One of the ideals we strive for as a Christian academy is to promote Biblical standards of behavior and to reflect a positive image to those around us as representatives of Christ. Recognizing that the manner in which we dress often reflects our attitude as well as the way that others perceive us, the academy has adopted certain guidelines regarding appropriate dress for scholars. The basis we have used to establish these guidelines are biblical principles of modesty and self-discipline, which are reflected by neatness and cleanliness.

The administration reserves the right to determine the acceptability of fashion trends and has the final judgment regarding what is modest and appropriate dress at school or at school functions.

In order to maintain a consistent appearance among our scholars based upon the above principles, the academy has selected acceptable clothing items. The clothing must be purchased through the Academic Outfitters company.

**ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE**

Each morning scholars are greeted upon entry. If a RWGSTEM Staff Member determines that a scholar is not in dress code, the scholar will be walked back to the vehicle so parents can get the appropriate attire. All bus riders out of dress code will be sent to the office to contact his/her parents. If the parent cannot bring change of clothes, the student will remain in in-house suspension for the reminder of the day. All classwork and/or homework will be due as required in class.

Please understand that differences do exist between Intermediate School (5th and 6th grades) and Middle School (7th and 8th grades). Therefore the methods applied to dress standards are designed to meet the needs of a population that is maturing and growing. Parent participation is mandatory to help make RWGSTEM’s Standard of Appearance successful.

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**Please recognize that the guidelines below are not exhaustive, nor do they address all possible combinations of dress.**

**STANDARDS**

**Shirts**
Short and long sleeve shirts must have Dr. R. W. Goines STEM Academy official insignia supplied by Academic Outfitters.

**Pants**
Black or gray pants for boys and girls may wear black pants or plaid skirts. Pants must be traditional, classic fit or narrow fit for scholars provided by Academic Outfitters. All pants with belt loops must be worn with a solid black belt. Cargo pants or shorts are not permissible.

**Shoes**
Shoes must be close-toed black shoes. Dress shoes are to be worn on chapel days and ALL BLACK tennis shoes or dress shoes can be worn Monday-Wednesday. Any closed-toed shoe can be worn on Friday with polos and jeans. Boots may be worn only with pants, as long as the pant leg is pulled over the boot. Students are to refrain from wearing open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs, mules, flip-flops, or shoes of any color not previously mentioned above. Shoes may not have lights, sparkles, wheels or additional embellishments.
Socks
If socks are worn, only socks with school colors and patterns may be worn. Girls may also wear solid black or solid white tights or leggings to the ankle with their skirts. Footed tights are acceptable as well.

P.E. and Sports Practice
- Grades 5-6 wear purple t-shirts w/ academy logo and black 9in shorts.
- Grades 7-8 wear gray t-shirts w/ academy logo and black 9in shorts.
- Tennis shoes are needed for physical education and sports.

Chapel Days
All students are required to wear the formal chapel uniform on chapel days.

5th and 6th Grade
- Boys: Gray pants w/belt, white oxford shirt, blazer, tie or bowtie, and gray vest w/ purple logo.
- Girls: Plaid skirts, white oxford shirt, blazer, and gray vest w/ purple logo.

7th and 8th Grade
- Boys: Gray pants w/ belt, white oxford shirt, tie or bowtie, and gray vest w/ purple logo.
- Girls: Plaid skirts, white oxford shirt, blazer and gray vest w/ purple logo.

Chapel will be on Mondays and all chapel attire should be worn with dress shoes.

DRESS FOR EXCELLENCE

The uniform standard for days that are not chapel days is as follows:
- Monday: Academy polo, black or gray slacks, skirt
- Tuesday: Academy polo, black or gray slacks, skirt
- Wednesday: Academy polo, black or gray slacks, skirt
- Thursday: Chapel attire
- Friday: Academy polo and blue jeans or slacks

Also any jacket or outerwear that is worn in the academy must have the school logo. We are offering cardigans, soft jackets, and rain jackets through the uniform company, but these are all optional items.

Girls
- Earrings must be modest and blend in with the school uniform. Scholars should refrain from any additional visible piercings.
- Skirt length shall be no more than 4 inches above the floor when kneeling, and modesty shorts are to be worn underneath the skirts at all times. Skirts should be loose fitting.
- Shirts/blouses are to be tucked in at all times, and slacks with belt loops are to be worn with a solid black belt. Shirts should cover the midriff completely.
- Shoes must fit securely and be appropriate for school activities.

Boys
- Earrings are not permitted. Students should refrain from any additional visible piercings.
- Shirts are to be tucked in at all times, and slacks with belt loops are to be worn with a solid black belt.
- Shoes must fit securely and be appropriate for school activities.

Thank you for your adherence,

Dr. R. W. Goines STEM Academy