

Hook Jr. High School Dress Code Policy

In accordance with Victor Valley Union High School District's **Board Policy (BP) 5132**, Students: *The Governing Board believes that **appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment**. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate*. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. In addition to Board Policy, VVUHSD's **Administrative Regulation (AR) 5132** states; *The primary goal of the Victor Valley Union High School District is to promote academic achievement. **Any apparel which draws undue attention to the wearer or detracts from the educational process shall be considered inappropriate**. In order to provide a safe, nurturing environment where students can learn, free from distractions, threats, intimidation, or harmful influence, each school site shall develop a dress code policy.*

Clothing, adornment, or grooming which is obscene, libelous, slanderous, unsafe, or which causes a substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the campus is not allowed (including but not limited to references, words, symbols, or graphics referring to alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, gangs, violence, sexual references, sexist, racist, vulgar, or hate messages on any ground of class referred to in EC 220).

Students are required to follow the dress code to ensure the safety of all and to promote a positive learning environment. Student clothing should be clean, modest, and comfortable. In addition to the school day, the dress code must be adhered to during all school-sponsored events. All Hook Jr. High School staff members will strictly enforce the Dress Code. Students in violation of the dress code will receive one demerit and will change into loaner clothing.

- Tube tops, crop tops, low cut tops, bare midriffs, open back shirts, and open side (muscle) shirts are not allowed. Strapless and spaghetti style tops and dresses are not allowed.
- Clothing may not be sagging, see-through, sheer, too tight, too short, or too revealing. Shirts must be worn at all times.
- Underwear, undergarment straps, straps less than one inch in width, or cleavage may not show while standing, sitting, or bending over. Bra straps may not show.
- Shorts and skirts must be long enough to cover the buttocks and upper/mid (*finger tip length*) thigh while standing, sitting, and/or bending.
- Clothing must be properly sized and cannot be ripped or torn above the mid-thigh, including designer wear that is sold with holes or tears.
- Pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts must fit properly at the waist. Overall straps must be correctly fastened. No trench coats or oversized outerwear may be worn.
- Appropriate footwear shall be worn securely fastened at all times. Backless shoes or sandals, flip-flops, **slides**, **bubble shoes**, "wheelies" (shoes with wheels), slippers, or sock-like footwear may not be worn on campus.
- Pajamas, robes, nightgowns, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, or other bed clothing may not be worn or brought to school. Beachwear is also not allowed. (Exception: school spirit Pajama Day, Hawaiian Day, etc.).
- **Hats, visors, beanies, hoods or sunglasses are not to be worn inside any school building.** Hats, visors, and sunglasses must be worn properly. Hats must be worn

facing forward during outdoor passing periods/lunch times. Hats must not contain graphics or depictions that are inappropriate for school. *See Graphics for explicit expectations.* **Full head/face (balaclava) coverings will not be permitted to be worn.**

- Shirts, jackets, shorts, or headwear that are identifiable with gangs or gang activity are not allowed. Clothing or items that are determined to be dangerous or that signify gang association are not permitted (e.g. shoe strings, bandanas, jewelry, wristbands, etc.).
- Graphics or wording on clothing, backpacks, binders, jewelry, wristbands, belts, hats, beanies, etc. that suggest hateful, racist, obscene, violent, morbid, or are of a sexual nature are not allowed. Graphics or wording depicting weapons, alcohol, drug, or occult-related messages are also prohibited. Specific brands of clothing (*i.e.*; *Cookies/Backwoods, etc.*) that endorse these messages are also forbidden.
- Sharp or spiky piercings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, extra-long belts, wallet chains, etc. that are considered safety hazards or that could be used as weapons are not allowed.
- A student's dress and general appearance should not be of such extremes that it would interfere with teaching and learning in the classroom. Clothing not worn in the traditional style for which it was originally intended is not permitted.

PE Athletic Wear

- The Hook Jr. High School Physical Education Uniform must be worn with appropriate athletic shoes and socks during Physical Education class for all students.
- **PE uniform:**
 - o **Tops:** T-shirts must be white, gray, green, or yellow.
 - o **Bottoms:** shorts/sweats/capri must be gray, green, or yellow (solid colors).
 - o **Shoes:** must wear an athletic shoe that lace up securely to the foot.
- Over the head ski mask and/ or face zip-up sweatshirt hoodies must be worn to reveal the student's face at all times.
- Due to excessive heat during the months of August, September, October, and possibly May (depending on the weather conditions at the time), students will not be allowed to wear sweatpants during PE due to heat exhaustion concerns.