

VCA Student Dress Code 26/27 (Kindergarten – 8th Grade)

Please Read Thoroughly Before Purchasing Uniforms

To promote a standard of dress consistent with the school's goals for conduct and academic excellence, Verde Christian Academy students follow the guidelines below. Dress at Verde Christian Academy should bring honor to God, classmates, and VCA's mission, values, and standards. Each person's dress must comply with the Dress Code and be of such a nature that it is not disruptive to the educational atmosphere.

VCA reserves the right to ask students to change their clothing if the clothing is considered inappropriate.

Purchasing Uniforms:

- Uniforms may be purchased pre-embroidered through School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger; link can be found on school website under "Resources". Orders ship on average within 3 business days. **Adult & Youth Sizes.**
- Uniforms may also be purchased at "Children's Place" school uniforms and must be embroidered at Ragtime for a fee. **Permissible Children's Place polo shirt colors – White, Black, Navy, Blue, Gray, and "Sparkle Pink" (Pink for Girls only).** **Youth Sizes Only**
- **Old Navy Uniform Shop:** Old Navy Uniform Shop is also an approved option for this school year. Approved polo colors include **Faux-Heather Gray, Ink Blue, Black Jack, Bright White, and Blue Tango**. Uniforms purchased at Old Navy school uniforms must be embroidered at Ragtime for a fee. **Adult & Youth Sizes.**
- Uniform Bottoms can be purchased at any clothing store and should follow Dress Code guidelines for color and style.

Uniform Guidelines (Kinder- 8th Grade)

- All clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, appropriately sized, and modestly cut.
- Clothing, accessories, and appearance must be modest. Clothing should not be distracting or cause undue attention to be drawn to the individual.
- No see-through fabrics of any kind should be worn.
- No undergarments visible at any time.
- No form fitting or "skintight" garments may be worn
- No bottoms/tops with images or logos other than the official VCA logo are permitted

Shirts:

- Should be collared polo style or button up with short or long-sleeves and embroidered with school logo as described above.
- Shirts must be long enough that no skin will show when arms are raised, even if untucked.
- **Purchased from "School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger," FRENCH TOAST or Children's place in approved colors (White, Black, Navy, Blue, Gray, and "Sparkle Pink" – for Girls Only).**

Cold Weather/Outerwear:

- Plain (no logos, writing, designs or images) Crew neck sweatshirts may be worn over school polos/button ups with collar showing. Crew neck sweatshirts must be plain and a school approved color (**White, Black, Navy, Blue, and Gray**).
- Plain colored (**White, Black, Navy, Blue, Gray, and Pink –for girls only**) open front/zipper/button front cardigans and sweaters may be worn open with school polo showing.
- Plain colored (**White, Black, Navy, Blue, and Gray**) long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath school polo shirt.
- Sweaters/sweatshirts should not be oversized.
- **No pull over hoodies allowed.**
- Heavy Winter Jackets may be worn outside at recess.

Pants/Shorts:

- Acceptable pants include Pants, Capris, Shorts, and blue or black denim jeans.
- Acceptable Colors: Black, denim blue (dark or light), khaki brown, Navy, and Gray. No colored embellishments, camouflage, or patterned bottoms.
- Pants/Short must be modestly cut, with clean lines, and sit over the hip bone.
- **Shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.**
- Bottoms not permitted include, but are not limited to bottoms that are faded, distressed, ripped, frayed, or have holes in them.
- No sweatpants, pajamas, spandex/leggings (exceptions listed below), stretchy pants, and athletic or workout clothing may not be worn.

Skirt/Skort/Jumpers/Dress:

- **No shorter than 3" above the knee** (Knee length, Midi, or Maxi length are acceptable)
- Any slit in a skirt must not extend more than 3" above knee.
- Acceptable colors & patterns for Skirt/Skort/Jumpers/Dress are School approved plaid, navy blue, black, khaki brown, or gray.
- Jumpers/dresses must have official VCA logo on them or VCA logo shirt worn underneath with collar showing.
- Dress code compliant solid color (White, Black, Navy, Blue, Gray) tights or leggings may be worn underneath skirt/skort/jumpers/dresses. Garment must be dress code compliant length with or without leggings or tights worn underneath. Fishnet style stocking are not allowed.

Shoes:

- No Backless shoes or flip flops allowed. Sandals with back straps are acceptable.
- Shoes must be appropriately sized.

Accessories/Hats/Socks:

- Artwork, designs, stickers, photos, pins, keychains, patches, or any other items attached to clothing, accessories, or school materials should honor the principles and philosophies of VCA.
- Students may wear hats or beanies provided that any artwork or designs appropriate. Hats, hoods, and sunglasses must be removed in class, and chapel. Hats may not be worn sideways or backwards.
- Scarves may be worn for warmth during the winter.
- Girls may wear earrings of reasonable length and size. No ear gauges, bars, or chains. Boys may not wear earrings of any kind.
- Piercing of other body parts is not permitted. Boys are not permitted to have piercings of any body part.
- Other jewelry worn (necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.) should be modest and not distract from instruction.
- Students may not have any permanent or temporary tattoos.
- Socks may be of any design, color, or style provided there are no inappropriate messages.

Hair/Makeup/Nails:

- Hair should be neat and clean. Hair should reflect Christian principles while giving students freedom to make responsible choices. Extreme styles with ridges, lines, shaving, tails, or mohawks are not allowed. No unnatural hair color, whether solid or streaked, is allowed.
- Girls Pre-3 to 4th grade may not wear make-up. Girls 5th to 8th grade may wear make-up in moderation. Students will be asked to remove excessive amounts.
- Nail Polish: Female students in all grades may wear nail polish. Male students may not wear nail polish.
- False Nails (Preschool–5th Grade): False nails are not permitted.
- False Nails (6th–8th Grade): Students may wear false nails provided they are an appropriate length and do not interfere with writing, typing, or effective classroom participation.

Special Dress Days:

- **Field Trip:** Attire will be determined by individual teachers and will be communicated to parents. Modesty guidelines apply.
- **VCA Spirit Days:** Student's may wear "House" or VCA Spirit T-shirts on specified "House" days or school spirit assemblies.
- **Dress up days:** If a student chooses not to participate in a dress up day/costume day he/she should wear their normal school uniform.
- **Dress down days:** Students do not need to wear their school uniforms on dress down days, however, modesty guidelines still apply. No crop tops, sleeveless tops, leggings, shorts, skirts, or dresses shorter than 2inch above mid-knee. Pajamas are not allowed on dress down days. (Except when specially declared a school "Pajama Day.")
- **Other special dress days:** Will be announced periodically, and the dress code for those days communicated.

Noncompliance: If a student's clothing is not appropriate, parents will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to correct the Dress Code violation. Continued violations could lead to behavioral consequences.