

# 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; this includes sweatshirts. Students can wear non-VCS outerwear on cold weather days (below 45 degrees) but they must comply with all uniform policies once inside the school building.

# 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.

All K-12 students wearing shorts, skorts or jumpers must follow the appropriate length guideline of no more than 2" above the knee and may be purchased from any vendor.

If a student is **not** following the specified length requirement, then they will be required to wear pants or capris until their schoolapproved items are purchased from our school-approved vendor(s). Our school-approved vendor information is listed on the VCS website.

#### **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.