

## 18-19 VCA Dress Code Style and Enforcement Guidelines

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 STUDENTS:**

#### ALL clothing items

No contrast colored stitching or 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. No sequins, metallic thread, glitter, etc. will be permitted on non-athletic shoes. No classic Crocs (open heels).

##### **Athletic shoes:**

The shoe must be at least 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.

#### Pants

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

#### Shorts and Skorts

Twill only, no sewn on patch pockets on the back (like jeans). Must be no more than 2" above the top of the knee.

#### Belts

Belts must be worn with any pants which have belt loops.

#### Polo shirts and blouses

LS or SS, plain, solid one color only with no logos.

Visible Underlayers must be one of the polo colors (does not have to match the top).

#### 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 at all.

##### PE Shirts (shorts or shirts with VCA logos can be ordered in August)

Students may wear any VCA T-shirts to PE class in addition to a solid gray T-shirt.

#### 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. Students will go outside.

#### Perfume and Cologne

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

#### ◆ **"SPIRIT DAYS" (beginning in October)**

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. If leggings are worn, the top must be mid-thigh length. Administration will make the final determination for ANY items in question, including modestly issues. Boots may be worn inside for K-8. No hats are allowed in the building anytime.

**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](http://www.schoolbelles.com) – school code is S0379) or

**Lands' End** ([www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) - school code is 900131442 )

### **GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS:**

#### Jumpers and Skirts

Items must be no more than 2" above the top of the knee when standing. For modesty, solid navy or black shorts should be worn under jumpers and skirts. Skorts must have pleats.

#### Leggings, Tights

Completely solid in color. NO logos or lace. 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.). No lines or designs should be cut in the hair, other than hard parts for boys. Administration will make the final determination for hairstyle in question.

### Jewelry

No earrings or visible piercings. No necklaces or chains.

### Dress Down Day Specifics

Tank tops should only be worn under another shirt.

## ENFORCING THE DRESS CODE:

Dress Code Clothing must comply with these style guidelines in this document. It is best to shop the uniform sections of retail stores for best compliance. For additional information on enforcement, please see the current Parent-Student Handbook.

### **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. In most cases, 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 or shoes**, 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.

General adjustments for 1819 include: no more yellows, belt colors, skort sources no longer **SB** only.

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