

VISION CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

SOME POSITIVE REASONS FOR HAVING THIS DRESS CODE ARE:

- Increased school safety and security
- An improved climate for learning
- Upholding of modesty standards
- Encourages an improvement in student behavior
- To encourage students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging
- Eliminate “label competition”
- More economic/less expensive
- Encourages a high level of program participation

DRESS CODE CLOTHING MUST BE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE (NO EXCESSIVE TIGHTNESS OR BAGGING) AND MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

SHIRT:

- Traditional polo style collared shirt in a solid color (solid color means no secondary color is present on the shirt i.e. no trim or stripes); no see-through white shirts
- No sleeveless shirts; appropriate sleeve length includes short (mid bicep), $\frac{3}{4}$ or longer sleeves
- Shirt must cover midriff (even when arms are raised)
- Quarter size (\$.25) or smaller insignia/label on front of shirt acceptable
- Polo shirt will be required to have all buttons fastened at all times except for the top two buttons
- Solid colored turtlenecks, tanks, and long or short sleeved tees may be worn under solid colored polo shirt for warmth; no writing or secondary color may show on any of these items
- Solid colored sweaters, cardigans, and sweatshirts (no writing, logos or secondary color) may be worn over solid colored polo shirt

SLACKS:

- Solid color; no denim, no stretch or stirrup pants, no sweat pants
- Must be worn at the waistline
- Capri pants are allowed

SHORTS/SKORTS/SKIRTS/JUMPERS

- Solid color; no denim, no sweats or athletic shorts
- Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be worn at the waistline
- Length: skirts, jumpers, shorts, and skorts must be to the top of knee or longer

SOCKS/SHOES:

- No roller shoes allowed; shoe heels should not exceed two inches for safety reasons; sandals are acceptable, weather permitting; no backless sandals/shoes allowed-includes clogs, flip flops, etc.; shoes must be conducive to all school activities
- Tennis shoes must be worn on P.E. days

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

1. Students should have a neat, clean and well groomed appearance.
2. Clothing should not be ripped, torn, shredded, or have obvious holes.
3. All tattoos must be covered.
4. Hair should be well groomed and appropriate for a learning/business setting. Hair should be natural in color. Girl's and boy's hair should never be a distraction to the learning environment.
5. Jewelry is to be in moderation and not a safety concern or distraction to the learning environment.
6. Clothing must not be overly tight or bagging, or revealing in any way.
7. Underwear or undergarments are not to be visible on either upper or lower parts of the body.
8. No hats, hoods, scarves, or non-religious head covering of any kind are allowed to be worn while inside the school buildings. However, hats, visors, or other acceptable head coverings will be allowed outside to protect from cold and the sun.
9. No trench coats allowed.
10. Clothing or any item brought to school, such as outer wear, back packs, lunch boxes, notebooks, jewelry, and hair pieces, may not have any insignias, patterns, graphics, writing or messages that are obscene or relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, any illegal activity, or any sexual innuendos.
11. Gang attire of any kind is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, garments that are suggestive, colors, bandanas, or belts that have gang symbols or innuendos on them.
12. Any attire, grooming practice, makeup, or possession that disrupts the educational atmosphere will not be allowed.
13. Special days that would not adhere to certain portions of this dress code may be allowed with the permission of the school administrator and announced in advance.
14. The school administrator holds the right to determine if any apparel, jewelry, grooming practice, or other item is not appropriate for Vision Charter School based on a distraction to the learning environment or a safety concern.