



Village Green Basic Rules of Conduct

The Basic Rules of Conduct outline the expectations for student behavior at VGCS and in all public schools. These rules are designed to promote a safe, respectful, and successful school experience for everyone, students, teachers, administrators, parents, and guests.

Breaking any of the Basic Rules of Conduct may result in a range of consequences, including conferences with teachers and/or administrators, phone calls or letters home, parent meetings, suspensions, financial restitution, detention, or participation in Restorative Justice Circles. In more serious cases, consequences may include placement in an alternative behavioral school, police involvement, or School Board exclusion from VGCS for 11 to 180 days. Students who violate the rules may also lose access to special events and privileges. Ultimately, disruptive behavior interferes with learning and jeopardizes both personal growth and academic success.

Village Green Charter School has a strict zero-tolerance policy for the following behaviors:

1. Possession of weapons (even replicas), drugs, alcohol, vaping or vaping devices, or other illegal or dangerous items, as well as stealing of any kind.
2. Fighting, acts of physical violence, threats, or aggressive behavior that brings anger or hostility into our school culture.
3. Disrespect of faculty, staff, or administration, including the use of foul or inappropriate language, gestures, or actions, as well as failure to follow directions. Adults are here to support students and should not be ignored, spoken to inappropriately, or challenged disrespectfully. All staff decisions are made in the best interests of students.
4. Vandalism, graffiti, or any destruction of school property, equipment, or the physical building.
5. Bullying of any kind, whether online or in person. This includes using a cell phone or social media to take pictures, record videos, broadcast, stream, or post hurtful or inappropriate content about others. Such behavior is harmful, disrespectful, and permanent once online.
6. Cell phones must be turned off and placed in the designated collection bin upon entering each classroom. Phones are not a positive influence in school, as they disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Listening to music while engaged in instruction is also not allowed. The school may confiscate phones from students who abuse this privilege; in extreme cases, phones will only be returned to a parent after an in-person meeting. VGCS is not responsible for lost or stolen phones. To further support a distraction-free environment, parents should not text their children during the school day.
7. Being out of uniform. The uniform policy is simple: students must wear the required VGCS logo shirt and khaki-colored bottoms only. The following items are not permitted: shorts, skirts, denim, sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, hats, non-VGCS logo garments, or coats worn inside the building. Birthdays are not an exemption, and the policy is enforced with a strict “no excuses” approach. Coats and jackets may only be worn when entering or leaving the building. Officially designated “Dress Down Days” are the only exceptions to the uniform rule.
8. Lateness and Unauthorized Movement. It is unacceptable for students to arrive late to class or to go to different locations within the building without prior permission and approval from a teacher or administrator. This behavior is considered a safety issue and disrupts the learning environment for others. All students are expected to arrive to class on time and remain in their assigned location unless given explicit authorization to move elsewhere.
9. Not using the badge/ID card system to enter the building and record attendance. Lost or damaged badge/ID cards or RIPTA bus passes must be replaced at a cost of \$5.00 each.
10. Eating food or drinking outside of the café is not allowed in order to protect school technology and maintain a clean, pest-free environment. Students should not arrive late to school carrying food or beverages.
11. Backpacks are not needed during the school day at VGCS. Backpacks can be used to bring contraband into school and used to hide items being stolen from the school. Limited hooks for backpacks are in the front foyer.

Student Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the **VGCS Basic Rules of Conduct**. I agree to follow these rules and understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____