

VCA Dress Code Style and Enforcement Guides

The **PURPOSE** of the VCA Dress Code is
1) to minimize clothing competition and focus attention on character and education, not appearance,
2) to encourage quality, modest clothing that is consistent among students, and
3) to establish visual identity and testimony in our community for our school.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL:

ALL clothing items

No contrast colored stitching, no trims, no logos, etc. Any combination of clothing items may be worn on days other than Chapel Days. Please make every effort to make reds true red, navy true navy (not royal blue), green true hunter green, etc.

Field Trip Dress

Required for all Field Trips unless directed by the teacher.

Chapel Uniform (Wednesdays)

Chapel uniform must be worn on Wednesdays as described. Teachers may allow students to remove vests, but students must wear them to school.

Shoes

Non-athletic shoes:

Solid black, brown, gray, navy, or white accented with only one trim color. No heels higher than 1" from floor to top of heel. Must have closed toes and heels. Solid color laces must match the color of the shoe. The color of the sole does not count as a trim color. Effective for the 15-16 school year, no sequins, metallic thread, glitter, etc. will be permitted on non-athletic shoes.

Athletic shoes:

Shoe must be more than 50% black, brown, gray, navy, or white with any trim colors. No lights, sounds, glitter, sequins, etc. Solid color laces must match a color on the shoe.

Boots:

In *Elementary*, boots may only be worn outside. For *Middle School*, fashion boots may be worn inside as

long as they are the same colors as non-athletic shoes.

Socks

Required to be worn except with tights. Any length. Completely solid in color. NO logos.

Tights, Leggings

Completely solid in color. NO logos.

Pants

Twill only, pleated or flat front. No cargo style, no sewn on patch pockets (like jeans).

Shorts

Twill only, no sewn on patch pockets (like jeans). Must be no more than 4" above the top of the knee.

Polo shirts and blouses

LS or SS, plain, solid one color only, no contrast color stitching, no trims, no lace edges, no logos, etc.

Underlayers must be the same colors as the polos.

Sweaters

Solid one color only, no trim colors.

Sweatshirts and Hoodies

Solid only, no writing or logos except what VCA provides. A collared or turtleneck shirt must be worn under all sweatshirts and hoodies.

PE Uniform (Grades 3-8)

PE Shorts

Must be longer than 2" above the knee, solid only except for what VCA provides, no stripes or logos

PE VCA T-Shirts

Any student may wear VCA T-shirts to PE class.

Jackets and Coats

Are not to be worn inside the building.

Outdoor (Recess) Wear

When weather is cold, students should have coats, boots, gloves/mittens, hats, snow pants or sweat pants to wear outside. They will go outside.

Perfume and Cologne

Due to allergies, no perfume or cologne should be worn.

◆ **"SPIRIT DAYS"**

On the first Friday of every month everyone may wear any VCA T-Shirt. The student must be in dress code from the waist down.

◆◆ **"DRESS DOWN DAYS"**

On the third Friday of every month everyone may wear modest, non-uniform clothing. Skirt, skort, and shorts length must meet regular dress code length. Administration will make the final determination for items in question. Boots may be worn inside for K-8.

SOURCES: Unless otherwise noted, items can be purchased wherever you choose, as long as they are within the style guidelines listed.

Schoolbelles (www.schoolbelles.com – school code is S0379) or

Lands' End

(www.landsend.com/school - school code is 900131442)

GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS:

Jumper, Skirt and Skort Length

Items must touch the top of the knee when standing. For modesty, we recommend navy shorts under jumpers and skirts. Skorts must have pleats.

Leggings

Must be **ankle length** and socks **must** be worn.

Hair

Hair should be neatly groomed. No unnaturally colored hair or extreme hairstyles. Hair accessories should be the same colors as the dress code.

Make-Up

ELEM: No make-up is to be worn. Only clear nail polish; no false nails should be worn.

MIDSCH: No excessive make-up is to be worn. Only clear or pale pastel nail polish; no false nails should be worn.

Jewelry

All jewelry should be in good taste. For safety reasons, girls may not wear hoop or dangling earrings, long necklaces or chains.

For Warmth

During the school day, only shorts, leggings, or tights may be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers (no pants, sweatpants, or warm ups).

Dress Down Day Specifics

There should be no see through or halter tops worn. If tank tops or spaghetti strapped tops are worn,

they must be under a shirt at all times. No midriffs are to be visible at any time.

GUIDELINES FOR BOYS:

Pants

There are to be no cargo style pants worn.

Hair

Hair should be neatly groomed. It should never cover the eyebrows, never cover more than half of the ear, and should not cover the collar. No dyed hair of any kind, no fad styles (mohawks, etc.).

Jewelry

No earrings or visible piercings. No necklaces or chains.

Dress Down Day Specifics

Tank tops should only be worn under another shirt over it or under it.

ENFORCEMENT:

Dress Code Clothing must comply with these style guidelines. It is best to shop the uniform sections of retail stores for best compliance.

Primary Responsibility

Because parents purchase clothing items and students get dressed at home, the primary responsibility of the student being "in code" rests with the parents. We prefer that appropriate clothing and appearance decisions be handled at home so that students will come to school in code.

Any employee may call to a student's attention if he/she is out of code. Communication to parents will come through the classroom teacher or administration.

Continued disregard for the dress code guidelines (including hair) will be treated as disobedience and may bring more severe consequences.

While we have done our best to provide proper guidelines, no list can cover every possibility. Whenever there is a **question about clothing**, please bring it to school with the price tag still on

and keep your receipts so that it can be returned if it does not meet the dress code.

The administration will make the **final decision** concerning a student's appearance. We expect that parents will support whatever decision is made.

Thank you for supporting the dress code at Valley Christian Academy.

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