

CODE FOR THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF STUDENTS

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students are required to adhere to a dress and personal appearance code. A structured dress code promotes uniformity and is conducive to a positive learning environment.

When a student enrolls at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, there is an awareness and understanding that individual dress has specific restrictions and that violation or misinterpretation of the uniform will result in disciplinary action. The uniform is officially enforced during school hours. Parents play an important role in helping to maintain this policy and are considered to be partners with administrators and teachers in enforcing the dress code. Additionally, they have a responsibility to check their daughter's or son's appearance before they leave home. Parents cannot write notes as a request for an exception. At school functions, students are responsible for demonstrating good taste and appropriate attire as expected at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.*

The following regulations on dress and personal appearance are created to help motivate a student to develop habits of neatness, order, cleanliness, and appropriate dress for a variety of occasions. Lastly, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School dress code parallels professional business attire.

- All dress code violations are reported to the Dean of Students through an administrative referral. The Dean of Students will determine the consequence for the violation.
- If a student is out of dress code and the situation cannot be IMMEDIATELY CORRECTED, the parent/guardian will be contacted and informed of the dress code violation.
- Continuous violation of the dress code, such as shirts not tucked in, unapproved sweatshirts, inappropriate shoes, missing socks or belt, inappropriate/tight clothing, unnatural hair color, etc., will result in disciplinary action including in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspensions and for repeated and more severe issues, your child could be placed on a behavior contract.
- Exceptions will be made for medical or emergency reasons when accompanied by a note from a medical professional, which must be turned in to the Dean of Students prior to the start of the school day.
- Students must wear a uniform to school every day except when given permission from administration due to a "dress down day" (See dress down day expectations). There are still rules for "dress down days."
- Students who arrive at school out of uniform, **MUST REPORT TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS BEFORE GOING TO CLASS, TO GET A UNIFORM PASS.** If the Dean is not available, please report to the main office and wait for the dean or principal to arrive.
- Students who fail to go to the dean's office first, and arrive to class out of uniform, will be given a ISS to be served that day.
- All students will be given the grace of **1 uniform pass per school year.**
- Uniform passes **DO NOT** roll over to the next school year.
- Uniform passes **ARE NOT PASSES FOR HOODIES.** Students who report to school in a hoodie will serve ISS the entire day.

IN ALL MATTERS REGARDING THE CODE FOR THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF STUDENTS THE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND THE PRINCIPAL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION ON DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS.

DRESS CODE

PLEASE NOTE: This policy is subject to change.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

GENTLEMEN

Appropriate and expected dress

- Plain, solid khaki or navy blue slacks worn at the natural waist
- Short or long sleeved white button-down dress shirt--buttoned completely to the collar
- Plain brown or black belt cinched at waist
- Necktie or bow tie pulled up to collar of dress shirt
- Crew length or higher socks
- Plain brown or black dress shoes such as loafers or oxfords
- White undershirt, if worn, must be solid in color
- Crew neck sweatshirts in red, Columbia blue, or navy blue with the embroidered V on the left chest when worn, must be worn over, and not instead of, shirt and tie

LADIES

Appropriate and expected dress

- Plain, solid khaki or navy blue slacks worn at the natural waist or
- Glen-plaid skirt purchased through Schoolbelles, worn at natural waist, and no higher than three inches above the knee
- Solid navy blue or black tights
- Short or long sleeved white button-down blouse with only one button open at neck
- White undershirt, if worn, must be solid in color and not extend past the sleeve length of shirt
- Plain brown or black belt cinched at waist if wearing pants
- Crew length or higher socks
- Plain brown or black dress shoes such as loafers or oxfords
- Headbands less than 3 inches in width
- Crew neck sweatshirts in red, Columbia blue, or navy blue with the embroidered V on the left chest, when worn, must be worn over, and not instead of, blouse

INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Students will **NOT** wear:

- Pants with elastic at the waistband or ankles--such as jogger type clothing
- Pants with rivets, such as jean or denim like materials
- Corduroy, cargo, or jean style pants
- Yoga pants
- Leggings
- Polo shirts
- Colored shirts dress shirt/blouse
- Any clothing with logos
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Any sports team hoodies, pullovers, warm ups, or crew neck sweatshirts other than the **approved** crew neck sweatshirt purchased in the spirit store

- Oversized or undersized clothing
- Colored or logoed t-shirts under white dress shirts
- String, bolo, or clip on ties
- Boots of any sort
- No Athletic shoes, moccasins, slippers, sandals, or slides
- No Crocs, Vans, Uggs, Toms, Hey Dudes, or other casual shoe
- Any shoe that has an open toe or open back
- Hair kerchiefs, wraps, hats, scarfs, ski mask, hyperwarm hoods, durags, beanies or bonnets
- High heeled or platform shoes taller than 1.5 inches
- Any clothing deemed inappropriate by administration

The administration will deem what is appropriate. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action, which may include being sent home until the situation can be corrected.

GROOMING:

Boys:

Facial hair is expected to be kept short and neatly trimmed at least once a week. Hair is to be kept neatly styled and groomed, and it must be a natural color. Students may have one stud earring per ear.

Girls:

Hair is to be kept neatly styled and groomed, and must be a natural color. Students may have up to three small earrings per ear. A nose piercing must be only a small stud. Makeup, jewelry, and fingernails must be appropriate for the Catholic school environment. Headbands that are solid-colored or an appropriate pattern and color (no logos).

Please Note: students should not groom themselves during class

Students MAY NOT have:

- Hair that covers their eyes
- Unnatural colors such as blue, pink, green, purple, orange, etc.
- Headbands with logos or that are larger than 3 inches in width
- Ear gauges, large dangling, or hooped earrings
- Visible tattoos (must be covered)
- Stiletto or coffin fingernail styles

OUTERWEAR: Students are not permitted to wear coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, hoodies or blankets on campus during the school day. All outerwear, including hoodies, is to be removed upon entering the building and remain in the student's locker until dismissal.

SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATERS: Columbia blue, navy blue, or red school-approved uniform crewneck sweatshirts, which can be purchased in the Viking Spirit Store, may be worn over dress shirt and tie or blouse. **NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS.**

CONDITION OF THE UNIFORM: The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School uniform must always be worn in a manner that is appropriate for a school environment. Uniforms should be clean and presentable at all times.

CODE OF APPEARANCE FOR FIELD TRIPS: Uniforms must be worn unless another dress code has been approved by the administration prior to the day of the field trip.

APPROPRIATE DRESS DOWN CLOTHING

DRESS DOWN OR RELAXED APPEARANCE DRESS CODE DAYS: Throughout the year, students are allowed a variance in the appearance code for spirit days. Participation in a dress down day is a privilege and therefore unauthorized clothing (see below) is viewed as an appearance code violation.

Students **MAY** wear:

- A shirt or blouse with long or short sleeves or a t-shirt with sleeves that covers the shoulders and falls below the waistline (no crop shirts).
- Sweatpants, jeans, or shorts that fall beneath mid-thigh
- Clothing appropriate for the themed dress down that is modest and appropriate to a Catholic school environment
- Tennis shoes, sports shoes, or shoes that have a fully enclosed heel and toe
- Dresses without dark colored tights that fall beneath mid-thigh
- Clothing must be worn at natural waist
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts or quarter zip pullover with VASJ Logo (no hood attached)
- **ABSOLUTELY NO HOODIES WORN IN SCHOOL**
- Clothing with holes or rips **MUST NOT** reveal skin (Leggings, joggers or clothing must be worn under ripped jeans).

Students **MAY NOT** wear:

- Short shorts/skirts (skirts or shorts that are **ABOVE** the mid-thigh)
- Tops that do not fall ***beneath*** the natural waist, bare midriffs, or plunging necklines
- Leggings, yoga pants, spandex or tight clothing of any type
- Clothing with political slogans or any reference to tobacco, firearms, alcohol, inappropriate language, sexual innuendo, etc.
- Hats or head coverings of any type
- Crocs, Slides, slippers, and any shoe with open toes or open backs
- Additional clothing, worn around the neck or around the waist.
- Footies or bare feet
- Clothing not in line with daily theme
- Any clothing deemed inappropriate by administration

PLEASE NOTE: All dress code variations will be announced well in advance of the scheduled dates. Failure to comply with dress down guidelines may result in loss of privilege to participate in future dress downs. Repeat offenders will face suspension.