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Uniform Policy (K-5)

I. Purpose and Philosophy

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.

II. Policy

Students are required to wear the Valley Academy uniform daily while on school property during normal school hours, during after-school activities and on all field trips, unless otherwise specified. Dress code violations will be addressed with parents.

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. This policy applies to all learning environments, including online.
- b. Uniforms will be plain, simple, and conservative. All clothing worn during school hours must be solid colors; no prints, patterns, or logos are allowed, except for the school logo clothing.
- c. Clothing should fit properly and should be clean and in good condition.
- d. **Tops**
 - i. Acceptable tops are Valley Academy spirit shirts or 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.
- ii. Long sleeve undershirts must be a solid color.
- iii. Any outerwear that has school-appropriate content is permitted. Hoods are not allowed to be pulled over the head inside the buildings.
- e. **Bottoms**
 - i. All pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers may be any solid color. Jeans/denim are allowed, but they must not have holes, tears, or rips.
 - 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, sweatpants, pajama pants, leggings, or jeggings.
 - iv. Children will be active throughout the day, therefore, if skirts, jumpers, and dresses do not have built-in shorts, appropriate apparel must be worn underneath.
- f. **Shoes and Socks**
 - i. Shoes must have a closed toe and back.
 - ii. Wheels are not allowed.
 - iii. Any color of socks is allowed but must be worn under the pants.
- g. Valley Academy administration reserves the right to be the ultimate authority in deciding what constitutes appropriate school attire.