

Dress Code – Valley Christian Elementary School

Valley Christian Schools bases its dress code upon two criteria: Biblical standards (I Timothy 2:9, Romans 12:1) and the desire for a neat, clean appearance. Dress should be distinctly masculine or feminine and students, are not permitted to dress like the opposite sex (Deuteronomy 22:5).

The purpose of Valley Christian Schools' dress code is to promote Christian unity among students and to avoid a segmented student body based on distinctive cultural or religious attire. This purpose disallows attire representing images, messages or traditions that are out of alignment with Christian faith.

Exceptions are not granted for religious or cultural reasons. Students should dress in a manner that does not detract from the success of Valley Christian Schools' mission statement.

STANDARDS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Students should maintain a modest appearance, including clothing with a moderately loose fit. Baggy or unkempt-clothing or appearance is not permitted.
- Students are to wear closed toe shoes at all times. Crocks, flip flops, and casual shoes without heel straps are not permitted. Tennis shoes should be worn on P.E. days.
- Hair is to be clean and groomed, and cannot interfere with a student's ability to see or be seen. Extreme hairstyles, such as mohawks, are not permitted. Temporary or permanent hair dyes of any color are not permitted.
- Activewear/athletic wear is not permitted. This includes sweatpants (only official VCS sweatpants are permitted), joggers, yoga-type pants, warm-ups, basketball shorts, athletic shorts, and jerseys.
- Garments must be free of words and graphics. Examples include Disney characters, peace signs, clothing with statements, etc. Garments with all-over patterns or stripes are acceptable.
- Small logos are permitted, if they are no larger than one square inch in size.
- Garments may not be faded, patched, have holes, or frayed edges/hems.
- Appropriate outerwear is permitted, including zip-up and pullover sweatshirts. Valley Christian Warrior Wear sweatshirts and t-shirts are always acceptable.
- Backpacks, lunchboxes and shoes may display characters.

DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris/pants (jeans included), blouses, sweaters, and T-shirts are standard school wear. Skirts/dresses must be modest and hem length must be no shorter than 3" above the knee. Shorts are to be worn under dresses/skirts for play on the equipment. Absolutely no midriff showing at any time.

- Leggings are permitted, provided they are a cotton-blend fabric and not athletic-style leggings such as yoga pants, form-fitting, etc.
- Shorts (solid colors and plaid only) are permitted and hem length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Board shorts, basketball shorts, sport/athletic/sweat shorts, and bike shorts are not permitted.
- Due to a safety concern, dangling or hoop-earrings are not permitted. If your daughter is wearing post-style earrings, please be sure she can tend to her earrings on her own.
- Shirt and dress shoulder straps must be at least 2” in width. Backless attire, crop tops, and halter-type garments are not permitted.
- School uniforms may be worn at any time. Navy blue or khaki uniform shorts, skorts/skirts or long pants with solid white, red or blue polo shirts may be worn any time during the school year.
- Shoes with heels, or wedged heels, are not permitted.
- Make-up and artificial nails are not permitted.

DRESS CODE FOR BOYS

- Shirts with collars or buttons down the front, and solid colored or patterned T-shirts are appropriate. Undershirts, or shirts displaying slogans of any kind, are not permitted.
- Jeans, slacks, and shorts (solid colors and plaid only) are acceptable. Shorts must be no more than 3 inches from the middle of the knee. No board shorts, basketball shorts, sport shorts, or bike shorts allowed.
- Hair must not extend below the middle of the ear, over the eyes, or over the top of the shirt collar. Sideburns must be no lower than the bottom of the ear. Designs should not be cut into the sides or into the back of the hair (no tails or mohawks).
- Hats with bills may be worn outdoors only with the bill facing forward.
- Earrings are not permitted.
- School uniforms, including navy blue or khaki shorts with a plain solid white, red, or blue polo shirt or appropriate button-down shirt, may be worn at any time during the school year.

Dress Code Enforcement: The dress code will be enforced during special events including Jog-a-Thon, Spirit Week, Jersey Day, etc. VCS reserves the right to make the final decision regarding student dress. Students may be withheld from class when not in proper dress and the missed class time is not excused. Parental dress review and support before a student leaves for school are important aspects of meeting dress code standards. A student’s first dress code violation will result in a written warning. It may also be necessary to call a parent and have him/her bring appropriate clothing for the student while the student waits in the office. Repeated violations of the dress code in a school year may result in a referral. Students whose attire does not meet standards at a school function may be asked to leave.