

## **CONEJO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

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Welcome to Conejo Valley High School. The entire Conejo Valley High School faculty and staff are fully committed to providing a variety of learning experiences within a positive school climate to help students get back on a path to graduation and future college/career success.

At CVHS we believe that every student matters and recognize that each student may have a different and unique journey to earn their diploma. Our staff is committed to supporting ALL students in their high school journey. We are confident that we can help you with your educational needs if you commit to helping yourself.

Conejo Valley High School has been recognized by the state of California as a Model Continuation High School since the program's inception in 2012. The high school serves a diverse student population who are primarily 16-18 years old. Students enroll at CVHS because they are behind in credits and are not on track to graduate. Students at Conejo Valley High School are quickly integrated into a caring and supportive community that makes them feel valued, builds their confidence, and renews hope in their future. Students attending CVHS earn a high school diploma and must meet the same graduation requirements of students at the district's comprehensive high schools. In addition to the core academic subject areas needed for graduation, CVHS offers a variety of programs including: Career and Technical Education, Support Groups, Work Experience and courses offered through Moorpark College earning dual credit. We offer several extra-curricular activities including an Interact Club, Yearbook, Leadership and intramural sports. There are also a number of leadership opportunities for our students including membership in our Student District Advisory Committee (SDAC) where students can represent CVHS and provide student voice.

By design, students in our alternative program can earn credits more quickly than is possible at a comprehensive high school. We offer both whole group and individualized instruction and will tailor a program that meets each student's educational needs.

CVHS teachers, counselor, and administrators are here to help you succeed and return to your home school or graduate from Conejo Valley High School, whichever is your goal. Ask any staff member for help whenever you are in need of support.

In this document you will find policies and procedures designed to help the school run smoothly and to ensure you will have a successful school year. This handbook and additional information are also available on our website ([www.conejousd.org/cvhs](http://www.conejousd.org/cvhs)).

As Principal and instructional leader at CVHS, my focus is to keep our school community safe and to coordinate our resources to ensure that all students experience success and reach their goals. Welcome to the Conejo Valley High School family! We are excited to be part of your journey! Please call or email me if I can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,  
Brian Mercer  
Principal

## GOALS & SCHOOL WIDE VISION

The mission of the Conejo Valley Unified School District is to meet the academic, cultural, social, and individual needs of students to prepare them to make a meaningful contribution to a democratic society. The Board of Education believes that the district mission can be achieved through the uniform application of a standard of high expectations in all areas for students, district employees, and parents of students.

### VISION

Conejo Valley High School maintains a student-centered culture where positive relationships are the core of our success.

- We break down barriers and build powerful connections with students which encourage personal responsibility, hope, resilience, and academic achievement.
- We establish an inclusive, nurturing environment that celebrates diversity and promotes students' social emotional growth.
- We offer students choice and enhanced opportunities to learn and to succeed.
- We believe meaningful growth occurs when individuals feel secure, respected, and valued.
- We maintain high standards and expectations while recognizing the importance of flexibility in meeting the educational and emotional needs of our students and staff.
- We provide real world connections that foster student curiosity and build on student competencies.
- We assist students in identifying personal pathways that will lead to productive careers and positive contributions to the community.

### MISSION

The mission of Conejo Valley High school is to engage students in a safe and secure learning environment which emphasizes real world application, collaboration, innovation, self-direction, digital literacy, healthy living, social responsibility, and global awareness.

## SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING OUTCOMES

**Academics ∞ Character ∞ Transition (ACT)**

**Academics:** Achievement in a core curriculum builds the confidence, knowledge, and skills required for a successful adult life. Students will:

- listen, speak, read, and write effectively
- apply math reasoning skills to solve problems
- use abstract and critical thinking to identify, access, analyze, and integrate a variety of resources and information

**Character:** Character is a work in progress. Character is demonstrated through action. Through action we can make the world a better place for ourselves and others.

Students will:

- demonstrate skills to cope appropriately with anger and disappointment
- take responsibility for their choices and behavior
- participate in acts of service to others

**Transition:** All students are prepared to enter society as adults who make responsible decisions, knowing that every action may have wide reaching consequences. Students will:

- explore personal career options

- demonstrate positive, cooperative, and productive citizenship
- relate choices to personal, community, and societal health

## OUR HISTORY

Conejo Valley High School was established as an alternative/continuation school by the Conejo Valley Unified School District in 1974. The school initially opened at the Waverly campus with 120 students. In 1976, the campus moved to 1872 Newbury Road. In August 2017, Conejo Valley High moved to its present location. The school population is primarily composed of students referred from Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, and Westlake High Schools.

### Administrative/Office:

Principal	Brian Mercer
Assistant Principal	Sean MacDonald
Academic Counselor	Catherine Kanney
Wellness/DIS Counselor	Cristian Herrera Miranda
Office Manager	Dawn Stines
Senior Office Assistant/Attendance	Hope Cole
Health Clerk	Jennifer Rice
Librarian/IMT	Tracy King
Cafeteria Manager	TBD
College/Career Guidance Specialist	Kelly Greer
Custodian	Dennis Mayer
ELD Bilingual Facilitator	Daryl Miller
School Psychologist	Darian Ward

### Teachers:

English/Art	Monica Beck*
Physical Education/OASIS English/EL	Roland Macasieb Steve
Math	Moes
Science/Financial Math	Cameron White*
Social Science/CTE	Michelle Taranto* Kyle
Special Education	Scalise*
* Department Chair	Jason Rosebaugh*

### Campus Supervisors:

Kevin Koenig  
Deserie Torosian

**Important Dates to Remember:**

***First Day of School***

Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
Labor Day  
Back to School Night  
School Not in Session  
Picture Day  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
School Not in Session  
Quarter 1 Ends  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
School Not in Session  
Veteran's Day Holiday  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
Fall Break  
First Semester Ends  
Winter Break  
Semester Prep Day  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
Presidents' Day Holidays  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
School Not in Session  
Quarter 3 Ends  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
School Not in Session  
Spring Break  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
CVHS Student and Family Night  
School Not in Session  
Memorial Day  
Minimum Day/Faculty Collaboration  
Finals  
Graduation  
Last Day of School

***August 20***

August 26  
September 1 (Board Holiday)  
September 18  
September 23 (Local Holiday)  
September 24  
September 30  
October 2 (Local Holiday)  
October 17  
October 28  
November 3 (Professional Learning Day)  
November 11  
November 18  
November 24-28  
December 19  
December 22 - January 2, 2026  
January 5 (No School)  
January 19  
January 27  
February 13 & 16  
February 24  
March 16 (Professional Learning Day)  
March 20  
March 24  
April 3 (Local Holiday)  
April 6 - April 10  
April 28  
May 14  
May 22 (Non Instructional Day)  
May 25  
May 26  
June 10 - 12 (Minimum Days)  
June 11 @ 1pm  
June 12

\*Minimum Day dismissal @ 12:15

\*\*Final Exam Schedule dismissal @12:03

**Important Community Phone Numbers:**

District Office	805-497-9511
Ventura County Sheriff's Department	805-654-9511
WeTip	800-222-8477 (TIPS)

BreakThrough Program  
CLU Community Counseling Services  
Conejo Pregnancy Center  
Conejo Youth Employment  
Drug Crisis Hotline  
Human Services Agency  
Interface Children & Family Services  
Mil Mujeres Legal Services  
Child Protective Services  
Westminster Free Clinic

805-497-9511 ext.5310  
805-493-3390  
805-373-1222  
805-496-6868  
877-578-7912  
888-472-4463  
805-485-6114  
213-568-4720  
805-654-3200  
805-241-8366



National Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255  
The Crisis Text Line:  
Text HOME to 741741

**Community & Scholarship Support:**

American Association of University Women  
Assistance League of Conejo Valley  
Anthem Church  
Conejo Schools Foundation  
Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Services  
Association Dawn Stines  
Dixie Burton  
Dragon Moms

Jacqui Irwin, Assembly Member, 44th District  
Outreach of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
NexGen Rotary Club of Conejo Valley  
Thousand Oaks Teen Center  
Thousand Oaks Women's Club  
Westlake Village Women's Club  
Westminster Free Clinic  
Williams Family

**Student of the Quarter:**

**Each quarter CVHS faculty and staff recognize students based on the following Character Education Themes:**

**Respect** To demonstrate appreciation and consideration for self and others (e.g. follow rules, obey authority, care for property and the environment, display sportsmanship and value other cultures.

**Kindness** To demonstrate sympathy, understanding, compassion and consideration for others (e.g. be friendly, helpful, cooperative and caring).

**Integrity** To demonstrate personal and social accountability (e.g. use self-control and discipline, resist peer pressure and be self-reliant).

**Responsibility** To demonstrate personal and social accountability (e.g. be trustworthy, dependable, patriotic and use good judgment).

**Perseverance** To adhere to a course of action and demonstrate persistence in striving for a goal (e.g. be tenacious and possess a work ethic).

**Renaissance Program:** Each quarter students are recognized as Renaissance students if they meet or exceed the following criteria:

- 90% attendance
- 2.5 credits or more in each class with a B or better average
- Positive behavior with no suspensions

**Student Schedules: Conejo Valley High School students will be enrolled in five classes.** Students can enroll in additional career and technical education, credit recovery, or community college classes that are outside of our school's traditional schedule. Please request to see our school counselor for details. While it is not advised for most students, parents may also request a four-period day. Please submit our Minimum Day Request Form if you require a reduced schedule.

### Regular Program Bell Schedule

Teacher Prep Time	8:00-8:45
Period 1	8:55-9:40
Nutrition	9:40-9:50
Period 2	9:53-10:39
Period 3	10:42-11:27
Period 4	11:30-12:15
Lunch	12:15-12:45
Period 5	12:50-1:35
Period 6	1:38-2:23

### Minimum Day Schedule

Teacher Prep Time	8:00-8:45
Period 1	8:55-9:40
Nutrition	9:40-9:48
Period 2	9:51-10:27
Period 3	10:30-11:03
Period 4	11:06-11:39
Period 5	11:42-12:15
Lunch	12:15

*Period 6 does not meet on minimum days.*

### General Information

1. **How are credits earned?** In each quarter class in which a student is present, productive and successful for a minimum of **30 days**, the student will earn 2.5 core credits in that class. Students with outstanding attendance and productivity can earn additional credit. **Students wanting to earn five core credits in a quarter can contract, with their teacher's permission, to do**

**additional work.** Students may earn a maximum of five credits in each class in a quarter. Students who are not present and productive for 30 days in a quarter class will not earn credit for the class and are not eligible for additional credit.

**Whole Group Instruction:** In whole group instruction the teacher provides a guided lesson with an expected outcome. The students in class are typically working on the same assignment. In this setting, students earn 2.5 credits per class when completing a minimum of 30 days of work during each quarter.

**Schools PLP:** CVHS offers the Schools PLP Learning platform as an alternative on-line learning format. Schools PLP offers various core and elective courses. In these virtual classes students complete assignments and follow the curriculum to earn credits in the subject they are studying. Students enrolled in Schools PLP can continue to work on classes outside of school. All exams must be taken in class. Cellphone use is not permitted during on-line learning classes. Students not making adequate progress in their course(s) or with poor attendance will be removed from Schools PLP.

**Individualized Instruction:** In individualized instruction, the teacher provides each student with an Individual Learning Plan. This is most common in math classes as our students often need individualized instruction to complete their math requirements.

2. **Assessment:** All students will be assessed using the **Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP)** at the beginning of the school year or as they enroll. MAP testing results are used by the school and faculty for student course placement and academic intervention. The assessment will be given again during the spring semester or prior to a student withdrawing from school. This second assessment helps us to evaluate how each student is growing academically and our overall school performance.
3. **Report Cards:** At the conclusion of each quarter, approximately every nine (9) weeks student grades will be available to view on the school's website – "Parent Connect." Students will earn a grade of "A", "B", "C", or "D." An "N" grade will be given if a student does not earn the minimum 2.5 credits.
4. **Student Progress Reports:** At the midpoint in each quarter progress reports will be entered in Q for students who are not performing well in class and are in danger of not earning credit. These progress reports are available on "Parent Connect."
5. **Referral to Traditional High School from CVHS:** After completing one full semester at CVHS, students may request to transfer to *any* traditional district high school if they have at least one full year of high school remaining, *and* the following criteria are met:
  - a. Current with credits (see chart).
  - b. Completion of all corresponding grade level courses.
  - c. Satisfactory behavior, which includes no at-home suspensions during the current semester and CVHS principal approval.
  - d. Have a minimum of a 90% attendance rate.
  - e. Have at least two full year core grade level courses remaining. Students must not have taken core grade level courses in advance of the academic year/semester in which they are returning. For example, a student returning for the spring semester of their junior year should not have completed a full year of English 11.

- f. Administrative transfers must be approved for students requesting to transfer from CVHS to a school other than their neighborhood school.
6. **Senior Students:** Seniors who have completed one full semester may request to transfer from CVHS to their referring high school for their final semester if the following criteria are met:
- a. Current with credits (see chart below).
  - b. Completion of all corresponding grade level courses.
  - c. Satisfactory behavior, which includes no at home suspensions during current semester and CVHS principal approval.
  - d. Have a minimum of a 90% attendance rate.
  - e. Have at least two core grade level courses remaining.
  - f. Completion of a minimum of one academic year at the referring school prior to referral.

**Minimum number of credits required for referral to a traditional district school:**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
10	55	85
11	110	140
12	170	200

*Note: Students identified as ineligible to return to their home school at the time of the original referral to CVHS will not be allowed to return to their home school even if all the above criteria have been met.*

**7. High School Graduation Requirements by Subject:**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	40
Health	5
Mathematics	30 (Algebra required)
P.E.	20
Physical Science	10
Biological Science	10
World History	10
U.S. History	10
U.S. Government & Politics	5
Economics	5
Fine Arts/Foreign Language/CTE	10
<u>Electives</u>	<u>75</u>
Total Required	230

8. Whom to Call with Grade and/or Credit Questions? Mrs. Kanney, Counselor (805) 498-6646

### 9. **How to See a Counselor at CVHS?**

Fill out a request form available from the classroom teacher and the counselor will summon you.

10. **Homework:** Traditional homework is not assigned at CVHS. Teachers will allow additional coursework for credit if the student works to her or his ability in class and has satisfactory attendance. Required make-up work for missed class assignments is not considered homework for additional credit.

11. **Textbooks and Chromebooks:** All textbooks and Chromebooks are checked out through the school library. Each classroom requiring textbooks has a classroom set. Textbooks are not automatically distributed to all students. Textbooks are available to be checked out to support student learning. Since textbooks are available in class, students checking out textbooks should leave the textbook at home.

The CVUSD provides Chromebooks for all students. Chromebooks are available through the school library. Families are encouraged to purchase insurance through the school district to protect against damage to the device.

Students are responsible for the replacement cost of any damaged or unreturned textbook or Chromebook. In the event that a library book/textbook is **damaged** the following fees will be assessed:

writing in book	\$1.00 per page
missing/damaged barcode	\$5.00
cover damaged	\$5.00 to full replacement cost
missing pages	Full replacement cost
water/liquid damage	Full replacement cost
gum, food, candy damage	\$5.00 to full replacement cost
removal of post-it notes	\$5.00
pet damage	\$5.00 to full replacement cost
torn pages	\$1.00 per page
miscellaneous damages	Up to full replacement cost

12. **Graduation Ceremony Participation:** To participate in the graduation ceremony and senior graduation activities **you must have signed a senior contract**, met all the requirements outlined in the contract, have earned at least 215 credits, and have completed all the required core courses by Friday of the week prior to graduation.

13. **California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE):** The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. The CHSPE consists of two test sections: mathematics and English-language arts. The ELA section has two sub-tests (reading and language). Eligible persons who pass both parts of the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. A student who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified parent approval, leave high school early. Regular administrations are the fall and spring administrations each school year. Additional information about the CHSPE is located on the Web at <http://www.chspe.net> or by phoning 866-342-4773. Please contact our counselor for questions regarding the CHSPE.

14. **Contact information:** Parents and guardians must keep the school informed of changes in their telephone numbers (home, cell, and work), home, and email addresses. Emergency contact information must be kept current so we can provide necessary updates and contact you in an emergency. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated. The office does not release information on your student to individuals who are not provided as an emergency contact.

15. **Attendance Information:** Please call the **Attendance Office @ 498-6646** to report absences/tardiness.

16. **Excused Absences:** Illness, medical appointment, funeral of an immediate family member, court subpoena, religious holiday, or jury duty. To be excused, the absence must be cleared within three school days by calling the school at 498-6646.

17. **Truancy:** An absence without permission, leaving campus without a pass, or an un-cleared absence automatically becomes a truancy by law, unless a parent/guardian calls to clear the absence within 72 hours.

18. **Leaving School Early:** The parent/guardian must call the attendance office to request a student's release prior to the time of release. Students must have a pass from the office in order to leave campus at any time during school hours.

**Tardies/Truancies:** School starts daily at 8:55 a.m. Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. will report to the office for a Tardy/Re-Admit slip. On the **third** unexcused tardy/truancy a letter will be mailed home reminding the parent/guardian of the attendance policy. On the **fifth** unexcused tardy/truancy the school will send a second reminder of the attendance policy to parent/guardian. On the **seventh** unexcused tardy/truancy the student will be **dropped** from class and placed in study skills. Students who consistently arrive late for period 1 will be scheduled to start school period 2, at 9:53 a.m.

Students who are more than 30 minutes tardy are considered truant and will not receive productive credit for the period. Students may delay removal from the class for excessive tardies/truancies by serving 30 minutes of detention. Up to 2 tardies may be removed by serving detentions. **These must be served prior to the seventh tardy/truancy.**

19. **Eighteen (18) Year Olds:** As an 18-year-old, you may excuse yourself no more than three (3) days per month. Partial days will be counted as a full day.

20. **Closed Campus:** Conejo Valley High has a closed campus policy. Students are expected to remain in their assigned classroom. **CVHS does not offer off-campus passes. Students are not allowed to go off campus for lunch unless a parent or guardian accompanies them. Students may not leave campus without parent permission and are not allowed to go to their cars during the school day.**

21. **Visitors:** Any person coming on to school grounds must check in through the office to secure permission to conduct business on campus. Only the parent/guardian listed as a contact can ask to see a student. Former students may not come back to "visit" during the school day unless they have received prior permission.

22. **Student Nutrition:** All students will have access to free breakfast and lunch served by the Conejo Valley Unified School District Child Nutrition department. Breakfast is served after period 1 and lunch is served after period 4. However, it is very important for parents or guardians to complete and submit an application for free or reduced meals as soon as possible after July 1st. Visit <https://conejo.vcoe.org/fsonline/Main/Login> to complete the application online.

23. **Food Delivery:** Food deliveries to students (Doordash, Uber Eats, GrubHub, etc.) are prohibited within Conejo Valley Unified School District. Students are allowed to bring food from home as an alternative source of nutrition. Food dropped off by a parent/guardian must be dropped off at the main office. Food and other items may not be passed through a fence.

24. **Early Dismissal:** Students with early dismissal are to leave campus. They should not be visiting other classrooms or remaining on campus. Students who choose to stay on campus without prior administrative approval will be escorted off by a campus supervisor or an administrator.

25. **Hall Passes:** You must have a pass to be out of class that includes a specific destination. Students may not visit other classes or go anywhere other than the approved destination. Detention may be assigned for violations. Repeat violations will result in denial of hall pass privileges.

24. **Restrooms:** Use of the restroom is encouraged before school, during breaks, at lunch, and after school. Students using the restroom during class time will be required to leave their phones with the teacher. Teachers will provide a hall pass once the phone has been collected. Students out of class with their cell phones are subject to hall pass restrictions and/or detention.

25. **Detention:** Students may be assigned detention by teachers or administrators for class disruption, truancy, tardiness, and other violations of behavioral expectations. Failure to serve detention leads to doubled detentions or community service and may result in in school supervision. Detentions are 30 minutes in length and may be served either before or after school in the office.

26. **CVUSD Bullying, Discrimination and Harassment Reporting:** Any student who believes he/she has been subjected to or witnessed discrimination, bullying or sexual harassment may file a complaint with any school employee. Within 24 hours of receiving a complaint, the school employee shall report it to the district Coordinator for Nondiscrimination (Assistant Superintendent, Instruction) and/or Principal. In addition, any school employee who observes any incident involving discrimination, bullying or sexual harassment involving a student shall, within 24 hours, report this observation to the Coordinator/Principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

26. **Dress Code:** The Governing Board is committed to upholding the following values and goals related to the student dress code:

1. All students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
2. All students should be able to wear clothing that expresses themselves and their beliefs without fear of discrimination or shaming in accordance with Section 3 below.
3. Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.
4. Students should not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance and should not have difficulty finding permitted clothing.
5. All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
6. Students should feel comfortable being themselves.
7. Maintain a safe learning environment.

This dress code shall be utilized in all CVUSD schools, except as discussed in the Gang-Related Apparel and Uniforms sections below.

1. General Principle: certain body parts must be covered for all students. Clothing worn must cover genitals, buttocks, and nipples with opaque material at all times, no matter the student's movements
2. Students Must Wear:
  - Top (shirt, tank top, etc.) \*
  - Bottoms (pants, sweatpants, leggings, shorts, jeans, skirt, etc.) \*
  - Shoes: activity specific shoes requirements are permitted for athletics, or classes that require closed toe shoes for safety purposes (ex. Lab course, Physical Education)  
\*The equivalent to a top and bottom (dress, jumper, etc.) may also be worn.
3. Students Cannot Wear:
  - Violent language or images.
  - Images depicting drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal item or activity.
  - Hate speech, profanity, or pornography.
  - Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
  - Hats, Helmets, Hoods, or Headwear (except as a religious, cultural, or ethnic observance, or medical purpose) when in an indoor classroom environment
  - Education Code 35183.5, as added by SB 310 (Ch. 575, Statute of 2001), requires schools to allow students to wear hats and other types of sun- protective clothing while outside
  - Students' personal items brought to school are also subject to the requirements under this Section 3.
  - Students cannot show visible underwear, not including straps and waistbands.
  - No bathing suits. Board shorts are allowed.
4. Dress Code Enforcement at School: Basic Rules:
  - No student should have to perform any action that would prove a dress code violation. Dress code violations must be clearly visible.

- Families (students and parents/guardians) should be notified of the dress code annually, or whenever the dress code is revised, including the consequences for violating the dress code. Consequences may never exceed those guidelines and must be enforced in a consistent manner.
- Students in TK-5 will not be presented with the dress code at schools due to their age range.

If students violate the dress code:

- No student should have to perform any action that would prove a dress code violation. Dress code violations must be clearly visible.
- Any loss of class time shall be kept to a minimum.
- If students do not have alternate clothing with them, they cannot be forced to wear clothing that is not theirs and must be provided the option to instead have parents/guardians called to bring alternative clothing.
- No student shall be shamed for a violation of the dress code.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

Protective Gear

- No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control (Education Code 49066)
- Teachers instructing classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), uniforms, costumes, or PE (athletic attire/shoes) can require students to wear protective gear or supportive clothing, remove dangling jewelry, tie hair up, or implement other necessary safety requirements.
- Teachers, Coaches, and Administrators cannot make further adjustments to the above dress code that specifically limit a student's expression of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size; for the sole purpose of protecting that student from assumed sexual intent of another student.
- Teachers in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed cannot implement any clothing related requirement unless it is for safety purposes.

Gang-Related Apparel

The principal, staff, parents/guardians, and students at a school may establish a dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff, and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received. As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

**27. Other School Campuses:** Students are not to be on or around any other district campus without school permission during the school day or within 30 minutes of the start or completion of the day. Violation of this will result in suspension for defiance and the possibility of arrest. A student attending an after-school event at a district high school must follow all the rules required for a student who attends that high school.

**8 Transportation: Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** For those dropping off students for school, please enter through the main entrance off Janss Road. Proceed to the bottom of the parking lot and drop off students in front of the school. Exit the parking lot straight ahead on Paige Lane, turn left and continue to the stoplight on Janss Road.

**9 Driving to School:** Students driving to school are not permitted to park in the employee parking lot. Student parking is available in the adjacent Park-N-Ride to the west of the school or on Paige Lane. Students will receive consequences for unsafe driving near the school grounds.

**30 Good Neighbor Policy:** Maintaining a positive relationship with the public and private businesses is important to us. All students are expected to respect our local homeowners and businesses. Please pick up after yourselves and avoid disruptive behavior. Your business is appreciated, but loitering is not allowed.

**31 Jaywalking:** It is illegal to jaywalk across Janss Road. Students must use the appropriate crosswalks provided for pedestrians.

**32 Show Respect for Others:** All students and staff members should feel safe and secure on campus. Profanity, threats, sexual harassment, or harassment of others will not be tolerated.

**33 Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited on school or district property. Violation of this law will result in detention or suspension. Students who smoke within sight of school are subject to being searched. Students in possession of tobacco products, lighters or matches are subject to detention, and should expect to be searched. Repeat offenses will result in progressive discipline.

**34 Vaping:** Vaping has become a significant concern on school campuses. CVHS assigns consequences to students who vape on campus or are in possession of a vaporizer or containers that contain vape oil. Students who vape or are with students who are vaping within sight of school are subject to being searched. All vaporizers and vape materials will be confiscated by school administration. First offense of the vaping policy requires participation in vaping education provided by CVHS. Repeat offenses will result in progressive discipline.

**5 Taking Medication:** All medications, including over the counter aspirin, require a form completed by the **prescribing doctor**. Approved medications must be kept in the health office at CVHS.

**6 Personal Speakers, or Electronic Devices:** Use of personal speakers, or similar devices are not allowed during class time unless specific permission has been granted by the classroom teacher. The use of amplification devices is always prohibited on school grounds. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cellphones, or other electronic devices.

**7 Cell Phone/Headphone Policy:**

The Governing Board recognizes that the use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus may be disruptive of the instructional program in some circumstances. California Education Code 48901.7, as added by AB 272 (Ch. 42, Statutes of 2019), authorizes the Governing Board to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee, except for specified purposes, and to update this policy at least every five years. The Board permits limited use of mobile communication devices on campus in accordance with law and the following policy

All Students: Mobile communication devices shall be turned off and/or on silent mode and put away during instructional time.

9th Grade to Post-Secondary: Students in Grades 9 through Post-Secondary may use cell phones, smart watches, pagers, or other mobile communication devices on campus during non-instructional time (e.g. passing periods, nutrition, lunch) as long as the device is utilized in accordance with law and any rules that individual school sites may impose.

All students preschool to post-secondary shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a mobile communication device under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 48901.5, 48901.7)

1. In case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger
2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission to the student to possess or use a mobile communication device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator. The Board of Education strongly encourages teachers to consistently limit the use of mobile communication devices in the classroom.
3. When a licensed physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program

Smartphones and other mobile communication devices shall not be used in any manner that infringes on the privacy rights of any other person.

When a school administrator reasonably suspects that a search of a student's mobile communication device will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure. Any search of a student, his/her/their property, or district property under his/her/their control shall be limited in scope and designed to produce evidence related to the alleged violation. Factors to be considered by school officials when determining the scope of the search shall include the danger to the health or safety of students or staff, such as the possession of weapons, drugs, or other dangerous instruments, and whether the item(s) to be searched by school officials are reasonably related to the contraband to be found. In addition, school officials shall consider the intrusiveness of the search in light of the student's age, gender, and the nature of the alleged violation.

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner, the student may be disciplined and a district employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

A student may also be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for off-campus use of a mobile communication device that poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students that the district will not be responsible for a student's mobile communication device that is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged.

**8 Substance Possession/Use:** Students may not possess, use and/or be under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, unauthorized controlled substances and/or have drug paraphernalia during school and school activities, while on school property or while coming to or going home from school or school activities. Students suspected of possessing or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be evaluated and searched. Students in possession or determined to be under the influence will be suspended from school and are subject to expulsion and arrest. Repeated offenses will automatically result in recommendation for expulsion.

**9 Fighting:** Fighting is strictly prohibited. Students involved in a fight are typically suspended for five days. A student involved in two fights during the school year will receive a recommendation for expulsion.

**40 To/From School:** A student harassing, threatening, intimidating, or fighting with another student while coming to or going from school is subject to the same disciplinary policies and standards enforced on campus during the school day.

**41 School Supplies:** Each student should come to school prepared with a 3-ring binder, lined paper, pen, and pencils. Note: CVHS does not have student lockers.

**Physical Education:** Students enrolled in P.E. must wear clothing that does not restrict them from participation. CVHS does not have lockers.

**42 Work Permits:** Applications for work permits are available in the Library. Students who receive a work permit must maintain good attendance, work habits and behavior to retain their permit. Students must attend school on school days that they are scheduled to work. Work permits are a privilege and can be revoked due to attendance or behavior issues.

**Student Fees, Donations, and Fundraising: Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education."** The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of *Hartzell v. Connell* (35 Cal.3d.899 (1984)), "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extra-curricular as well as curricular, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution. "Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay."