

# DRESS CODE POLICY

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## **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 mere institutional preference, **it is not optional**. When we accepted your child into our school, it was with the understanding **that your child would comply** with the dress code and **parents are expected to monitor compliance before your children leave home**. 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. Some specific items of dress are not permitted at school because of the difficulty in making fine distinctions between appropriate and inappropriate attire, fit or length. Judgments of interpretation are always a part of dress code implementation however, students and parents with questions are encouraged to check with the administration **before purchasing clothing**.

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

- **1st Violation** – Report to the “Choice Room” Written Warning/FACTS notice to parents
- **2nd Violation** – Report to the “Choice Room”, FACTS referral, Parents are notified and are expected to bring a change of clothes or correct the violation. If not, the student will serve an out of school suspension the following day.
- **3rd Violation** – Report to the “Choice Room” FACTS referral, and student may not return to school until a parent conference is held to determine if the student will remain at VCA.

## **MS/HS UNIFORM TOPS**

1. Collared solid **red, gray or black** short sleeved shirt with VCA LOGO, purchased through Risse Brothers only.
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. 2022-23 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.
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. SENIORS ONLY may wear college/university hoodies once they are accepted to that particular school
8. Seniors may opt out the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month as a senior privilege

## **MS/HS UNIFORM BOTTOMS (GIRLS)**

1. **Black, grey or khaki- pants, capris, cropped pants, or joggers.** (If Risse Brothers is not able to fit your child, Dickies Brand, Target, or Walmart uniform brands may be purchased.)
2. Capri or cropped pants may be purchased from other department stores in khaki, grey or black twill (\*read pant explanation below)
3. No stretch pants, sweatpants, or tight-fitting pants. Pants may not have holes, rips or patches.
4. **No shorts, skirts or skorts.**

**\*Twill Pants**, including capri, joggers, and cropped pants are acceptable. The hem should be neat and not frayed or cut-off.

**\*No jeans or denim pants** regardless of color, stonewashed, blue cotton/denim pants, bib-overalls, warm-up pants, sweatpants, leather, pleather, stretch pants, leggings, jeggings spandex, lycra, or tight styles.

### **MS/HS UNIFORM BOTTOMS (BOYS)**

1. **Black, grey or khaki pants or joggers.** (*If Risse Brothers is not able to fit your child, Dickies Brand, Target, or Walmart uniform brands may be purchased.*)
2. Pants/shorts may not have holes or rips and worn at the waist.
3. The hem should be neat and not frayed or cut-off.
4. No jeans. School uniform bottoms only!

### **ACCESSORIES – BOYS & GIRLS**

1. Boys with earrings must wear clear posts, studs or nothing at all during school hours or school related activities.
2. Nose piercing- clear posts or studs must be worn
3. Boys may not wear nail polish.
4. Jewelry that is excessive or distracting to the uniform is not permitted.
5. Extreme makeup should be avoided. Makeup should be tasteful and conservative.
6. **No hats**, headbands or bandanas worn during school hours. Appropriate headwear (caps, sweatbands, etc.) will be allowed for outside athletic activities.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn on your head or indoors during school hours.
8. Students that attend Victory Student Church (VSC) may wear their t-shirts on Wednesdays
9. Belts may be worn with belt loops but belts are not required. A coordinating, conservative, and solid colored belt may be worn.
10. Offensive pictures or logos are not permitted on any article of clothing or accessory.

### **SHOES**

1. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel.
2. No steel toed shoes, hard heel boots, or high heel stilettos. (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 “cros”, slides or flip-flops allowed during class, including opt out days.

### **HAIR/SKIN**

1. Students must be neatly groomed and all hair issues must be resolved in 2 days or less.
2. **Boys must be clean shaven.** (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 hair styles 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 related activities or 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.
6. No visible tattoos. Tattoos must be covered.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS** – 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, or spaghetti strap tops, bike shorts, yoga pants or pajamas pants are not permitted. Shorts must be no shorter than 2” above the knee.

**Theme days** - Students are expected to dress in theme. If not, students must be in uniform. **All modesty standards remain in effect on special occasions and theme days.**

**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.

**“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. Funds in the past have been used to support the Senior Missions trip or a special need. Jeans may not be ripped or have holes of any kind.

**“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, jeggings spandex, or tight styles.

(MS students who earn 3 negative marks on their STORM Card or who have earned a Yellow or Red Storm Card lose the privilege to participate in “Opt Out” days, as designated on the card).

**“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.

**“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.)

**“Weight Room” Attire**

Boys will be required to wear VCA sports attire (t-shirt, shorts, tennis shoes). Girls may wear their PE uniform or leggings with a cover shirt. No tank tops permitted for boys or girls.