

Vineland Public Schools
School Uniform Policy – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the uniform options?

- **Black or Khaki pants**, in a solid, single color. Pants may be pleated or flat in front, should be full length, appropriately fastened and sit appropriately at the waist. Pants may be made of cotton, canvas, corduroy, linen, polyester or twill.
- **Belts** are optional, but if worn they must be black or brown.
- **Skirts and jumpers** may be khaki or black, in a solid, single color. They must be at least mid-thigh in length.
- **Shorts and capri's** may be in khaki or black, in a solid, single color. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length.
- **Tops** may be white, black or red collared shirts in a solid, single color. Tops may be long or short sleeved. (Sleeveless collared shirts will be acceptable during warmer weather – September and June.) Tops may be worn either tucked inside pants or on the outside, as long as they are appropriately sized and fitted. No sheer shirts are permitted - no clothing that is either revealing or provocative. Clothing must be clean and not ragged, ripped, frayed or contain holes.
- **Undershirts and tank tops** may be white, black or red and may only be worn under appropriate tops.
- **Cardigans and sweaters** may be white, black or red in a single, solid color. All must be worn over a collared shirt.
- **Footwear** includes athletic shoes, loafers, boots, dress shoes, or other closed toed/closed heel shoes.
- Vineland Public School logos are permitted on all attire and are not limited in size.

Is there any other acceptable attire?

- Appropriate Vineland athletic attire, as well as school and club/activity shirts may be worn on Friday's.
- Board approved nationally recognized youth organization attire, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, will be acceptable on the days of scheduled meetings by the organizations.
- ROTC polo shirts are acceptable attire on the days when the cadets are not in their ROTC uniform.
- Physical Education classes will follow the present requirements for appropriate attire.

What types of clothing are NOT allowed?

- Jeans, low cut pants, low ride pants, sagging slacks or pants, sweat pants and jean shorts are not allowed. Jeggings, tights or leggings are allowed ONLY if worn under appropriate attire.
- Hooded sweaters, hooded sweatshirts or hooded cardigans are not allowed.
- Oversized shirts and collarless shirts are not allowed.

- Hats, caps, bandanas, hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, hair nets, sweat bands, skull caps, and other similar clothing or grooming items shall not be worn at school.
*NOTE: for enforcement purposes, headwear worn as legitimate religious attire (as determined by the Board of Education) may be considered as an exception.
- Insignia on outerwear not related to the school or to the District is prohibited, including but not limited to professional sports teams and college insignia.
- No logos are permitted on attire that is larger than an inch and a half in measurement.
- No sheer shirts are permitted.
- Students may not wear clothing that is either revealing or provocative.
- Students are prohibited from wearing attire that may be considered weapons, such as chain belts, wallet chains, or other similar attire.
- All apparel must be clean and not ragged, ripped, frayed or contain holes.

Are the Pre Schools following the policy?

- Yes, all preschools - both in District and provider schools - will be wearing uniforms as of the 2017-18 school year.

Who determines whether a student is appropriately dressed?

- Whether or not a student is dressed appropriately or properly groomed shall be left to the discretion of the principal or their designee.

What about students with religious attire?

- Students complaints regarding appropriate attire and grooming for religious and/or philosophical reasons shall follow the complaint procedures outlined in Vineland Public Schools Policy and Procedures.

Are there any other restrictions on outerwear?

- No other restrictions, but they must be left in the locker upon entering school.

Will staff have to follow the policy?

- Staff will not be mandated to follow the policy at present, although many have said they are going to do so.

Are cargo pants okay?

- Yes, as long as they are in black or khaki.

Will elementary school children be allowed to wear gym/play clothes on the day they have gym class?

- Since elementary students do not change for gym, they will wear their school uniform during the gym time.

Are fashion scarves allowed?

- Yes.

Is there a restriction on jewelry?

- The guidelines for wearing jewelry have not changed.

What if a student/family needs financial support to attain a uniform?

- Parents must submit a written request to the school for assistance.
- The School Affective Team will confirm the need for assistance and have the **Uniform Assistance Request** form completed with parent input.
- The **Uniform Assistance Request** form will be given to the principal for final approval.
- If approved, the school will process a purchase order.
- When the purchase order is approved, the school will order the items and notify the parents when the items are ready for pick up at the school.
- The school will forward a copy of the **Uniform Assistance Request** to the Office of the Assistant Business Administrator.

What happens if a student violates the dress code?

Dress Code Violations and Consequences:

First Offense: Verbal Warning/Written Warning

Second Offense: 1 day Lunch/Administrative Detention/Parent Conference

Third Offense: 2 days Lunch/Admin Detention/Parent Conference

Failure to attend detention may result in further disciplinary actions based on the code of conduct.

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