



K- 5 Mandatory Uniform Dress Policy Guidelines

J.L. Lomax, Pinevale, Sallas Mahone, S.L. Mason and W.G. Nunn Elementary Schools will implement the K-5 Mandatory Uniform Dress policy. Valdosta City Schools requires students to wear solid white, gray, yellow or black collared shirts and khaki or black bottoms. Jeans/denim will not be allowed. Shorts, skirts/skort, dresses/rompers are allowed, but all uniforms shall adhere to current dress code standards as it relates to length, condition, etc. Students will be allowed to have special dress down days or spirit days. These special occasions will be declared by the school's administration. On these days, all students will be required to adhere to current dress code standards.

Girls Uniforms

- Solid white, gray, yellow or black tops with sleeves and a collar, tucked in at the waist (not bloused).
- Khaki or black pants, skirts/skort, Bermuda shorts, culottes, dresses/rompers. No denim or jeans. (Belts are optional)

Boys Uniforms

- Solid white, gray, yellow or black tops with sleeves and a collar, tucked in at the waist.
- Khaki or black pants or shorts. No denim or jeans. (Belts are optional)

Logos that are manufactured on apparel are permitted. Example: SMALL Polo horse, Nike check, Under Armor, Izod, etc. The oversized Polo logos are **not permitted**. Valdosta City Schools' marks/brands embroidered or heat sealed to garments will be permitted. All other monograms are not permitted.

Consequence Provisions:

- No student shall be considered non-compliant with this policy in the following instances:
 - When non-compliance derives from financial hardship.
 - When a student wears the uniform of nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days.
 - When the school's administration authorizes a special dress day or if student wears a school spirit shirt on a special dress day.

Appropriate Consequences for non-compliance:

- If a student is not following the Uniform Dress Policy, the classroom teacher or designee will contact the parent to ascertain the reason for the non-compliance. If the classroom teacher determines that the issue is one that warrants the involvement of an administrator, then that teacher may refer the concern to the school's administration.

First offense: The principal or designee will review the policy with the parent to make sure that they clearly understand the policy expectations and give the parent the option of bringing the student the appropriate uniform attire.

Second offense: The principal or designee will notify the parent to bring the student appropriate uniform attire.

Third offense: The principal or designee will inform the parent that the student will be assigned to ISS until appropriate uniform attire is brought to the school.

Please note, further offenses of non-compliance will result in the Progressive Discipline plan being followed, resulting in either more days of ISS or out of school suspension.



Valdosta City Schools PreK – 12th Grade Dress & Grooming Code

Clothing and accessories that materially interfere with the work of the school or impinge upon the rights of other students are prohibited. Apparel or appearance that tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to a learning situation must be avoided. The school administration is authorized to determine what constitutes appropriate or inappropriate dress for the school setting. The principal is authorized to require or allow adjustments to this code on a case-by-case basis. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal shall prevail. Questions regarding the dress code should be addressed with a school administrator, who may take into consideration the student purpose in wearing the item and/or the reaction of other students.

Prohibited items and practices include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Any tattoo, hair style, hair color, clothing, inappropriately worn clothing, jewelry, or body decoration that interferes with or disrupts any legitimate function of the school;
2. Obviously oversized, over-length, or baggy clothing items (pants must be worn at the waist: no sagging allowed);
3. Garments that expose the midriff or cleavage, see-through or mesh clothing, halter or tank tops, pajamas, sleep or loungewear (shirts, blouses, and dresses must cover the abdomen, cleavage, back and shoulders. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts, with no midriff or cleavage visible while standing, sitting, with arms extended above the head or while bending over);
4. Short shorts and leggings (exceptions may be made by the principal); items of this nature may be worn under acceptable outer clothing of appropriate length as outlined in number 10 below. Any clothing that is immodest, excessively sagging or too short are not permitted. Gym/track/cheerleader shorts are NOT permitted;
5. Hats, caps, and other head apparel may not be worn inside the school building except for religious or medical purposes. This includes combs/picks/curlers;
6. Coats and jackets exceeding fingertip length may not be worn in a building;
7. Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activities;
8. Clothing and accessories such as jewelry, patches, backpacks, and notebooks must not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs, (2) hate speech, (3) gang affiliations or (4) vulgar, obscene, subversive, sexually explicit, implicit or suggestive language or images; nor should they promote products that students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, etc.;
9. Garments, jewelry, body art and tattoos that communicate gang allegiance may not be worn at school, and no item may be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation;
10. Skirts, dresses, or shorts should be an acceptable length (fingertip) in order to avoid any disruption of a normal school day. The final decision of appropriate dress will be made by the principal or his/her designee;
11. Prohibited items include: shoes with wheels (“Wheelies”); large, long or heavy chains; studded or chained accessories; dog collars; baby pacifiers; sunglasses inside the building except for health purposes; skin-tight outer materials such as spandex; and garments with holes above the knee. Articles that may reasonably be considered to be a safety hazard or potential weapon or hazardous object.

STYLES THAT ARE “POPULAR” ARE NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTABLE FOR VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS; therefore, as styles change, so may restrictions. Parents are asked to assist the school by regularly monitoring their student's dress.