



2010-2011 Valley Arts & Science Academy Dress Code

VASA DRESS CODE:

VASA prohibits any student apparel or grooming practice which:

1. Presents a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school;
2. Materially interferes with school work, creates disorder, or disrupts the educational program; causes excessive wear or damage to school property; prevents the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

**LOGOS: The VASA logo is the ONLY logo allowed on any clothing or accessory item.
(Manufacturer's markings which are unavoidable are acceptable.)**

COLORS:

Tops: White, navy, or hunter green (only solid colors are acceptable; NO prints, no stripes, no plaids, no camouflage)

Bottoms: Khaki (tan) or navy (only solid colors are acceptable; NO prints, no stripes, no plaids, no camouflage, no baggie styles, no sagging styles, no jogging or sweat suits)

APPAREL:

1. All clothing shall be neat, clean and acceptable in repair and within the bounds of decency, modesty and good taste as appropriate for school.
2. Garments shall conceal undergarments at all times.
3. Revealing, form-fitting, or distracting clothing cannot be worn. Muscle shirts, halters, bare midriffs or chests, see-through outfits or off-the-shoulder blouses, and shoulder straps less than 2" wide are not allowed.
4. Shoes: **ONLY** closed toe shoes are permitted. Steel-toed shoes or boots are not allowed. Slip on sandals, slippers, flip-flops or other related casual open toe shoes are **not** allowed. No shoes that have hidden wheels. All shoes must be acceptable to use during a P.E. program.
5. Extreme baggy pants are not allowed. The bottom of the pant leg may not be excessively frayed or drag on the ground. Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist and conform to acceptable standards of appearance. Pants must be worn no more than one size bigger or smaller than the proper size for the student. Pants must be hemmed not frayed clothing is acceptable (manufactured or otherwise). Shorts should not be longer than the knee, not shorter than fingertips. Sportswear-type shorts, bike shorts (i.e. spandex, nylon), gym shorts, frayed shorts, or shorts with holes are not permitted. Peddle pushers (Capri pants) are permitted. Elastic waistbands are permitted.
6. Dresses, skirts, miniskirts and skorts are acceptable provided they are not shorter than mid-thigh (not shorter than fingertips), are hemmed, and are not excessively tight.

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7. Shirts, coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts may not be excessively oversized, and the lowest part and sleeves shall not extend beyond the fingertips.
8. Hooded jackets, hooded sweaters, or hooded sweatshirts may only be worn outdoors in inclement weather. Hats/caps may be worn if needed for medical reasons verified with a doctor's note. All hoods, hats, caps, etc. must be removed in classrooms and/or any school building.
9. ACCESSORIES: Body piercing is not allowed. Wallet chains are not permitted. Studded and sharp weapon-like accessories are not permitted.

GROOMING:

Haircuts or hairstyles which feature unusual or extreme/multi colors or shavings (Mohawks/Fauxhawks) to the extent they are disruptive to the educational process are not acceptable.

GANG ACTIVITY:

The wearing or displaying of "colors", tattoos, or a dress style that may relate to gang affiliation, or the appearance of such, is prohibited. Hoods worn in an intimidating manner at any time are not permitted.

GENERAL APPLICATION OF DRESS CODE AND GROOMING:

VASA will rely on the opinion of the site administrator as to when student behavior or dress has created a disruptive influence to the learning process, is detrimental to a positive school environment, is counter to providing a safe and orderly campus, and/or is in violation of any portion of the foregoing regulations. Site administrators may designate special dress days. When students are attending school-sponsored, public events, sections of the dress code relating to modesty and gang activity will remain in effect.

If a student is in violation of dress code:

- 1) The student will receive a verbal warning and warrant a phone call to a parent to bring a change of clothes if necessary.
- 2) On a second notice of a dress code violation from the same student, the school administration will be called and will be addressed as deemed appropriate by the site administrator.

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