

Van Vleck Independent School District 2023-2024 Dress Code

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Buttoned shirts should be buttoned with not more than the top button unbuttoned. No visible cleavage is allowed. No low necklines, spaghetti straps, halter-tops, mesh shirts, or tube tops shall be worn. Tops must be long enough to stay tucked in; or, if worn over pants, must be long enough so as not to expose the midriff or back. The width of the shoulder straps shall be no less than the width of a dollar bill. If the width of the shoulder straps is smaller than the width of a dollar bill, then the shoulders should be covered by a sweater or small jacket if the student has one. If not, the student must change. Cold shoulder shirts are allowed to be worn, provided that the straps are displayed as described above. Sleeveless tops must be fitted under the armpit. All shirts shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang activity or conceals contraband.
2. No item shall have advertisement for alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco related products, drugs or drug related products; suggestive or obscene content, gang affiliation or pictures. Any item or accessories with inappropriate decorations or advertisements is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, beer, sexual connotations, tobacco, drugs, or alcohol. Symbols and/or styles that are associated with gang membership or representation shall NOT be allowed.
3. Clinging see through material, clinging sweater knits, bodysuits, oversized baggy clothing (jackets and trench coats), pillows, blankets, and pajamas tops or bottoms are NOT acceptable. Yoga pants and leggings are acceptable under long shirts, skirts, and dresses provided they meet the criteria as described below in section 3d. Pants are to be worn at the waistline, not on the hips. Pants, skirts, dresses, and shorts shall be appropriately sized. They must:
 - a. Must fit at the waist, fit at the crotch, and be properly hemmed, stitched, or cuffed.
 - b. Must be appropriately sized; no tight fitting or extremely baggy pants or shorts are allowed.
 - c. Holes in pants that expose skin must be below the fingertip.
 - d. Must not be shorter than the end of the extended fingertip.
4. The wearing of shoes is mandatory. A shoe shall cover and/or protect the sole of the foot. Shoes must have a hard sole. [Special Note...Open toe shoes or open heel shoes are NOT allowed in a lab, industrial setting or physical education, i.e.: Ag/Culinary/Science/PE/Athletics Courses or Activities.]
5. Hats/Caps and sweatshirt hoods (head coverings) shall NOT be worn INSIDE school facilities. The exception is for safety purposes such as welding or activities and locations approved by the campus administrator.
6. Hair is to be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes. No extreme hairstyles that cause a distraction are permitted. Hair color must be one that is a natural human hair color. Facial hair must be neatly groomed and not cause a distraction.
7. Sunglasses or non-prescription glasses of any type will NOT be worn without administrator approval inside any building.
8. Tattoos must be covered at all times on campus, including while participating at/in school related extracurricular activities.
9. Students are NOT allowed to wear visible body piercings, i.e.: ear gauges, spacers, tongue rings, lip piercings, and/or eyebrow piercings. Earrings are permissible. Any fad or dress type that may be disruptive or immodest may be corrected at the discretion of the school administrator.

The campus administrator will identify any exceptions to this dress code. The final decision shall be that of the campus administrator. The campus administrator may make exceptions to this dress code for special occasions such as but not limited to homecoming, prom or athletic events. Students who refuse to conform to dress code may be suspended until corrections have been made.