



Welcome to Russell Sage Junior High School 190  
2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parents and Families:

We want to take this time to remind everyone of the Student Dress Code outlined in the Chancellor's Regulation on Citywide Behavioral Expectations to Support Student Learning. In the event that your child is in violation of these policies, your child will be given the chance to self-correct the infraction. If this is not possible, you will be called and asked to bring in a change of clothing or pick up your child for that day. The Chancellor's policy regarding student dress and grooming, Infraction Level 1 - B09 states:

*The length and style of clothing and personal appearance shall be limited if:*

1. *it disrupts the educational process*
2. *it constitutes a health or safety hazard*

Additional information and a few common concerns are outlined below:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. No flip flops or open toe sandals should be worn.
- The student's torso, including the midriff area, must be covered at all times.
- Clothing must cover undergarments. Undergarments should not be visible. The outer clothing should not be transparent so as to reveal the undergarment.
- Students may wear shorts, skorts, or skirts as long as they are longer than mid-thigh and finger-tip length when hands are held to the side of the upper leg. This is an ongoing concern, especially during the warmer months of the school year. We recognize that very short shorts/skirts are popular, however, they are not appropriate for a school setting and students will be asked to change or cover-up should they violate the stated length minimums.
- Pants and shorts should not be worn well-below the student's waist, in such a way that their undergarments are revealed.
- Female students should refrain from wearing any t-shirt, blouse or top that reveals undergarments.
- Tops must cover the shoulder (no off-the-shoulder sweaters or sweatshirts, spaghetti straps or tank tops). Boys may not wear tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Hats of any kind and sweatshirt hoods worn over the head are not acceptable during school hours. Subsequent violations may require the students to relinquish the item and a parent or guardian to come in to the school to retrieve the hat or sweatshirt.
- Apparel which advertises, promotes, or displays illegal substances, (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, etc), illegal activities, or alcohol establishments, profanity, sexual innuendos or double meanings are not acceptable.

We at Russell Sage JHS 190 believe that student dress and overall appearance should foster a positive and productive environment and should reflect pride in one's self, as well as in our school. We further believe that student dress and appearance is a shared responsibility of the home and the school. It is our sincere desire to provide adequate flexibility for individuality, but at the same time to maintain a standard of good grooming and personal modesty. All clothing should be neat, clean and in good repair.

As fashion and trends evolve, the school reserves the right to amend the dress code at any time. Please help support our rules and policies, thereby facilitating your son's or daughter's growth as learners, citizens and young adults. We ask that you speak with your daughter and/or son about the policy and guidelines and consider these expectations when shopping for clothing or evaluating their day-to-day dressing and grooming habits. If you have any additional questions or concerns contact Russell Sage at 718-830-4970.

Respectfully,  
Russell Sage JHS 190 Administration

**Standards of Dress:**

- No short-shorts or mini-skirts. Skirts and shorts must be at least finger-tip length, even if you are wearing leggings.
- No tank tops, halter tops, midriff tops, camis, shirts that fall off the shoulders, or bathing suit tops. All shirts must have sleeves. No inappropriate sayings or pictures on any garments or accessories.
- No flip-flops or any backless shoes or slippers – all shoes must have backs or straps.
- No hats, bandanas, scarves (except for religious head coverings). Hoods on hoodies may not be worn on the head in school.
- No cut-offs.
- No pajama pants.
- No sagging or baggy pants. Pants must cover the underwear.
- Jeans should not be ripped in inappropriate places (backside, etc.)

***If you are inappropriately dressed, you will be detained in the office, and your parent(s)/guardian will be called to bring appropriate clothing for you.***