**Valle Catholic Grade School Dress Code**

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**Dress and Grooming**

Students are expected to dress and present an appearance consistent with standards of good taste and appropriate for school and school events. Any dress or wearing of insignia which convey the image of gang membership, supports the belief of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and will not be allowed. (4303.6) Any student who violates this expectation will be sent to wait in the office until his/her parent brings proper clothing. Time missed from class will be unexcused.

Out of respect for the educational setting and as an expression of the student’s own personal self-respect, each student accepts the personal responsibility to look clean and neat in accordance with school policies. The following dress code applies from the moment the student sets foot on campus during the regularly scheduled school day. The grade school dress code committee will address any appropriate or inappropriate student dress code issues. Parents of students in violation of the dress code may be sent a notice/reminder of the current dress code. To clarify what is allowable for daily wear at school and on out of uniform occasions, the following guidelines were developed by the dress code committee:

**Shirts** – long or short sleeved solid white, light blue, royal or navy blue polo, oxford or turtleneck. No teal or turquoise colored shirts. Only a solid white short-sleeved t-shirt may be worn under shirt. Shirts are to be tucked in. Emblems may only be smaller than a quarter.

**Pants** –khaki, navy blue, or black. No stretch pants, yoga pants, sweat pants, low-risers, short zippered, wide legged fashion pants or jeans. Pants must be hemmed with no frayed bottoms or holes. *Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, cargo style pants will not be allowed.*

**Jumpers or Skirts** – uniform style; khaki, navy blue, or black; modest length. Matching tights or shorts must be worn underneath.

**Shorts, Skorts, or Capri** – khaki, navy blue, or black; modest length. No nylon, biker (stretch), or jeans. Shorts/skorts may be worn as deemed appropriate for the weather. *Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, cargo style shorts will not be allowed.*

**Belts** – leather or canvas type; khaki, brown, black, blue. No sashes, ropes, cords, neckties or other fashion belts.

**Sweaters, Cardigans, Knit Pullovers, Sweatshirts** – solid white, gray, black, or blue. Child's monogram or Valle School Emblem, including band and athletics, is permitted in the classrooms.  No outerwear, including hoodies, will be allowed in the classrooms.

**Socks –** solid white, gray, navy blue, or black. “Elite” style (color block) socks are not allowed. Emblems may only be smaller than a quarter. Students must wear matching socks.

**Tights** – solid white, navy blue, or black only.

**Shoes** – leather or canvas; mostly white, black, blue (no teal or turquoise), gray or brown. No sandals or boots.  Shoes must be fastened for safety.  A separate pair of tennis shoes (any color) is to be kept for PE classes. Velcro fasteners are preferred for K/1.

**Shoelaces** – should match or come with the shoes. For safety, shoes should be tied or fastened. Shoe laces that are specifically designed, by manufacturer, to be unstructured at the end may be an exception.

**Hair** – clean, neatly groomed, acceptable length bangs above the eyes, only natural colors and highlights.  No hairpieces, unusual styles or colors.

**Jewelry** – in moderation; post/plug earrings for girls only; no dangles longer than 1 inch. Please consider daily activity for personal safety. No other facial or body piercing.

**Make-Up** – in moderation for girls in grades 7-8. Little girls do not wear make-up.

**Hats, hoodies, purses, cell phones, music players, or cosmetic cases** – none of these items are allowed in the classroom (see Internet/electronic policy).

**Out of uniform days**

Students may wear jeans, khakis, sweats, skirts, capris, dresses, shorts, and appropriate tops without offensive images or wording.

**Field trips**

Students may wear jeans, khakis, sweats, skirts, capris, dresses, shorts, and appropriate tops without offensive images or wording. Final decision rests with the teacher based on the field trip.

**Special Events**

For events that take place in church, girls must cover sleeveless or strapless tops and dresses. The reason is to show respect in a sacred place.

**Blue & white days**

Any blue or white top with uniform bottoms is appropriate.

**Warrior days**

Any Valle shirt with out of uniform bottoms, no yoga or legging style pants. Athletic shorts/pants or jeans are acceptable. No short shorts.

**Holidays**

On Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, students may wear any appropriate top for the holiday with uniform bottoms.

**Scouts**

All scouts may wear their pack/troop shirt/vest/etc. with uniform bottoms on meeting days.

**Band**

Band shirt/sweatshirt with uniform bottoms is for special band days.

Sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate for any out of uniform days.

Spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, low risers, etc. are not appropriate for any out of uniform days. For any activity in church, halter tips, bare midriff, bare back, bare shoulders, and short skirts are never acceptable. Strapless dresses and spaghetti straps must always be covered with a light jacket or shawl.