

VCS Elementary Campus Dress Code

Valley Christian Elementary seeks to promote excellence in all areas of education, including dress. To this end, careful consideration has been given to the formation of the dress code. A benefit of the dress code is the atmosphere created by well-dressed young people in the classroom and beyond. We want the dress of our students to positively reflect our Christian values as well as promote a sharp, positive, and appropriate image to those in our community. Our desire is a dress code that promotes modesty while being reasonably comfortable in the learning environment and other school-related activities. The standard of dress for the elementary campus is designed to reflect **modesty, neatness, and appropriateness**. It is also designed to contribute to a distinctive Christian education and promote an effective learning environment.

Modesty- *Making sure our bodies are covered in such a way as to honor the Lord and not to offend and/or tempt those around us.*

Neatness- *An appearance that is clean with clothes that are proper fitting and in good repair.*

Appropriateness- *Wearing clothes that fit the occasion. In a school setting, appropriate clothes are those that do not hinder the educational process or draw attention to oneself.*

The dress code is not designed to support or encourage the latest fashion trends or fads. Valley Christian Schools Elementary recognizes that families, and sometimes school officials, interpret the dress code in different ways. Therefore, we know consistency is a must, and to that end we have identified specific items for students to provide better guidelines of what is and what is not acceptable. The school will determine the dress code.

We ask that parents take responsibility for making sure their child complies with the dress code. **This should take place prior to the child arriving to campus.** If necessary, the student may be allowed to call home for a change of clothes. All dress code requirements are in effect while a student is on campus for any reason. At all other times, all dress decisions are expected to positively reflect on Valley Christian Schools. After school hours, whether on campus or off, any student conducting activities as a representative of Valley Christian Schools Elementary is expected to dress as directed by the event sponsor/ teacher/ coach. Any student attending after school functions as a spectator should consider these dress code guidelines and their representation of Valley Christian Schools Elementary.

Students **may wear** the following:

- Individuals, groups, images, or wording that does not conflict with biblical principles.

Students **must wear** the following:

- Appropriately worn and sized clothing which completely cover shoulders, abdomen, back, cleavage, and undergarments always when sitting or standing.
- Appropriate undergarments – which should not be seen

Students **may not wear** the following:

- Any item pertaining to gothic, occult, negativity, sexual connotations, violent themes/images, cursing/profanity, drug use or related images, political affiliations, or other items deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- Lettering on the rear end of clothing.
- Pajama tops or bottoms or house shoes/slippers (unless approved i.e. spirit day, class reward)
- Tight, form fitting articles of clothing such as bike shorts or yoga pants
- Any article of clothing that have holes or rips (see pant/shorts section)
- Oversized/baggy/sagging/see-through articles of clothes

SHIRTS

- All shirts as a part of regular dress code may be worn un-tucked.
- All shirts must completely cover shoulders (and all undergarments), abdomen, back, cleavage, and undergarments always when sitting or standing.
- Sheer shirts for Girls must have a traditional, wide strap tank top or dress code approved shirt underneath.
- Boys' shirts must have sleeves.
- Students not wearing their **required** chapel polo on designated days is considered a dress code violation and will be addressed accordingly. Please plan in advance for designated chapel days.

PANTS /SHORTS

- All pants/shorts, etc. must be in good repair and neatly hemmed (no fraying).
- Sagging, oversized, or tight pants/shorts are not permitted.
- Short lengths- 3" above the knee when standing with hands to the side.
- **Students may wear athletic shorts or pants if they do not have holes or tears.** Shorts must be 3 inches above the knee when standing (hands to the side).

DRESSES/SKIRTS

- Dress and skirt lengths **are to be no more than 3 inches above the knee when standing/hands to the side.** We ask that if your daughter cannot find a skirt / dress that is no more than 3 inches above the knee when standing/hands to the side, please wear slacks or pants.
- Dresses must completely cover shoulders (and undergarments), abdomen, back, cleavage, and undergarments always when sitting or standing.
- Shorts/spandex must be worn under dresses and skirts
- Leggings/form-fitting pants may be worn as long as there is **a skirt/dress/top that comes to 5" above the knee when standing (hands to the side) if worn over the pants.**

SHOES

- Shoes must be always worn while on campus.
- Students may wear sandals that have a heel strap.
- All students must wear athletic shoes and socks on their designated PE days.
- Students may not wear athletic slides or flip-flops.

ACCESSORIES AND MAKEUP

- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn unless participating in specific outdoors school activities. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in common areas, hallways, or indoors.
- Boys may not wear earrings or gauges.
- No jewelry, or any other object, may be worn in any piercing except for 'no more' than three (3) earrings in each ear for female students. No nose rings may be worn to school.
- Makeup (natural) applied in a manner that is not a distraction is allowed for girls only.
- No visible tattoos are allowed on campus or at any school-sponsored function (including off campus functions) unless they are temporary and for the express purpose of school spirit, school events, or special programs. A student may not acquire a new or additional tattoo(s) once enrolled as a Valley Christian Schools Elementary student.

HAIR

- Boys' hair should be neatly cut. Hair cannot extend past the collar. The side length should allow the lobe of the ear to show. The hair may not touch the eyebrows.
- Extreme hairstyles, including an insignia shaved or dyed into hair, or coloring that gives an unnatural appearance are not permitted for boys or girls.
- Facial hair must be neat and well-trimmed. If any student cannot maintain such standards, they will be asked to remove all facial hair
- Girls' hair must be always kept out of the eyes.
- The school reserves the right to require a student to get a haircut, change a style, or change a color, if, in the judgment of the administration, the student's choice has created a distraction.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

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

- 1st violation: Warning (dependent on infraction)
- 2nd violation: Detention/Parents called to bring proper attire
- 3rd violation: Student sent home for the rest of the day
- 4th violation: Parent & Student meeting with the Assistant Principal
- 5th violation: Parent & Student meet with Principal; behavior contract issued

- 6th violation: Further disciplinary action to include suspension and/or probation

The Principal, Vice-Principal, Lead Teacher, or designated support staff may determine and respond to any dress code violations involving students and notify families for follow up. This includes the right to send students home or request parents to bring an immediate change as deemed necessary.