

Upper School Uniform Guidelines

Tops:

Each Academy will be assigned a different color top:

- **Junior Academy (7-8) – Navy Blue**
- **Senior Academy (9-10) - Maroon**
- **Collegiate Academy (11-12) - Black**
- **All tops must be appropriately sized. No extra-long, baggy, or tight tops are allowed.**
- **All tops must have the proper Renaissance Academy logo in khaki color or white and match the color swatches available from Land's End or other approved vendors.**
- **The following are the only permitted tops:**
 - **Long or short sleeved polo shirts**
 - **Hooded sweatshirts, vests, fleece jackets, or sweaters in proper uniform color with embroidered emblem**
- **No low cut shirts or tops are allowed.**
- **Turtlenecks, T-shirts, or long sleeves underneath uniform tops should be of a solid color free of logos and designs and white, black, gray, or matching the school shirt.**
- **Jackets, headwear, knit caps, bonnets, shower caps, and head-coverings may be worn to and from school but must be removed before entering the buildings.**
- **At no time may a jacket or hat be worn in the school building or cafeteria and students are prohibited from carrying these items with them to and from class.**
- **Note- Classroom temperatures vary! Students are encouraged to purchase a uniform embroidered sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece.**

Bottoms:

- **Must be solid tan khaki (stone colored or white is not permitted).**
- **No logos or embellishments- small manufacturer's name label is acceptable.**
- **Must be woven cotton, cotton blend, or corduroy. No sweatpants, tights, leggings, or stretchy material.**
- **No cargo pants, pants with extra pockets, or extra-large pockets. Only four pockets in the traditional locations are allowed (one on each upper thigh, and two in rear).**
- **Shorts, skorts, and skirts may be worn but be no more than three inches above the knees regardless if tights are worn under them.**
- **Capri pants of woven cotton, cotton blend, or corduroy are allowed.**
- **All pants must be sized appropriately and worn at the waist.**

Shoes:

- **Heels and soles are to be no more than 2" high.**

- Flip-flops or sandals of any kind, open heeled shoes, slide-on shoes (such as clogs), or any kind of house shoes or slippers are unacceptable to wear at school.
- Students who wear non-sneakers to school must have a pair of non-scuffing sneakers to wear on gym days.
- No lights, wheels, or other “gadgets” may be on shoes.

Other:

- **Student ID Badges**—students will be issued a lanyard and student ID badge, this will be used for library sign out, purchasing lunch, etc. Students **MUST** wear their lanyard and ID card at ALL times. If students are not wearing their card, they will receive a uniform violation. If their card/lanyard is lost, the students will be charged \$7 dollars for a replacement.
- No sunglasses or other accouterments are allowed during the school day.
- Backpacks, bags, and purses of any kind are not allowed in classrooms and must be stored in each student’s locker for the duration of the day. Students may stop by their locker before heading to the restroom if they are in need of personal items.
- Extra athletic items should be stored in locker room designated lockers or make arrangements with the Athletic Director.
- Computer/ laptop bags are acceptable with prior administrative approval.

Student ID Cards & Lanyards

All Renaissance Academy students and staff members will be required to wear school IDs on a lanyard. This is a safety measure that is in place to easily identify our school staff and students. ID cards will also provide access for students to purchase lunch, check out library books, pick up printed materials, and so on. The ID cards are important for students to wear every day in school. The initial ID card and lanyard are provided free of charge, if a student loses or damages their card, a replacement fee of \$7.00 will be charged.

Physical Education Uniforms

All students in grades 7th-12th are required to wear a uniform for their Physical Education classes. This includes PE, Life Fitness, Yoga/Pilates, Zumba, and all Dance classes.

Students can wear any configuration of the uniform pieces which include a short and long sleeve t-shirt option as well as shorts and sweatpants option. Uniforms can be ordered online: [Visit RA’s Uniform Page](http://www.rak12.org/For%20Parents/Uniforms) (www.rak12.org, “For Parents”, Uniforms” page).

Spirit Wear/Dress Down Days

- **Sport teams and school organizations may wear team apparel on pre-approved days.**
- **Seniors will be given the opportunity to earn "incentive spirit wear days" which will be outlined at the start of each trimester.**
- **On dress down days, students may wear non-uniform apparel. The following rules still apply:**
 - **No headgear of any kind.**
 - **No jackets.**
 - **No images, writing, or jewelry of any kind depicting drugs, alcohol, foul language, sexual innuendos, or other inappropriate topics.**
 - **Skirt/ short length is no shorter than 3" above the knee.**
 - **No excessively tight or loose clothing is allowed, such as yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, or tights.**
 - **Ripped Jeans are acceptable as long as rips are not located more than 3" above the knees.**

- **The school staff reserves the right to decide if an article of clothing is inappropriate for school. All teachers, staff, and administrators will use the above guidelines to issue Dress Code Violation.**

- **All students will be expected to be in proper dress before entering the school building at the beginning of the day.**
- **Students will not be allowed into class if they do not have the proper uniform/dress code. Students who are in violation of the dress code, will be sent to the Dean of Students to fix the violation.**
- **At no time is a student allowed to unbuckle his or her pants in public to tuck in his or her shirt. This will be considered indecent exposure and will result in the appropriate disciplinary actions.**
- **If a student chooses to Dress Down on a non-dress down day, he or she will lose the opportunity to dress down for the remainder of the trimester or a period of time to be determined by the administration.**
- **Student will be required to contact a parent and fix the issue or remain in the office for the day if issue cannot be rectified.**

Uniform Suppliers

Uniforms may be ordered or logos embroidered by the following 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 Shopping Center
404 W. Lincoln Highway
Exton, PA 19341**

Phone: 610-594-1970

Website: www.flynnohara.com

Our contact is Robert Rose. Uniforms can be purchased online, over the phone, or directly from the store.

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**

Students deemed out of uniform by the teaching staff will be given a Dress Code Violation. This should not be a repetitive situation and if so, students will be referred to the Dean of Students for Non-Compliance. Notice: One Dress Code Violation will result in a warning and correction of issue(s), any additional violation will result in Loss of Dress Down Privileges followed by after school detention assigned by the Dean.

At the end of each school year the Family Support Organization (FSO) will conduct a "uniform exchange" day. Parents can donate and purchase used uniforms at this time.