

2021-2022 Valley Academy Dress Standard

Students at Valley Academy should be well groomed and neat in appearance. All clothing is to be well fitted (neither oversized and baggy, nor tight and form fitting) and in good repair.

Shirts

- Plain standard polo shirts or turtlenecks in solid navy blue, white, hunter green or light blue without striped collar or sleeves are permitted
- Any undershirt that is worn beneath a shirt (and is still visible) must be solid white or match the color of the outer garment. Long-sleeved shirts may be worn under Spirit Day shirts, and they may be worn under short-sleeved uniform shirts
- Short or long sleeves are permitted
- Only a small manufacturer's logo (1"x 3" or less) or Valley Academy logo is permitted
- Must be tucked in at all times, not just rolled at the waist
- Spirit shirts and current-year sports team shirts may be worn on Spirit Days

Slacks/pants (uniform style)

- Solid navy blue or khaki (beige) are permitted
- Must be uniform style to include a waistband and belt loops (except for K-2nd grade)
- Must not touch the ground or be shorter than the top of the anklebone
- Straight legs, hemmed, and well fitted at the waistband (Example: Dockers™ classic style or traditional uniform style)
- Fabric should be cotton/cotton blend, polyester blend or corduroy
- No side stripe bell-bottoms or hip hugger styles
- No cargo or carpenter styles
- K-2nd grade are not required to have belt loops (elastic waists permitted)
- 1st and 2nd grade: if pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn

Shorts

- Solid navy blue or khaki (beige) are permitted
- Must be uniform style (no baggie styles) to include a waistband and belt loops (except for K-2nd grade)
- Must be no shorter than 4" above the middle of the knee and no longer than middle of the knee

Skirts, skorts, and jumpers

- Solid navy blue or khaki (beige) are permitted
- Must be no shorter than 4" from the back of the knee
- K-6th grade girls are encouraged to wear shorts under their skirts
- Approved shirts must be worn with jumpers
- No dresses

Outerwear worn in the classroom

- Plain, non-hooded sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, or windbreakers worn over a polo or turtleneck in solid white, navy blue, hunter green or light blue are permitted. No other outerwear may be worn in the building/classroom.
- Only a small manufacturer's logo (1"x 3" or less) or Valley Academy logo is permitted
- Shirt collar must be visible at neckline of outerwear
- May not extend past the knee or be shorter than waist
- Sweatshirts and sweaters are to be worn appropriately and not tied around the waist or shoulders

Belts

- Preschool and Kindergarten students: Belts are optional.
- 1st and 2nd grade students: if shorts/pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- 3rd – 8th grade students: A belt must be worn with pants/shorts.
- Belts must be secured in loops and buckled firmly at the front.
- Belts must be simple in ornamentation and can be leather, plastic, or fabric in construction (no rivets or studs).

Shoes and socks

- Shoes must have closed toes and closed heels. No sandals or slipper type footwear may be worn. No cleats may be worn.
- Maximum heel height: Heel height is measured from where the heel is attached to the back of the shoe at its highest point grades K-3rd -1" and grades 4th – 8th -2"
- Shoes must be secure on the foot (tied, zippered, straps, etc.)
- No boots of any type or shoes with wheels are permitted
- Solid colored socks in white, hunter green, light blue, navy blue, khaki, or black must be worn
- Girls may wear tights/hose in solid neutrals (example: white, navy blue, black, hunter green or khaki) Footless tights/hose may not be worn.

Hats, Scarves, and Face Masks

- Hats may only be worn outside
- Must not cause a disruption to the spirit of the dress standard
- Must be worn with the bill facing forward
- No fashion head scarves are permitted in the classroom
- Face masks (which are optional) may be a solid color or have a small pattern, with no words or logos

Hair, makeup, jewelry

- No faddish hairstyles (Example: spiking, shaved designs, mohawks, etc.)
- No unnatural coloring, highlights, streaking, or hair extensions
- It is recommended that boys be clean shaven and have hair cut above the ears and length above the collar.
- Hair must remain out of the student's face.
- May wear a simple pair of earrings in the lobes only. No other piercings may be worn. (for safety reasons, hoops must wrap snugly around the ear lobe)
- May wear a single strand necklace (no chokers), a ring, a wrist bracelet (no sweatbands), and basic wristwatch. No smart watches.
- Students will be permitted to wear only light, natural makeup (no glitter, eye shadow, mascara or eye liner is permitted)
- Only clear, pale pink, pale beige, or French-style plain nail polish will be permitted
- No false nails
- Makeup and nail polish must not be brought to school
- Only clear (no tint) chapstick or lip gloss is permitted in school
- Will not wear tattoos (permanent or temporary)

Inappropriate attire is not limited to the foregoing. Administration and teachers have discretion to make administrative decisions on inappropriate clothing and accessories. This policy may be adjusted if stricter guidelines are required or if standards detract from the learning environment.

Non-compliance of the dress standard will result in disciplinary action as follows:

Any infraction of the dress standard will result in a dress code citation being issued.

4 dress code citations (K-3) and 3 dress code citations (4-8) in one grading period will result in a detention.

Repeat violations may be treated more severely.