

Dress Code

Vanguard Classical School follows a dress code that is conducive to learning as well as manageable to enforce by the Vanguard educational team. Research indicates that a uniform dress code minimizes peer pressure, improves the appearance of the student body, and reinforces an academic atmosphere (Manual on School Uniforms, U.S. Department of Education). Additionally, the dress code facilitates the overall security of the school since visitors are readily identifiable by the Vanguard educational team.

Enrollment at Vanguard Classical School constitutes acceptance of this policy, agreement to adhere to and support the policy, and acknowledgement of discipline for noncompliance as set forth in the Vanguard Discipline Code. The final decision as to the safety or unsuitability of the clothing, hair, or jewelry will be determined by the Leadership Team of the school.

Please note that school colors include navy blue, maroon, and white.

DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS

	You may wear...	Included but not limited to, students may NOT wear the following...
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dress code appropriate top and bottom must be worn at all times • Clothing must be worn such that undergarments are not visible at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything with rips, holes, tears, fringes, or unfinished edges • Any clothing item that is faded to the point where the color differs from the intended color • Excessively tight or baggy clothing • Jackets, coats, parkas, ponchos of any kind in the instructional environment • Any bottoms that do not fit well at the waist • Any clothing that is intended to show undergarments • Any clothing, jewelry, or style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang • Apparel advertising/depicting alcohol, tobacco products, illegal/controlled substances, and/or offensives sayings or innuendo • Permanent tattoos worn uncovered • Drawing on the skin with any writing utensils
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A solid color polo shirt in navy, burgundy, white or cream, plain or with Vanguard logo or approved Vanguard text; • An opaque button up dress shirt • Undershirts of a solid color in black, dark blue, gray, tan, or school colors • Any approved VCS shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V-neck or Tank Tops • Shirts with patterns on them • Shirts with other logos or non-approved Vanguard text • Tops with embellishments including beads, rhinestones, and bedazzling • Logos other than the Vanguard logos
Sweatshirts and Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A solid color sweater, sweatshirt, or hoodie in black, gray, or school colors (maroon, navy/dark blue, khaki/tan, white) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outerwear of any kind including rain coats, winter coats, windbreakers, fleece jackets, and other coats
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored pants in dark blue, black, or khaki • Solid colored skirts, shorts, skorts, or jumpers in dark blue, black, khaki, or school colors that are within 3” of the knee when standing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings or athletic pants as the sole bottom • Sweatpants • Overalls • Bottoms with patterns on them • Bottoms with embellishments, including beads, rhinestones, and bedazzling

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms must fit well at the waist and remain there when walking • Bottoms must be loose enough that they move at the knee when walking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cargo pockets on bottoms or pockets that are below the waist level • Athletic shorts underneath pants that become visible when moving or standing • Jeans or denim • Joggers...with drawstring waist and elastic ankles
Socks and Hosiery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks of any solid color or pattern • Leggings or tights worn underneath dress code appropriate bottoms must be in good repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks with pants tucked into them
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close-toed shoes in any color including athletic shoes, close-toed flats, and boots • Shoes must be worn at all times • Shoes must be a matched pair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandals of any kind • High-heeled shoes with more than 1 1/2" heels • Shoes with bells or other distracting adornments • Slippers or other shoes not intended to be worn outside • Snow boots worn indoors • "Boots" that are made with slipper material and have a slipper bottom • Boots that come above the knee are prohibited
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piercings or earrings in the ear that are no larger than a quarter • A single nose stud or ring in the side of the nose (ring must not exceed 16 gauge in size) • Ties in solid colors or patterns worn properly at the neck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible piercings anywhere (except the ears and nostrils) including lip, tongue, eyebrow, and septum • Distracting makeup and/or nails • Scarves • Ties in distracting patterns or with licensed characters or symbols • Sunglasses worn indoors • Animal chains/collars or tails • Unnatural colored contacts
Headwear and Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious head coverings of any color/pattern • Barrettes, hair ties, and headbands worn in the hair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats of any kind including athletic/baseball caps, berets, winter hats, trilbies, or fedoras • Athletic type headbands • Bandanas • Head coverings other than religious headgear

The Leadership Team reserves the right to determine if items are acceptable or not.

Students may NOT be out of dress code at any point during the school day.

There is an exception for physical education classes. Students may change out for 9-12 PE classes into clothing that is designed for athletic wear and is approved by their PE teacher no more than five (5) minutes before the class begins. The student must change back into appropriate dress code attire no more than five (5) minutes after the class ends. Failure to comply will result in a dress code consequence being issued.

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in staff members issuing consequences.

Students may also receive consequences for refusing a reasonable request from a staff member if a student does not correct an "easy fix" in a timely manner (e.g. one-two minutes). In the first week of classes in the first semester, students will receive verbal warnings to correct dress code violations. Persistent violation of dress code in that week will be addressed with the parent(s)/guardian(s).