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## Online Dress Policy for Grades K-8

### Student Uniform Dress Policy (K-5)

#### I. Purpose and Philosophy

- a. Valley Academy has chosen to adopt a uniform dress code in order to create a positive atmosphere where students can feel safe and comfortable. Uniforms minimize visual socioeconomic differences between students and create an environment where clothing and fashion are not a distraction to the daily educational process.
- b. When learning online Valley Academy still feels it is important that elementary students stay within the uniform dress policy whenever they are streaming live into the classroom. This appearance should be just as if he/she is inside the classroom in person.

#### II. Policy

Students are required to wear the Valley Academy uniform daily while attending Valley Online School (VOS) when streaming digitally live inside to the classroom. Dress code violations will be addressed with parents as needed.

#### III. Special Accommodations

- a. Accommodations regarding the dress code may be made for students and families who have the following challenges.
  - i. Are financially unable to provide the uniform. They may meet with a school administrator to discuss the options available.
  - ii. Medical reasons. A doctor's note to the school administrator explaining the necessary modifications to the Dress Code and the length of time the modification must be held will be necessary
  - iii. Items of clothing or jewelry that have previously been identified for religious reasons.
- b. Valley Academy administration reserves the right to be the ultimate authority in deciding what constitutes appropriate school attire.

#### IV. Procedure of Policy

- a. Uniforms will be plain, simple, and conservative. All clothing worn during online school hours must be solid colors; no prints, patterns, or logos are allowed, except for clothing with the school logo.
- b. Embellishments on the clothing, such as large buttons, buckles, zippers, ruffles, lace, or emblems are not allowed.
- c. Clothing should fit properly, not baggy, saggy, or skin-tight. Clothes should be clean and

in good repair, not washed out or worn out. Holes and patches are not allowed.

- d. Tops
  - i. Acceptable tops are polo-style shirts in any solid color and polo-style dresses in either short or long sleeves. No logos are allowed on tops except for the school logo. Dress shirts that button and have a collar are acceptable.
  - ii. Layering of shirts under the polo is allowed, in short or long sleeves. Long sleeve undershirts must match in color and must not have any logo showing.
  - iii. Long-sleeved sweaters, cardigans, and jackets with a zipper are acceptable in any solid color with school-approved shirts underneath. No logos, except the school logo, are allowed on sweaters, cardigans, or jackets worn inside the building. Hoods and hats are not allowed to be pulled over the head during online school.
- e. Bottoms
  - i. All pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers must be solid khaki (tan) or navy in color. These are the only two acceptable colors for uniform bottoms. Polo-style dresses may still be in any color.
  - ii. Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee in length.
  - iii. All bottoms must fit properly. The following are not allowed as a part of the normal daily uniform: athletic wear, jeans/denim, sweatpants, or stretch pants.

### **Student Dress Code Policy (6-8)**

Middle School will follow the K-5 Uniform Policy with the following exceptions:

**Bottoms** - In addition to khaki and navy pants – students can wear dark, solid-colored pants or denim jeans. The jeans must not have holes or rips. Shorts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knees in length. Leggings are ok if worn as an undergarment.

**Tops** - any sleeved shirt that has school appropriate content. No midriffs or altered shirts.

**Shoes** - If seen during online school, shoes must be school appropriate.

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