

STUDENT DRESS CODE

2023-2024



PHILOSOPHY AND GENERAL STATEMENT

Vista Ridge Academy believes that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to work closely with the school by emphasizing to their students, standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, and modesty in dress and grooming. It is our desire to encourage each student to be Christ-centered, choosing a manner of dress that would be modest, neat, and bring glory to God rather than to the wearer. The Dress Code is in effect for all students while attending school functions or school sponsored activities on or off school property. Exceptions to the dress code for certain school-related events are determined by administration and families will be notified of occasions when exceptions to the normal dress code apply.

While it is inevitable that there may be a difference of opinion regarding the appropriateness of clothing, grooming, and/or determining whether or not a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, final determination will be made by school administration. Any student who does not comply with the dress code will be removed from the regular school setting until a parent can provide proper attire or items are loaned or purchased from our used uniform rack.

GENERAL STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED

Hair, Nails, Tattoos, Accessories

Hair must be combed, neat, clean, and a natural hair color. Unconventional hairstyles that are considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited. Nails or nail polish should not be distracting. Visible tattoos and similar body painting(s) are prohibited or must be covered at all times. Jewelry is limited to conservative single-lobed stud earrings and medical bracelets. Jewelry is not to be worn during after school sport programs or games. Watches with audible alarms/notifications need to be silenced. Vista Ridge Academy is not responsible for loss or injury due to accessories. Hats, caps, or other head apparel are not permitted. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn indoors.

Clothing

Any apparel or attire that is considered to be inappropriate, distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment or is considered a safety concern is prohibited. Clothing worn for events that are exceptions to the uniform dress code (i.e. Dress Down or Spirit Days) should align with our core values and not include inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory (i.e. referencing alcoholic beverages, profanity, sex, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation, satanic themes, promoting violence, etc.). Certain colored items of clothing (i.e. shirts, hair decorations, shoe laces, etc.) may be prohibited at the discretion of the Administration. "Hoodies" (sweatshirts and jackets with hoods) may only be worn inside on Dress-Down or Spirit Days and as approved by administration.

Shirts should be worn that cover the shoulders. Halter tops, exposed midriffs, strapless and/or low-cut tops, exposed backs, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, and tanks with oversized armholes are not permitted. Undergarments shall not be visible or exposed. If needed for warmth, fleece jackets, cardigans, sweaters, and sweater vests that are worn in school must be uniform pieces purchased through Tommy Hilfiger or our used uniform supply and must contain the Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo. Other jackets, hats, and gloves may be worn in the gym or outside at recess only.

Pants and shorts shall be worn securely at the waist. Sagging is prohibited. No cargo. Bicycle shorts, gym shorts (other than approved PE uniform gym shorts for PE class), form fitting, and skin-tight shorts or pants of spandex or other similar materials may not be worn as pants alone. Campus Administration will determine appropriate length, but in general, skirts, dresses, jumpers, skorts, and shorts should fall closer to the knee. Students may be asked to change if deemed too short. Excessively high slits in skirts will not be permitted.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is required. Footwear with toes and/or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is prohibited. Sandals and light-up shoes are prohibited (no open toes, sling back or spike heels). Footwear with wheels or characters is prohibited. Rain or snow boots may be worn on rainy or snowy days for outside play only (regular shoes should be worn inside). Rain/Snow boots shall not be worn in the gym. Rules regarding footwear for special events may be modified at the discretion of the campus administrator.

A review of dress and grooming policies will be made periodically and changes will be made as needed.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

2023-2024



PRESCHOOL – 8TH GRADE GIRLS UNIFORM

EVERYDAY WEAR	PRE – 4TH GRADE	5TH – 8TH GRADE
Top	Grey, white, light blue, or burgundy polo with VRA logo	Grey, white, light blue, or burgundy polo with VRA logo
Bottom	Navy jumper, light blue or burgundy VRA logo polo dress, grey, khaki or navy shorts or pants/skirts	Grey, khaki or navy shorts or pants/skirts
Shoes/Socks	Must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy	Must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy
Outerwear	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo fleece jacket	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo fleece jacket
Accessories	Hair ties must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy	Hair ties must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy

FORMAL FRIDAYS	PRE – 4TH GRADE	5TH – 8TH GRADE
Top	White or blue oxford shirt with VRA logo	White or blue oxford shirt with VRA logo
Bottom	Tommy Hilfiger plaid skort or jumper with grey, black, or navy leggings/tights	Tommy Hilfiger plaid skirt or skort with grey, black, or navy leggings/tights
Shoes/Socks	Black shoes, navy, or white socks/tights	Black shoes, navy or white socks/tights
Outerwear	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo vest, v-neck, or cardigan sweater, blazer	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo vest, v-neck, or cardigan sweater, blazer
Accessories	Hair ties must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy	Hair ties must be predominately grey, white, light blue, burgundy, black, navy

All items must be purchased from Tommy Hilfiger or the used uniform rack with the exception of “everyday wear” pants and shorts, VRA T-shirts, socks, layering leggings and shorts, tights, and shoes.

ORDER ONLINE - Go to <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/> using school code VIST01.

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Uniforms must be clean and free of extreme wear, holes, and stains. Uniform tights, socks, leggings, and other hosiery must be clean and free of holes and runs. Leggings/Tights must be worn with jumpers, skorts, or skirts. During shorts season, black bicycle shorts or tights must be worn under dresses, skirts, and jumpers for modesty. Black leggings may be worn by girls in Preschool – 8th grade in lieu of tights under skirts, dresses, or jumpers for warmth and/or modesty.

Shorts may be worn on first day of school to November daylight savings then from March daylight savings to the last day of school.

All students are encouraged to participate in Maroon Mondays by wearing a burgundy polo with VRA logo or VRA t-shirt.

All 6th-8th grade students are required to change into PE uniform and tennis shoes for all physical education classes. PE uniform bottoms must be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger and tops (t-shirt printed with logo) must be purchased through the front office. Tennis shoes must be predominately black, navy, grey, burgundy, or white.

While formal dress uniform is to be worn on Friday, formal dress uniforms may be worn on any day.

EdVentures (Field Trips) attire will be determined by instructor based upon the event.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

2023-2024



PRESCHOOL – 8TH GRADE BOYS UNIFORM

EVERYDAY WEAR	PRE – 4TH GRADE	5TH – 8TH GRADE
Top	Grey, white, light blue, or burgundy polo with VRA logo	Grey, white, light blue, or burgundy polo with VRA logo
Bottom	Grey, khaki or navy pants shorts	Grey, khaki or navy pants shorts
Shoes/Socks	Must be predominately grey, white, burgundy, black, navy	Must be predominately grey, white, burgundy, black, navy
Outerwear	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo fleece jacket	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo fleece jacket

FORMAL FRIDAYS	PRE – 4TH GRADE	5TH – 8TH GRADE
Top	White or blue oxford shirt with VRA logo	White or blue oxford shirt with VRA logo
Bottom	Charcoal grey dress pants	Charcoal grey dress pants
Shoes/Socks	Black shoes, navy or white socks	Black shoes, navy or white socks
Outerwear	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo v-neck, full-zip, or vest sweater	Grey, navy, or burgundy VRA logo zip or v-neck sweater, blazer
Accessories	Black belt (grades 3&4), plaid tie or bowtie	Black belt, plaid tie or bowtie

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Tommy Hilfiger ties and bowties are available for purchase only in the VRA office.

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