



VCES DRESS CODE GUIDELINES 2026-2027

Dress Code Policy:

The goal of these dress code directives is to maximize the student's focus on the learning environment by decreasing possible distractions. Uniform expectations are in place so that the focus is on learning and not on the latest fashion trends.

With your partnership in following these directives, students are also able to balance learning with occasional opportunities to wear free dress. Free Dress Days also have expectations for what is school appropriate. Again, the ultimate goal is that students are practicing modesty at all times to keep the students focused on learning. All students, whether in uniform or free dress, are expected to be clean and tidy in appearance.

We partner with [Schoolbelles](#) and [Land's End](#) for your school uniform needs.

Pants and Shorts

Solid navy-blue or khaki chino-style cotton or cotton blend pants and shorts, fitted at the waist, are acceptable. Any navy blue or khaki pants or shorts offered through Schoolbelles, Land's End, or another "uniform line" such as Tommy Hilfiger, Target's uniform line, or Gap/Old Navy's uniform line, are acceptable. Solid navy-blue or khaki pants and shorts previously purchased through Dennis Uniform are acceptable.

Skorts and Jumpers

Solid navy-blue, khaki, or plaid skorts and plaid jumpers, fitted at the waist, are acceptable. Skorts and jumpers must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. If shorts are worn under jumpers, they must not show beneath the hemline. Navy-blue and khaki tab pleated skorts offered through Schoolbelles, Land's End, or another "uniform line" such as Tommy Hilfiger, Target's uniform line, or Gap/Old Navy's uniform line, are acceptable. *Plaid* skorts and jumpers must be purchased through Schoolbelles. Solid navy-blue, khaki, or plaid skorts and plaid jumpers previously purchased through Dennis Uniform are acceptable.

Polos, Sweatshirts, Cardigan Sweaters, and Fleece

Solid light blue, navy, cobalt/royal blue, or white polo shirts with an official VC Logo are acceptable. They may be long or short sleeved, and they must have a plain (no lace or scalloped edges) pointed collar, banded sleeves, and a 2-3 button placket. Shirts must be kept tucked in for students in grades 1-5. All shirts, sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, and fleece must fit at the shoulder seams. A uniform shirt must be worn under a school sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece. If an undershirt is worn under a uniform shirt, it must be white. Polos (solid light blue, navy, cobalt/royal blue, or white), sweatshirts (navy), cardigan sweaters (navy), and fleece (navy) must be purchased from Schoolbelles or Land's End and have the VC logo. Items previously purchased through Dennis Uniform are acceptable.

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. Shoes must also provide adequate support and sturdiness. Boots (including “Uggs” and hiking boots), deep grooved soles, high heels, “heelies,” and TOMS are not allowed. Shoes should not have flashing lights. Shoelaces must be tied. The best shoes for school are athletic-type shoes, like running or all-sport shoes. “Mary Janes” are also OK for girls to wear.

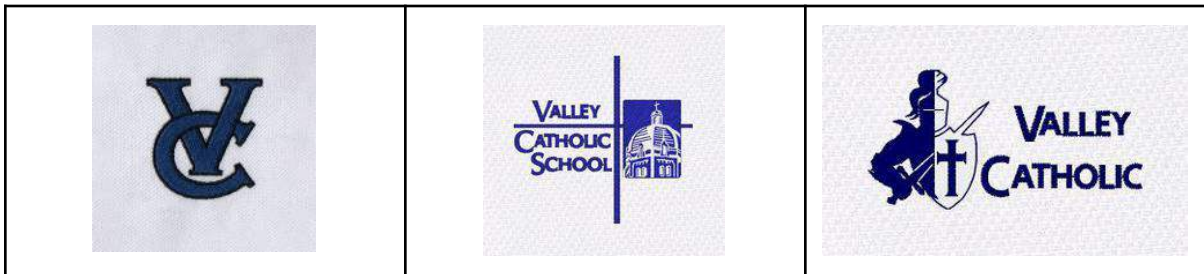
Socks must be worn with all shoes, and they may be plain navy, black, gray, or white. Plain navy, black, gray, or white tights with attached feet or full-length leggings (all the way to the ankle) are acceptable for girls, but legwarmers are not. “Plain” means a solid color with no patterns or designs. (A small, non-distracting logo on socks is acceptable). Socks must be visible above the shoe.

Physical Education Dress Code

Students in grades 4 and 5 will change into school appropriate athletic dress for PE classes. The PE teacher will review with students dress code expectations. One piece swimsuits for girls and board shorts (with or without a rash guard) for boys for all grades will be needed for about two months of the year.

School Logos

Polos, sweatshirts, cardigan sweaters, and fleece must have a VC logo in the upper left corner. Acceptable logos are shown below. Please note that anything that says *Valley Catholic Middle School* is not acceptable in the Elementary School.



Reminders

- All new uniform items will have the updated VC logo. Students may continue to wear uniform items that have an older version of the school logo. Please see the section above about logos.
- *Navy blue* was added in the 25-26 school year to the list of color options for polos via Land’s End.
- *Cobalt/royal blue* was re-introduced to the list of color options for polos via Land’s End.
- *Plain white* polo shirts without a logo are not allowed. All polos, including white, must have a logo.

Discontinued Items

- *Gray* pants and shorts have been discontinued and will no longer be allowed beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

Schoolbelles

VCES uniform items are available at: <https://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s3223>

Our school code is: **S3223**

GIRLS	BOYS
V-Neck Pleated Jumper - Plaid	
Side Pleat Skort w/ Knit Short - Plaid, Navy, & Khaki	
Classroom Stretch Narrow Leg - Navy & Khaki	Classic Chino - Navy & Khaki
Classroom Straight Leg Pant - Navy & Khaki	Flat Front Flex Golf Pant - Navy & Khaki
Classroom Narrow Leg Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Plain Front Shorts - Navy & Khaki
Classroom Bermuda Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Flat Front Flex Golf Short - Navy & Khaki
Polos - Light Blue & White w/ VC Logo* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A+ Pique Polo Short Sleeve ● A+ Pique Polo Long Sleeve ● A+ Fitted Pique Polo SS (light blue only) ● A+ Jersey Polo Short Sleeve ● A+ Jersey Polo Long Sleeve ● Classroom Fitted Polo SS (white only) ● Classroom Fitted Polo LS (white only) 	Polos - Light Blue & White w/ VC Logo* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A+ Pique Polo Short Sleeve ● A+ Pique Polo Long Sleeve ● A+ Jersey Polo Short Sleeve ● A+ Jersey Polo Long Sleeve
Classroom Cardigan Sweater - Navy w/ VC Logo	Classroom Cardigan Sweater - Navy w/ VC Logo
Micro Fleece Jacket - Navy w/ VC Logo	Micro Fleece Jacket - Navy w/ VC Logo
A+ 1/4 Zip Pullover Sweatshirt - Navy w/ VC Logo	A+ 1/4 Zip Pullover Sweatshirt - Navy w/ VC Logo
Plain socks, tights, or full length leggings in navy, black, gray, or white	Plain socks in navy, black, gray, or white

*Please note that navy blue and cobalt/royal blue polos are not available through Schoolbelles.

Land's End

VCES uniform items are available at: landsend.com/900120296

Our school code is: **900120296**

GIRLS	BOYS
Iron Knee Blend Plain Front Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki	Iron Knee Blend Plain Front Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki
Solid A-line Skirt Below the Knee - Navy & Khaki	Iron Knee Active Performance Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki
Active Performance Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki	Active Performance Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki
Elastic Waist Pull-On Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki	Elastic Waist Pull-On Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki
Elastic Waist Pull On Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Elastic Waist Pull On Shorts - Navy & Khaki
Slim Fit Stretch Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki	Tailored Fit Blend Iron Knee Plain Front Pants - Navy & Khaki
Active Performance Chino Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Plain Front Wrinkle Resistant Chino Shorts - Navy & Khaki
Plain Front Blend Chino Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Plain Front Blend Chino Shorts - Navy & Khaki
Stretch Chino Bermuda Shorts - Navy & Khaki	Iron Knee Wrinkle Resistant Plain Front Chino Pants - Navy & Khaki
<p>Polos - Light Blue, Navy, Cobalt, White w/ VC Logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Short Sleeve Rapid Dry Polo ● Short Sleeve Interlock Polo ● Short Sleeve Feminine Fit Interlock Polo ● Short Sleeve Mesh Polo (no cobalt) ● Long Sleeve Interlock Polo ● Long Sleeve Feminine Fit Interlock Polo ● Short Sleeve Mesh Polo (white only) ● Long Sleeve Mesh Polo (white only) ● Long Sleeve Rapid Dry Polo ● Long Sleeve Mesh Polo (no cobalt) 	<p>Polos - Light Blue & White w/ VC Logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Short Sleeve Rapid Dry Polo ● Short Sleeve Interlock Polo ● Short Sleeve Mesh Polo (no cobalt) ● Long Sleeve Interlock Polo ● Short Sleeve Mesh Polo (white only) ● Long Sleeve Mesh Polo (white only) ● Long Sleeve Rapid Dry Polo ● Long Sleeve Mesh Polo (no cobalt)
Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater - Navy w/ VC Logo	Cotton Modal Button Front Cardigan Sweater - Navy w/ VC Logo
Full-Zip Mid-Weight Fleece Jacket - Navy w/ VC Logo	Full-Zip Mid-Weight Fleece Jacket - Navy w/ VC Logo
Crewneck Sweatshirt - Navy & Cobalt w/ VC Logo	Crewneck Sweatshirt - Navy & Cobalt w/ VC Logo
Quarter Zip Sweatshirt - Navy w/ VC Logo	Quarter Zip Sweatshirt - Navy w/ VC Logo

Plain socks, tights, or full length leggings in navy, black, gray, or white	Plain socks in navy, black, gray, or white
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Other Dress Code Information

- Students are expected to have a tidy and clean appearance each day.
- Hats, caps, visors, bandanas, or sunglasses (prescription transition glasses are acceptable) are not to be worn in the building.
- Sunglasses, with the exception of prescription transition glasses, are not to be worn at recess.
- 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 other than official VC labeled clothing are not to be worn in the building during the day, except when going to and from recess. Non-VC labeled clothing may only be worn as outerwear during recess time. This includes CYO sweatshirts.
- School logo clothing from other public or private schools in the area is not to be worn at school.
- Valley Catholic Middle School uniform clothing may not be worn to school by Elementary School students. In particular, this includes hooded sweatshirts and clothing with a specific Valley Catholic Middle School logo or wording.
- All students need adequate outerwear in rainy or cold weather.
- Girls may wear plain gray, white, navy, or black headbands, hair ties, hair bows, or scrunchies, or VC school plaid headbands, hair bows, or scrunchies available from Schoolbelles. Other colors of headbands, hair bows, scrunchies, or scarves are not allowed.
- Students may wear post earrings no bigger than a dime. Dangling earrings, including hoop earrings, are prohibited for safety reasons.
- Only religious jewelry is allowed for both boys and girls.
- No two way watches (no internet or texting) may be worn during the school day.
- Colored nail polish and makeup are not permitted.
- Hair is to be clean and neatly groomed, out of the eyes, and must not interfere with eyesight. Extreme fads in cuts, styles, or designs are not acceptable. Two-toned bleached hair, obvious streaks, and hair of an unnatural color for an elementary school student (such as gray) is not allowed. Hair cannot be spiked beyond the front row of bangs. The interpretation of “extreme” is the school’s discretion. Distracting styles, colors, or designs vary and are addressed individually. The interpretation of “distracting” is the school’s.

Any VCES staff member can determine whether students are in compliance with dress code guidelines. Parents will be contacted by email, uniform notice or phone for issues regarding dress code violations. Resolution of repeat problems will be at the discretion of the administration and staff.

Free Dress Days

- **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. Students must be able to participate in regular classes and activities. Students must bring their gym clothes if it's a P.E. day. Unless otherwise stated, tight fitting clothing is never allowed.
- **Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses** - Pants and shorts must fit at the waist. Jeans, capris, cropped pants, sweatpants or warm-ups are fine as long as they fit properly with no rips, holes or frayed edges. Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer. The longer-length athletic shorts are acceptable. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 3" above the knee. Cotton leggings or jeggings are permitted with a skirt, shorts, dress or top that reaches mid-thigh or longer.
- **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.
- **Shoes** - The same guidelines as a regular, non-free dress day are to be followed on free dress days.
- **Special Occasions and Theme Dress Days** - There are special occasions and theme-dress days, such as Field Day, First Communion Mass, Beach Day, Sports Team Day, etc., for which students may be given special directions that differ from these.
- **"Free Dress for \$1 Day"** - Each month VCES promotes a "Free Dress for \$1 Day" to get our students personally involved in supporting student-driven service projects. Students are expected to follow the free dress guidelines.
- **Free Dress Coupons** - Free dress coupons are occasionally given as incentives or prizes. They may not be used on Mass or prayer service days (usually Wednesdays) or on "Free Dress for \$1 Day."
- **Mass/Prayer Service Days** - Students should not wear free dress or jeans on Mass or Prayer Service days unless given permission by administration.