

The Villages® Charter School

2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Uniform Policy for K-12th Grade

This uniform policy has been created to ensure all students have the opportunity to learn and grow in a business-like environment conducive to learning. It is our hope that holding students accountable for these expectations will continue our success in growing your children into responsible, well-rounded individuals with entrepreneurial spirits.

UNIFORM SHIRTS

Logo shirts are available in five different colors. **“VHS logo” shirts are for VHS students only.**

OUTERWEAR

All outerwear must have a VCS logo and must be purchased at the school store or through school programs, which includes sweatshirts.

SCHOOL UNIFORM TOPS & OUTERWEAR

School uniform tops and outerwear may be purchased at Custom Apparel's location in the Southern Trace Shopping Plaza: 3451 Wedgewood Ln. 352-750-1600 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 10am-3pm

UNIFORM-STYLE BOTTOMS

Pants, capris, jumpers, skorts, and shorts are allowed and must be in solid navy or beige khaki material. Embellishments such as contrast stitching, sparkles, glitter, lace and embroidery, as well as holes, cut-offs, or frayed hems are not allowed. No denim of any color is allowed.

Pants or capris in solid navy or solid beige-khaki material may be purchased from any store and do not require an approved school logo. All other bottoms must come from our VCS approved vendor(s) selected from the school approved options and must have the VCS approved logo in the designated hemline area. Our school approved vendor information is listed on the VCS website.

FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR: VCS will observe another transition year to allow parents the opportunity to begin purchasing non-pant options from the school approved vendor(s). Students wearing shorts, skorts or jumpers must follow the appropriate length guideline of no more than 2” above the knee. If a student is not following the specified length requirement then they will be required to wear pants or capris until their school-approved items are purchased from our school approved vendor(s).

BEGINNING IN THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR: all shorts, skorts or jumpers for grades 6-12 must be purchased from the school approved vendor(s). Grades K-5 will not be required to purchase uniform bottoms with a logo as long as the policy above is followed.

SHOES

Elementary school requires athletic shoes with closed toe and back due to the state-mandated daily PE requirement. Middle and high schools require a closed toe shoe with a closed back or a strap around the back ankle. Flip flops or sandals are **not** permitted.

VHS ACADEMY UNIFORMS (FOR GRADES 11-12 ONLY)

VHS Academies have a uniform that best fits the workplace of each academy. Orders can be placed at Custom Apparel also. Students are expected to wear their academy uniforms every day.

THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE OBSERVED:

- Shirts will be worn tucked in at all times. Please help with this expectation by making sure your child is prepared upon exiting the family car.
- All undershirts must be plain white or the exact color of the uniform shirt worn (no writing or graphics).
- Shorts, skorts and jumpers must be worn at no more than 2” above the knee.
- School issued picture ID must be worn at all times while on campus.
- Undergarments cannot be exposed while standing, sitting or bending over.
- Tights or leggings are permitted; however, leggings must be worn under the uniform bottoms and be the same color as the bottoms (only colors allowed are khaki/beige or navy); any length is acceptable as long as it looks like it is part of the uniform bottoms.
- Belts must be worn with all clothes having belt loops.
- Middle and high school students are required to dress out for P.E. (uniforms sold in school store).
- On special dress-up days, if student is not dressing in appropriate “theme” clothing they must wear their regular uniform.
- Hair must be of a color that occurs naturally in human nature. Hair should be styled in a way that is not deemed a distraction to others. An example of an unacceptable hair style would be Mohawks.
- Facial piercings or other body alterations/displays and tattoos which are visible are prohibited.
- Hats or hoods on outerwear may not be worn indoors during the school day.
- In all dress, professionalism and appropriateness will be expected.

To ensure that all students meet our high expectations, Administration reserves the right to determine if any part of a student's physical appearance is a distraction to the learning environment.