

Elementary Dress Code

VCS School Uniform Suppliers: True Grits Uniform Company

To view school uniform options go to: www.truegrits.com. Access code VAC170. The True Grits website or brochure gives detailed descriptions and pictures of the approved uniform. Note there are certain pieces of the uniform that must be purchased through True Grits. (Plaid, khaki, flat front shorts/pants, and skorts must be purchased from True Grits.) See the website for this information.

General Guidelines for Boys and Girls

VCS has established a uniform policy for all students in grades Kindergarten through 5th keeping biblical principles of modesty in mind. Our students are expected to maintain an appropriate appearance that is neat, clean and modest at all times. Listed below are dress code and uniform guidelines:

Regular Uniforms

- All students are to wear their regular uniform Monday through Thursday unless a "Free Dress" has been specified by Administration or a free dress pass is being used. Free dress passes are to be used on Thursdays only.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- All shorts/jumpers/skirts are to be within 3 inches of the knee. If this is questionable, teachers may measure the clothing item and students may be sent home to change.
- Girls must wear shorts under dresses (spandex is fine).

Outerwear

- All outerwear must be red, white and/or navy blue or neutral colors. (Ex. Brown, tan, gray and black.)
- Students may not wear any type of clothing (including jackets and baseball caps) with picture advertisements or logos concerning pro sports teams.
- Students wearing clothing with hoods will not be allowed to have their hoods up in the classroom or outside when the weather does not require it.

Socks

- Students are to wear matching solid colored socks which are visible at all times. "No show" socks are not allowed. (For colors, see Boys & Girls Uniform Requirements, pg. 30.)

Shoes

- Students should always wear a comfortable, sturdy shoe that will enable them to participate in physical education class (no boots). No platform shoes or sandals are allowed. All shoes must be red, white, navy blue, tan, gray, brown or black. Shoes must be primarily plain, with no characters or objects (such as fire trucks) on them. Lace up shoes must be tied at all times. No roller skate shoes allowed.

Accessories

- Body piercing is not allowed.
- No bandanas or scarves may be worn by girls or boys.
- Tattoos (real or pretend) are not allowed.
- Jewelry is discouraged because of safety, loss, or damage, but if worn must be modest. Jewelry that is contrary to our Christian faith is not allowed (ex. Ying yang, astrology symbols, skulls, etc.). Girls may not wear hoop or dangling earrings. Boys may not wear earrings of any type.
- Nail polish may be worn by girls in light pink shades or clear only.

Hair/Make-up

- Unnatural hair coloring, extreme coloring, extreme cuts and shaved-in designs are unacceptable. Boys' hair should not fall below the eyebrow, the middle of the ear, or touch the top of the collar. All hair styles must be neatly kept and have a look of good grooming.
- No make-up may be worn.

Swim Suits

- A one piece or tankini swimsuit with no cutouts is required for girls. Swimsuits must be modest and provide full body coverage.

Girls' Uniform Requirements:

1. Girls may wear solid red, white, or navy socks, tights and/or full length leggings. Leggings must be worn with socks. (No visible logos, stripes, lace, ribbons, or mismatching socks.)
2. (Grades 3-5) A solid brown, black, or navy blue belt must be worn when wearing shorts or pants. (No added ornamentations.)
3. We suggest that polo shirts be worn with pants, shorts, and skorts. The Peter Pan collar blouse should be worn with the jumper. Polo shirts or Peter Pan collar blouse may be worn with skirts. Polo shirts may not have puffed sleeves.
4. Red, white, or navy blue turtle necks may be worn during cold weather.
5. Khaki pants/shorts are to be worn by boys only.
6. Any hair accessories such as ribbons, headbands and clips must be in red, white or navy only.

Boys' Uniform Requirements:

1. Boys may wear solid white, navy, or tan socks. (No visible logos, stripes or mismatching socks.)
2. (Grades 3-5) A solid brown, black, or navy blue belt must be worn with shorts and pants. (No added ornamentation.)
3. Red, white, or navy blue turtle necks may be worn during cold weather.

***Students may wear either VCES sweatshirts, uniform navy V-Neck cardigans/V-neck sweater vests, or a plain navy blue sweatshirt (no logos) while in the classroom. All other outer wear, must be removed while in the classroom or in chapel.**

***All outer wear must be red, white and/or navy blue, or neutral colors. (Ex. brown, tan, gray or black.)**

School Spirit Dress

On Fridays, students are encouraged to show school spirit by wearing their designated red or navy blue school spirit shirt along with a nice pair of blue denim jeans or blue denim skirt, loose fitting blue denim Capri pants, uniform shorts, uniform skorts, or uniform pants. No other type of shorts may be worn with this school spirit shirt besides the uniform shorts. All clothing must coordinate in color with the spirit shirt. Students may not wear bib overalls or any jean or bike shorts. **The VCS school spirit design must be visible at all times.** Students who wear a VCS sweatshirt, must wear a school spirit shirt underneath. These days are for promoting school spirit and enthusiasm. Students not wearing their "spirit" dress are required to wear their regular uniform. Please note, a uniform shirt with jeans is not acceptable. VCS sports shirts may only be worn on Fridays if it is a game day.

Chapel Dress

Chapel Dress is required of students on chapel day. This consists of a jumper or skirt for the girls and uniform pants for boys.

Free Dress Days

These days are used as special days throughout the year and are communicated through Administration only. They may be given as special incentives for specific purposes or announced for special occasions. **Modest** clothing, which conforms with the general philosophy of VCS is required. No spandex, leggings or spaghetti strap tops. Shorts are to be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Students must turn in their free dress pass to their classroom teacher when participating in a free dress day. **Free dress passes may only be used on Thursdays by the person it has been issued to and may only be used in the school year it was issued. No photocopies accepted.**

Dress Code Violation

Students in violation of VCS' dress code will receive a Dress Code Violation, which must be signed by the parent and returned the next day. The parent may need to bring a proper change of clothes to school, or pick up their child from school. Students receiving dress code violations also receive one of the following consequences:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: Loss of 2 weeks school spirit and free dress privileges.

3rd Offense: Loss of 4 weeks school spirit and free dress privileges

4th Offense: Loss of school spirit and free dress privileges for remainder of school year.

Dress code consequences are based on a school year's accumulation.