissance Academy approved logo and match color swatches.
- White, black or Academy colored turtlenecks, T-Shirts, collared shirts or colored shirts under the academy tops are permissible. Only Academy sweater, sweatshirt or vest permitted; no exceptions.
- No tops with hoods
- No Spirit Wear except on approved Spirit Wear days.
- Coats, jackets, and clothes worn to and from school do not need a logo, but may not be worn after arrival or before dismissal unless the student is going outside.
- Note- Classroom temperatures vary! Students are encouraged to purchase a uniform embroidered sweatshirt or sweater.

Bottoms:

Bottoms may be purchased at any store or vendor but must meet the following guidelines:

- Must be solid khaki (stone colored or light brown is not permitted)
- No logos or embellishments - small manufacturer's name label is acceptable. No floral applications.
- Must be a woven cotton, cotton blend, or corduroy.
- Fleece, knits, sweatpants, stretchy pants or nylon pants are not acceptable.
- No cargo pants or pants with large pockets on the outside.

- Shorts, skorts, skirts, overalls, and jumpers cannot be shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.
- Capri pants of woven cotton, cotton blend, or corduroy are permitted.
- All pants must be sized appropriately AND worn at the waist. (A belt must accompany pants that are too big or fall lower than your child's waist.)
- Long pants must cover ankle high shoes; pants cannot be tucked into the shoes or rolled up.

Leg Coverings and Socks:

Leg coverings may be purchased at any store or vendor.

- When visible, tights or socks must be of a plain, solid color of white, black or match the Academy top color.

Shoes:

- Shoes may be purchased at any store or vendor but must follow the guidelines listed below:
- Heels and soles to be no more than 2" high
- Shoes must fit securely
- Sneakers may be purchased at any store or vendor but must have non-scuffing soles
- Students should be sent to school in non-scuffing sneakers on Physical Education days
- No Helix (sneakers with roller blades)
- Leather sandals (with closed toe and backs) are acceptable
- Boots are acceptable and should be below the knee
- Flip-flops are NOT permitted; wearing socks with them is not permitted
- Open toed shoes are NOT permitted; wearing socks with them is not permitted

Head and Hair Accessories:

- No visors, caps, or other head coverings are acceptable, however head bands are permitted; this also applies on approved dress down days.
- No sunglasses or other accouterments are permitted to be worn inside the school building.

Backpacks and Bookbags:

- May be purchased at any store or vendor
- May be of any color or pattern
- Book bags with wheels are not permitted due to safety concerns

Uniform Vendors:

Uniforms may be ordered or logos embroidered by the following Renaissance Academy approved companies:

Lands' End
Phone: 1-800-469-2222
Website: landsend.com/school
Renaissance Academy Preferred School #9000-5883-5

Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.
Festival at Exton Shopping Center
404 W. Lincoln Highway
Exton, PA 19341
Phone: 610-594-1970
Website: www.flynnohara.com

Frank Jones Sporting Goods
1735 Markley Street
Norristown, PA 19401
Phone: 610-275-5373
*Most approved apparel can be ordered

Red Ribbon Consignment Closet
19 S. Whitehorse Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-9778
*New Uniforms in stock -or- bring your own shirts for embroidery
Also available on site, gently used RA Uniforms *

“Dress Down Day” Dress Code

Dress down days are recognized as positive reinforcement for a job well done, whether it is academically or behaviorally. Dress down days are also scheduled for picture days and fundraising days. To eliminate confusion regarding what appropriate wear is for these non-uniform days, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- **All skirts and shorts *cannot be shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.***
- **Pants must be appropriately sized; not excessively tight or revealing.**
- **Students may not wear T-shirts that support violence, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use.**
- **All shirts worn must have sleeves. No basketball type jerseys or sleeveless tees are permitted. Collared sleeveless blouses will be allowed.**
- **Shirts must appropriately cover the chest and midriff of the student.**
- **No flip-flops, slippers or open-toed shoes are allowed; wearing socks with these types of shoes is not permitted.**
- **See through fabrics are not acceptable.**
- **Spaghetti straps and/or tank tops are not acceptable.**
- **Pajamas (tops and/or bottoms) are not acceptable as school attire.**
- **No headgear of any kind.**
- **No hoodies or jackets.**
- **Renaissance Academy spirit wear may be worn.**

Please note: If a student chooses to dress down on a non-dress down day, he or she will call home for to have their uniform brought to school and will lose the opportunity to dress down on the next dress down day or for a period of time to be determined by the administration.

At the end of each school year the Family School Organization (FSO) will conduct a “uniform exchange” day. Parents/guardians can donate and purchase used uniforms for a nominal fee at this time.