

## **Dress Code Directives:**

### **1. Pants and Shorts**

Pants and shorts may also be ordered from J.C. Penney Uniform Catalog or Land's End School Catalog. All pants and shorts must be poly/cotton blend. **Pants and shorts other than Dennis Uniform, Penney's Uniform, or Land's End Uniform, are not acceptable.** Pants and shorts must fit at the waist. Shorts are to be no longer than mid-knee and no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

### **2. Skirts, Skorts, and Jumpers**

Skirts and skorts must fit at the waist. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

### **3. Shirts, Sweatshirts, Cardigan Sweaters, and Fleece Vests and Jackets**

Polo shirts may be purchased from any retailer as long as they are white, long or short sleeved, pique polo's with 2-3 buttons. They must be plain with no logos. According to our school's agreement with Dennis Uniform, polo shirts purchased from them will have the school logo. Shirts and blouses must be kept tucked in.

All shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, and fleece vests and jackets must fit at the shoulder seams. Sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, vests, and jackets must be purchased from Dennis Uniform, and will have the VCS school logo.

### **4. Shoes and Socks**

Shoes must be safe for P.E., recess, and using the stairs. They should not have the type of black soles that mark the floor. Shoes must have a closed toe and heel --- this means no sandals, clogs, "Crocs", or other types of backless slip-ons. No boots (including "Uggs" and hiking boots), deep grooved soles, high heels, or "heelies" are allowed. Shoelaces must be tied. Socks must be visible above the shoe.

The best shoes for school are athletic-type shoes, like running or all-sport shoes. "Mary Janes" are also OK for girls to wear.

Socks may be plain white, navy, or gray, with no patterns or designs. Tights with attached feet are OK for girls, but leggings and legwarmers are not.

### **5. Other Dress Code Information:**

- Students are expected to have tidy, clean appearance each day.
- Uniforms are to be worn to and from school. Students are not to change out of their school uniform while still on campus, except for sports practice.
- Sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, or fleece vests and jackets other than official VCES labeled clothing are not to be worn in the building during the day, except when going to and from recess. Non-VCS labeled clothing may only be worn as outerwear during recess time.
- Scouts or Camp Fire uniforms may be worn to school on meeting days.
- All students need adequate outerwear in rainy or cold weather.

- No hats, caps, visors, bandanas, or sunglasses are to be worn in the building.
- Girls may wear white, navy, or black headbands, or the “Rampart” plaid headbands available from Dennis Uniform. Other colors of headbands and scarves are not allowed.
- Girls may wear post earrings no bigger than a dime. Dangling earrings are prohibited for safety reasons.
- Only religious jewelry is allowed for both boys and girls.
- Colored nail polish, earrings on boys, makeup, colored or bleached hair, and extreme hairstyles are inappropriate for elementary school children and are not allowed.
- Boys’ hair should not touch the shirt collar or hang over the eyes.

## **6. Physical Education Uniform**

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will need navy blue shorts and light blue T-shirt, sold by Dennis Uniform. Swimsuits for all grades will be needed for about two months of the year. Lower grades will need to have shorts for PE during tumbling season. Notice will be given at those times. PE tops may not be worn under a white shirt. If PE shorts are worn under skirts, they must not show beneath a girl’s hemline.

## **7. Consequences for Not Following the Dress Code**

Valley Catholic Elementary School staff will determine whether students are in compliance with the dress code guidelines. A written notice will be sent home with any student who is not compliant. Students receiving three or more dress code notices will be referred to the Principal. Students risk forfeiting earned free-dress coupons each time they receive a dress code warning notice.

## **B. Free Dress Days**

### **1. General Guidelines**

If the free dress day is not a First Communion celebration, theme-dress, or field day, students are to come to school dressed in regular street clothes --- not party dresses, sweats, or sports uniforms. Students must be able to participate in regular classes and activities. Students must bring their gym clothes if it’s a P.E. day.

### **2. Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses**

Pants and shorts must fit at the waist. They cannot be sweats or warm-ups, unless it is a sports-theme free dress day. Spandex or other tight fitting clothing are never allowed. Jeans, capris, cropped pants, etc. are fine, as long as they fit properly. Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer. Long athletic shorts are OK, as long as they are worn at and fit the waist. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 3” above the knee.

### **3. Shirts**

Shirts must fit at the shoulder seams. All shirts must have sleeves --- tank tops are not allowed. Sweatshirts and T-shirts are fine if they fit and do not display inappropriate logos or phrases. Shirts must cover a student’s stomach and back even when arms are raised over the head.

#### **4. Shoes**

The same guidelines as a regular, non-free dress day are to be followed on free dress days.

#### **5. Special Occasions and Theme Dress Days**

There are special occasions and theme-dress days, such as Field Day, First Communion Mass, Sixth Grade Graduation, Hawaiian Day, Sports Team Day, etc., for which students may be given special directions that differ from these.

**Students are responsible for following free dress and theme dress day directions.**