

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY REQUIRED & OPTIONAL APPAREL OPTIONS

Student Dress Code

- **CLOTHING:** Clothing that is deemed inappropriate or does not reflect well in the Valley Christian Elementary image/appearance is unacceptable. Any type of clothing that exposes cleavage, midriff or is worn inappropriately is unacceptable. Clothing must not reveal underwear, bras/bra straps, or boxers. No over-sized, ripped, or worn-out clothes (containing holes), pajama apparel, slippers, and the like.
- **INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGES:** Any clothing, book bag, hats, notebooks, jewelry or other paraphernalia with sexual innuendo, inappropriate messages or pictures, occult symbols, alcohol, drugs, substance abuse, political affiliations, or other questionable pictures or messages are unacceptable.
- **PIERCING:** The only body piercing allowed is in the ears for girls (only). Spacers/ear gauges and nose rings are not allowed.
- **JEWELRY:** Jewelry with pagan religious, occult/new age symbolism, or dangling chains from clothing is unacceptable. Necklaces, bracelets, and rings will not be excessively large, distracting, or noisy. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items worn to school by students.
- Male students may NOT wear earrings of any kind or related items intended for the opposite gender (i.e. hairbows, makeup, female clothing). Ear gauges are NOT permitted. No visible body piercings are permitted.
- **TATTOOS:** A student may not acquire a new or additional tattoo(s) once enrolled as a Valley Christian Elementary student.
- **HATS:** Hats must be a solid color with no images, messages, or logos unless purchased from the VCS online store. These may only be worn for outdoor activities but not inside or in the hallways (outdoor corridors).
- **SUNGLASSES:** Sunglasses may be worn for extended outdoor activities but not inside or in the hallways/around campus.
- **REQUIRED CHAPEL POLO:** All Valley Christian Elementary students are required to wear the Chapel polo on their designated Chapel days.
- **SHOES:** Shoes must have enclosed toes and heel. No crocs, sandals, moccasins, high heels, house shoes/slippers, shoes that light up, or flip-flops.
- **OVERALL APPEARANCE:** Students must dress in conformity with their assigned gender at birth.

Boys Dress Code

- SHIRTS
 - Shirts must be of appropriate length and display good taste.
 - No see-through, sleeveless, muscle, body suits or tank tops
 - Shirts should ideally be one solid color, but reasonable designs are allowed.
 - No jacket or sweater be may worn to cover a dress code violation
 - Students may wear VCS shirts or t-shirts (no sleeveless) purchased from the online Spirit Shop (if available).
- HAIR
 - Must be no longer than shoulder length at any given time.
 - No hair dye or highlights whatsoever are allowed
 - Clean and not cover eyes
 - Neatly combed with no excessive styles that prove distracting or deemed as in appropriate by the administration
- FACIAL HAIR
 - Must be neat and well-trimmed
 - If any student cannot maintain these standards, he will be asked to remove all facial hair
- PANTS
 - No oversized (baggy) or tightly fitted pants may be worn
 - Solid colored pants are to be worn
 - Jeans are permitted but may not contain any rips or tears
 - No sweatpants or athletic pants may be worn to school
 - No spandex pants (or anything of spandex material)
- SHORTS
 - Shorts may be no more than 2.5 - 3 inches from the *top of the knee*. A good rule of thumb is *folding a dollar bill in half from the top of the knee*.
 - Solid colored shorts are preferred
 - No athletics shorts or sweat shorts (sweat pant material) may be worn to school (See PE Section of school dress code).
 - No swimming trunks, board shorts, beach shorts, or athletic shorts (of any kind)
 - No spandex (or anything of spandex material) or biking shorts

Girls Dress Code

- BLOUSES/SHIRTS
 - Blouses/shirts must be of appropriate length and show no visible midriff to include when reaching above the head.
 - No excessively tight blouses/shirts (as determined by the admin) may be worn to school.

- Students may wear VCS shirts or t-shirts (no sleeveless) purchased from the VCS online store.
- No see-through, bathing suit tops, tube tops, racer-back shirts, sleeveless, body suits, spandex material, or tank tops.
- No blouses with straps may be worn but instead regular short/long sleeves that cover the shoulder.
- Sweaters, jackets, or related garments may not be may worn to cover non-dress code shirts or blouses as this remains a dress code violation.
- Mesh or sheer garments and low-cut necklines are not permitted.
- SKIRTS/DRESSES – Regular School Days
 - Dresses and skirts may be worn to school but may not exceed 2 inches above the top of the knee.
 - See ‘Special School Events’ section for wearing skirts/dresses on special event days.
- SHORTS
 - Shorts may be no more than 2.5 - 3 inches from the top of the knee. A good rule of thumb is folding a dollar bill in half from the top of the knee.
 - Solid colored shorts are preferred
 - No sweatpants or shorts (sweat pant material) may be worn to school. Students may wear athletic shorts or pant on P.E. days (see *PE Dress Code* section of handbook) .
 - No swimming trunks, board shorts, beach shorts, or athletic shorts (of any kind)
 - No spandex (or spandex material) running, or biking shorts
- LEGGINGS/JEGGINGS: Leggings/jeggings are unacceptable as pants but may be worn under dresses of appropriate length.
- SPANDEX: Spandex of any form is unacceptable (including pants and/or shorts)
- Exceptionally tight-fitted pants/skirts or dresses are unacceptable.

NOTE: Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be excluded from class(s) and or events until the problem is corrected. Any class or part of a class missed will result in either a tardy, detention or other disciplinary action. Repeated offenses will be considered in defiance of school policy. This will result in a parent conference with appropriate action taken by the administration. Families are encouraged to review the dress code policy with their children.

PE DRESS CODE

Families are not required to purchase P.E. items from the school; however, student’s P.E. clothes/accessories must meet dress code guidelines. The following guidelines should be a guide for students on their designated P.E. days.

TOPS: A t-shirt (long or short sleeve) can be worn on PE days. No see-through, sleeveless, muscle, body suits or tank tops. Shirts should ideally be one solid color. Students must wear their Chapel Polo to school on chapel days. Students may choose to wear P.E. bottoms with the Chapel Polo (on P.E. days) to minimize or eliminate the need to change.

BOTTOMS: Students may wear longer athletic shorts or pants (basketball style) on designated P.E. days. Students may not wear sweatpants or shorts made of sweat pant material.

SHOES: Students should wear tennis shoes (closed toe shoes) on P.E. days and avoid open-toed shoes or sandals.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

The following policy will be in effect for violations of dress code or improper uniform attire:

- 1st violation: Warning
- 2nd violation: Parents called to bring proper attire
- 3rd violation: Student sent home for the rest of the day
- 4th violation: Parent & student meeting with the Principal
- 5th violation: Suspension
- 6th violation: Expulsion

The administration and/office staff retain the right to send students home or request parents to bring an immediate change if deemed necessary depending upon the severity of the dress code violation. Also, parents/guests should dress appropriately while on campus and speak appropriately to staff and students in a manner that is not offensive to the Christian culture.