

DRESS AND GROOMING CODE FOR STUDENTS

Students attending Victor Valley High School shall dress and groom for school with emphasis on neatness, safety, cleanliness, modesty and decency, as well as personal and public health. The Dress and Grooming Code is approved by the School Site Council and the Victor Valley Union High School Board of Trustees. Under the State Constitution, applicable statutes, Board Policy and Administrative Regulations, school authorities have the right and obligation to adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct and operations of the school, including those relating to student dress, grooming, performance and behavior.

Clothing Policy

- Clothing must be worn as intended to be worn by the manufacturer.
- Clothing must be worn right-side-out.
- Straps on bib overalls must be fastened over the shoulder.
- Buttons on bib overalls along the sides near the hips must be fastened.
- Clothing must have appropriate hems, exhibit no slits, tears or holes (we now allow them to wear pants with holes *if the holes are below the knee or *if they wear a solid color leggings under the pants and they must be in good condition. Cut-offs and frayed hems are not allowed. Exception – factory frayed jeans are allowed as long as no skin is showing. Leggings, of a non-see-through material, must be worn underneath frayed jeans. Leggings are not to be worn as pants.
- Vertical slits in clothing are prohibited. This includes slits intentionally placed by the manufacturer.
- Clothing or jewelry which depicts or suggests any illegal activity; sexually related or obscene gestures, pictures, logos, insignias, or wording; the use or abuse of drugs, tobacco or alcohol; or poses a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the students or others, shall not be worn on campus or at any school-related activities.

Chains and chains attached to wallets

These are not permitted on campus and will be confiscated.

Dangerous Objects/Inappropriate Attire

No students shall wear articles of clothing, jewelry, or accessories which, in the opinion of the school administration, pose a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the student or others. This includes, but is not limited to, such items as spiked collars, spiked rings, wristbands, and body piercing, or laser pens. All dangerous objects will be confiscated by any staff member and turned over to administration for possible disciplinary action.

Gang Attire

Gang-related clothing varies from school to school and may change from year to year. No clothing or articles of clothing including, but not limited to gloves, bandanas, shoestrings, wristbands, and jewelry related to a group or gang which may provoke others 1) to acts of violence, or 2) to be intimidated by fear of violence, shall be worn on campus or at any school related activity. Administration has the discretion to determine gang attire.

Head-Wear Policy

Official school hats and beanies (unadorned solid colors) may be worn outdoors only. No hats or beanies will be worn in-doors by males or females. No do-rags or bandanas are to be worn on campus by males or females. No other headwear is allowed on campus and may be confiscated by any school staff. Non school hats may not be carried by hand—they must be out of plain sight. 1st violation – hat or other headwear is confiscated and student can pick it up at the end of the day; 2nd violation – hat or other headwear is confiscated for parent pick up; 3rd violation – hat or other head-wear is confiscated and held until the end of the school year.

Modesty

Clothing must be worn to adequately cover undergarments and areas that undergarments normally cover. Tops, shorts and skirts must be long enough to prevent unnecessary distraction. Legging and tights must be covered by a top which is the length of the fingertip. Shorts and skirts must come down to the fingertips when the hand is fully extended along the sides of the leg. Shirts, sweaters, T-shirts and blouses must meet the top of pants or skirts. Belly buttons may not show.

Prohibited attire includes, but is not limited to: sheer blouses, bra-less outfits, tube tops, spaghetti straps less than one (1) inch, strapless garments, open-back tops and open-side tops. No pajamas of any kind may be worn. Tank tops intended to be worn as outer garments are allowed for males and females. The opening around the arms cannot extend more than 2” below the armpit (for males and females), and the straps must be at least one inch wide. Any tank tops regardless of color which are designed to be worn as undergarments are not allowed.

Oversized/Undersized Clothing/Sagging

Oversized clothing is not acceptable. All pants must be worn at the natural waistline and cannot sag. This includes, but is not limited to, skinny jeans. Extra-long clothing or accessories will not be tolerated. All clothing must be proportioned to the body in size, length and width. With arms falling naturally to the side, the T-shirt length may not fall below the fingertips of the hand.

Sunglasses

Sunglasses will not be worn indoors at any time.

DRESS AND GROOMING CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who habitually violate the Dress and Grooming Code will be subject to further disciplinary action as stated in the Victor Valley High School Violations of Discipline Code. When a student violates the Dress and Grooming Code, they will report to their appropriate administrator. The administrator or designee shall make the determination of the student’s violation of the Dress and Grooming Code. If it is determined that the student is in violation, the student shall remedy the violation by:

1. Obtaining and changing into acceptable clothing.
2. Remaining in the Office until the parent brings acceptable clothing.

If the Dress Code violation is not remedied, the student may be held in the office or sent to In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. Items in violation of the Education Code are to be surrendered to the appropriate administrator.

Parents of students who violate the Dress and Grooming Code will be notified in writing or by telephone. Parents may meet with the administrator to discuss the violation. If the parent is not satisfied at the conclusion of the conference, the parent may schedule an appointment with the principal.

**Note: Administration has the final authority in case of dispute on issues of dress and grooming (Ed. Code Sec. 35010, 35291, Board Policy 5113.7). This includes, but is not limited to, any type of dress and grooming or materials which have been recognized or give evidence to cause disruption or interference in the instructional program or other school related activity at Victor Valley High School.*