



VGV Basic Rules of Conduct

The *Basic Rules of Conduct* are the obvious and well-known rules which govern student behavior at VGV and public schools. Each of these *Basic Rules of Conduct* exists in order to promote a peaceful and successful school experience for all; students, teachers, administrators, parents and guests.

Breaking any of these *Basic Rules of Conduct* can result in any of these: conference with teachers, a conference with administration, a conference with teachers and administration, phone calls and letters home to parents, meetings and conferences with parents, suspensions, financial restitution, before or after school detention, Restorative Justice Circles, being sent to a behavioral school such as Ocean Tides, police involvement or School Board exclusion from school for eleven to one hundred and eighty days. Special events and privileges are not guaranteed if you are a rule breaker. Acquiring skills and being proficient in one's studies is jeopardized when VGV tolerates bad behaviors.

These are the basic things which we have **a zero-tolerance policy** against:

1. Possession of weapons (even replica), drugs, alcohol or other illegal or dangerous items and stealing of any kind
2. Fighting or bringing violence, threats and anger to our school culture
3. Disrespect of faculty, staff or administration by using foul or inappropriate language and actions
4. Vandalism or destruction of school property or the school physical plant
5. Not following the directions of faculty, staff or administration. The adults are here to help students and should not be abused or talked back to at any time. We always make decisions in kid's best interests
6. Bullying of any kind; on-line or in person. Using a cell phone to take pictures/videos/broadcasting or streaming at school or using social media to say bad things or make fun of someone is wrong, hurtful and is on-line forever
7. Cell phones; turn them off and put them in the holders as your teachers direct. Phones are not a positive influence in school as they hurt the teaching and learning environment. The school can confiscate phones from students who abuse the privilege of having a cell phone. In extreme cases the phone will be confiscated and only turned over to a parent after they have come into school for a conversation. VGV is not responsible for lost or stolen phones. We do not want to phones to interfere with school. Cell phones in school hurt learning. Parents should not call or text students during the day. Social media drama caused by cell phones hurt the teaching and learning.
8. Being out of uniform; the uniform policy is simple. **VGX logo shirt and khaki colored bottoms only.** There are no denims, sweat-pants, yoga pants, leggings, hats, non VGV logo garments or coats allowed. Birthdays are not exempt. There is a "no excuses" policy towards being out of uniform. Coats and jackets are worn when entering or leaving the building only. Official "Dress Down Days" are the exception to the uniform rule.
9. Not using the badge/ID card system to badge into school and to take attendance. Replacements are \$5.00 each
10. Eating food outside of the café is not allowed as our technology is expensive equipment and we do not want rodents and insects in the school. The school will be neater and cleaner. Do not arrive late to school with food or drink.
11. Backpacks are not needed; VGV is virtual school and backpacks can be used to bring contraband in to school and then can be used to hide items being stolen from us. Limited hooks for backpacks are in the front foyer.
12. Texting and listening to music while engaged in teaching and learning is not allowed. Parents should not text students during the day either. If you are a student, turn the phones off and hand them in.