

DRESS CODE POLICY

Note to Parents

Parents are encouraged to teach their children to live happily and submissively within the code's guideline. Although much of the dress code is a school preference, **it is not optional**. We do not want students to spend valuable instructional time out of class due to dress code matters. It is inappropriate that complying students, teachers, or principals be sidetracked from the educational process, due to those failing in his or her commitment to follow the dress code expectations in a K-12 Christian school.

The school established its rules of dress to meet these standards and to reasonably enforce them. Judgments of interpretation are always a part of dress code implementation.

Students should arrive at school dressed in appropriate uniform and shoes to avoid confrontation and being late for class. The locker room will be closed at 7:45 and should not be used as a closet.

The following consequences will be enforced when a student chooses to be out of compliance:

1st Violation – Written Warning/FACTS notice to parents and correct the violation.

2nd Violation – FACTS referral, Parents are notified and are expected to bring a change of clothes or correct the violation.

3rd Violation – FACTS referral, the student will serve an out of school suspension the following day.

4th Violation – FACTS referral, 2day OSS, or student may be dismissed for non-compliance and student may not return to school until a parent conference is held to determine if the student will remain at VCA.

UNIFORM TOPS (Put name in all clothing)

1. Collared solid **red, gray or black** short sleeved shirt with VCA LOGO, purchased through Booster. The link is located on the school website.
2. VCA Storm Team Shirts, VCA Logo T-Shirts, and past years chapel t-shirts (non-collared) may be worn on Fridays only with uniform bottoms.
3. 2026-27 VCA Chapel t-shirts are worn on chapel day with uniform bottoms.
4. Plain, solid red, black, gray or white sweaters, vests, and lightweight jackets may be worn with a school uniform shirt underneath.
5. **VCA "hoodies"** may be worn, but the hood may not be placed on the head. Hoodies may not contain writing or pictures of any kind other than the academy name or logo.
6. **Undershirts** may be worn but must comply with school colors (red, grey, black, or white)
7. Students that attend Victory Church Wednesday night groups may wear their t-shirts or sweatshirts on Wednesdays to school.
8. SENIORS ONLY may wear college/university hoodies once they are accepted to that particular school with office approval.
9. Seniors may opt out the 27th of each month as a senior privilege.

UNIFORM BOTTOMS (GIRLS)

1. Black, grey or khaki- pants, capris, cropped pants. Black or grey denim **is allowed**.
2. Capri/cropped pants may be purchased from other department stores in khaki, grey or black.
3. Middle school or high school girls may not wear skirts, shorts or skorts.
4. K/1st grade only may wear elastic waistbands.

***NO** pajama bottoms, stretch pants, yoga pants, sweatpants, or pants with drawstrings or elastic waistbands. Pants may not have holes, rips or patches etc. No blue jeans, stonewashed, bib-overalls, leather, pleather, jeggings, spandex, lycra, or tight-fitting styles.

UNIFORM BOTTOMS (BOYS)

1. Black, grey, or khaki pants. Shorts and pants may be purchased from other department stores and must have a button and zipper.
2. Pants/shorts must be worn at the waist.
3. Boys shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee. **(not mid-thigh)**
4. Black or grey denim only is allowed.
5. K/1 may wear elastic waistbands.

***NO** athletic shorts, pajama bottoms, sweatpants, or pants with drawstrings or elastic waistbands. No blue jeans or jeans with holes, rips, frayed hem, cut-offs, bib-overalls, or tight-fitting styles. Boxers or athletic shorts worn underneath the uniform, may not hang below the bottom of the shorts.

ACCESSORIES – BOYS & GIRLS

1. Boys with earrings must wear clear posts, clear studs, or nothing at all during school hours or school related activities.
2. **Student athletes may not wear any form of jewelry during practice or and athletic contest.**
3. Boys may not wear nail polish.
4. Girls nose piercings: clear posts or small studs may be worn. **No nose rings, eyebrow or tongue piercing)**
5. Jewelry, belts, socks or additional clothing that is excessive or distracting to the uniform is not permitted.
6. Makeup should be tasteful and conservative. Extreme makeup should be avoided.
7. **No hats**, headbands or bandanas worn during school hours. Appropriate hats or caps are allowed for outside athletic activities.
8. Sunglasses may not be worn on your head or indoors during school hours.
9. Coordinating belts may be worn with belt loops, but belts are not required.

SHOES

1. Shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel.
2. No steel toed shoes, hard heel boots, or high heels. (These will damage the gym floor, and heels will slip through the planks on the deck areas) Wedge heels are acceptable.
3. Tennis shoes must be worn in Physical Education daily and only soft-soled shoes may be worn on the gym floor.
4. **No "croc", slides, flip-flops, clogs, slippers, foam runners (Yeezy), or Birkenstock style shoes allowed** during class.

HAIR/SKIN

1. Students must be neatly groomed, and any hair issues must be resolved in 2 days or less.
2. **Boys must be clean shaven daily.** (We have pre-k through elementary on this campus and it is important that our young men be clean cut and shaven daily due to the multi ages as well as preparing for the workforce)
3. All hairstyles must be clean and neat. **Boys' hair length may not exceed the top of the collar and bangs may not cover the eyes or hang in your face.** If a boy's hair does exceed the collar, it must be pulled up neatly to meet dress code requirements during school hours and school sporting events.
4. Hair attire, including sweatbands, curlers, picks and/or other headgear are not allowed. Headbands are permitted only to keep hair out of the face.
5. Hair may be highlighted or colored with a **"natural" hair color only.** No blue, red, yellow, pink, green, purple hair dye is allowed all over, in braids, tips of hair, or highlights.

SPECIAL OCCASION ATTIRE – On special occasions VCA may determine that uniforms will not be required. On such days, parents will be notified in advance as to the date and occasion for special dress. Students will be expected to dress in **modest attire.** For example, tank tops, crop tops, strapless, or spaghetti strap tops, bike shorts, yoga pants or pajamas pants are not permitted. Shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee.

“Weight Room/Work Out/Gym” Attire – Middle School and High School Students

As we continue to grow together in our coed weight training and athletic sports and classes, we want to be mindful of creating an environment that honors the Lord and reflects respect for one another. Modesty and decency are important parts of that commitment.

- **Boys** will be required to wear VCA sports attire (t-shirt, shorts, tennis shoes).
- **Girls** may wear PE uniform shorts, gym shorts (5’ inseam) or spandex leggings that extend to the knee, calf, or ankle with a cover shirt. (During lifting and stretching, traditional workout shorts can unintentionally expose areas that are not appropriate in a coed setting.)
- **Girl Athletes** Calf length spandex leggings are encouraged. Spandex shorts must be 5’ inseam or longer. (5’ is measured from center of short down each leg) **Volleyball players** must wear cover shorts outside the gym.

“Chapel Day” Attire

Students may wear their uniform or the present year chapel t-shirt. (Previous years chapel t-shirts are permitted to be worn on Friday.)

“Cold Weather Day” Days (Parent Alert Sent to Families)

As temperatures drop, we want students to stay warm while maintaining a uniform appearance. If the temperature is **50 degrees or below for much of the day**, jeans may be worn with a VCA jacket, sweatshirt, or hoodie. No jeans with holes, rips, frayed hem, cut-offs, or tight-fitting styles permitted. Hats and beanies may be worn outside. Blankets are not allowed.

Theme days - Students are expected to dress in theme. If not, students must be in uniform.

Friday “Spirit Day” Attire

Students may wear a VCA sports team shirt, VCA club, previous years chapel t-shirts, or VCA t-shirt of their choice with uniform bottoms. **Jeans are not permitted unless specified.**

“Jeans Day” for Missions or Special Offerings

Throughout the year, the administration will announce a special day in which students who choose to participate may wear jeans by donating \$1.00 or \$2.00 to the special cause.

“Opt-Out Day” Attire

Students are permitted to wear non-uniform attire as long as it is **modest and appropriate** for school. Students are provided wrist bands designating permission for them to participate.

*No jeans with holes, rips or tears, warm-up pants, pajama bottoms, sweatpants, athletic pants, leather, pleather, stretch pants, leggings, spandex, or tight styles. Offensive pictures or logos are not permitted on any article of clothing or accessory.

“Sports Day” Attire

On game days, VCA athletes are permitted to wear their sports jersey with their school uniform bottoms except for Chapel Day. If the jersey is of a tank top nature, then it should be worn over a “spirit” shirt.