

Van Vleck Independent School District 2020-2021 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. **BOYS:** Shirts should be buttoned with not more than the top button unbuttoned, or a comparable opening on other shirt styles. No tanks tops or sleeveless shirts should be worn. Shirt may be worn outside the pants, but not longer than the student's fingertips. All shirts shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or conceals contraband. Mesh, see through shirts, or sleeveless jerseys are unacceptable, unless worn over an acceptable garment. T-shirts may be worn outside of the pants, but not longer than the student's fingertips. Shirts are to be buttoned.
2. **GIRLS:** Shirts - No visible cleavage allowed. No low necklines, spaghetti straps, halter-tops, 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.
3. Proper age appropriate undergarments shall be worn under all clothing.
4. No advertisement for alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco related products, drugs or drug related products; suggestive or obscene writing, political writing, gang affiliation or pictures on clothing are allowed as part of the dress code. Any item of clothing or accessories, with inappropriate decorations or advertisements, is prohibited. 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. This includes hats, shirts, jackets, pants, buttons, or trademark emblems generally associated with the above. Symbols and/or styles that are associated with gang membership or representation shall NOT be allowed.
5. Clinging see through material, clinging sweater knits, body suits, over-sized baggy clothing (jackets and trench coats) and pajamas tops or bottoms are not acceptable. Yoga pants, and leggings under acceptable under long shirts, skirts, and dresses provided they meet the criteria as described below in section 5d. 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. Must be hemmed, stitched, or cuffed. NO HOLES in pants or other garments are allowed to expose skin.
 - d. Must not be shorter than the end of the extended fingertip.
6. The wearing of shoes is mandatory. A shoe shall cover and/or protect the sole of the foot. No house shoes are permitted. [Special Note...Open toed shoes are not allowed in a lab setting (Ag/Science/PE).]
7. Hats (head coverings) and sweatshirt hoods may not be worn during the school day INSIDE THE facilities. The exception is for safety purposes such as welding or activities approved by the campus administrator.
8. Hair is to be neatly trimmed and combed and kept out of the eyes. No "extreme" hairstyles are permitted. No rollers or hairnets are allowed in the hair. Hair color must be one that is a natural human hair color, as well as naturally occurring.
 - a. Boys' hair will be no longer than the bottom of the ear lobes and no longer than the bottom of the collar of a shirt, above the eyebrows in the front, and ponytails are not allowed in any length. The end of braided hair must not extend below the bottom of the collar of a shirt. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and no lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.
 - b. Girls' hair should be kept out of eyes.
9. Students should have a clean-shaven faces at all times. (*Documentation for 504 Medical/Health Maintenance Plans for facial hair must be from a Dermatologist. Under this circumstance, facial hair must be trimmed no longer than a "5 o'clock shadow".*)
10. Sunglasses or non-prescription glasses of any type will not be worn without approval inside any building.
11. Tattoos must be covered at all times, including while participating in extracurricular activities.
12. No student is allowed to wear visible body piercings, i.e.: ear gauges, spacers, tongue rings, lip piercings, nose piercings, and/or eyebrow piercings. Female students may wear pierced earrings. Male students may not wear pierced earrings. Any fad or dress type that may be disruptive or immodest may be corrected at the discretion of the school administrator. Covering with Band-Aids or tape is not acceptable.
13. In accordance with [Executive Order GA-29](#) regarding face coverings: Students ages 10 and over, ALL Staff members, & ALL Visitors to wear a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) or non-medical grade face mask or a face shield. Exceptions include: impractical situations such as when a person is consuming food or drink, when a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 ft of social distancing, any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering, or any other reason or circumstance indicated under the executive order.

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.