

## ***DRESS CODE***

Parents and guardians have major responsibility for their student's appearance and have an obligation not only to provide clothing, but also to guide the student's selection in proper wearing apparel and determine its suitability. Parents or guardians should see that students are dressed appropriately for the school environment prior to leaving home. Parents or guardians of students inappropriately attired will be notified and a request will be made to bring their student proper clothing to school. By signing and returning the *Receipt of Information*, the student accepts the responsibility of adhering to the dress code as a condition of enrollment at Valley Vista.

1. Students are encouraged to wear clean neat clothing that is in good repair and to be groomed appropriately for the classroom environment.
2. Valley Vista High School prohibits any attire that is disruptive to the educational process.
3. Students are encouraged to dress in an appropriate manner. Any clothing that is sexually suggestive, provocative, revealing and promotes lewd or vulgar behavior is disruptive to the learning environment. Valley Vista High School prohibits clothing, which shows or conveys messages of a sexual tone, including but not limited to obscene symbols, signs or slogans. Examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to:
  - ❖ *Bare midriff shirts;*
  - ❖ *Short-shorts or skirts less than mid-thigh length or shorter than end of fingertips when arms are resting on sides of thighs;*
  - ❖ *Halter tops/off-the-shoulder tops/scooped-back tanks/net tops/camisoles/lingerie;*
  - ❖ *Swim wear, tube tops, see-through, strapless tops, backless tops;*
  - ❖ *Clothing which allows underwear or portions of the anatomy to be inappropriately exposed (plunging necklines, front, back or sides, spaghetti string straps, tank tops with straps less than 2" wide, cut up clothing, racer body shirts, etc.);*
  - ❖ *Underwear worn as outer wear;*
  - ❖ *Muscle shirts;*
  - ❖ *Pajamas.*
4. Students are encouraged to dress in a safe manner:
  - ❖ *Valley Vista High School prohibits clothing that is unsafe, dangerous or hazardous to health, including but not limited to spikes and chains on jewelry, belts or any article of clothing deemed unsafe;*
  - ❖ *Facial piercing/jewelry is permitted on a limited basis;*
  - ❖ *Rings or jewelry that can inflict bodily harm to self or others;*
  - ❖ *hoop earrings that are two fingers wide in size are prohibited;*
  - ❖ *Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times (socks or sock-like footwear and slippers are not allowed).*
5. Students are encouraged to be tolerant of others. Clothing which carries a message of intolerance or is demeaning of other students leads to conflict and is disruptive of the learning environment: ❖ *Valley Vista High School prohibits any attire that contain words or symbols which degrade gender, culture, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic values.*
6. Students are encouraged to develop healthy life styles: ❖ *Valley Vista High School prohibits clothing and jewelry that advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, any illegal substances, or depicts illegal acts, weapons or promotes violence.*
7. Valley Vista High School prohibits gang-related clothing styles. Any combination of clothing that **upon guidance of law enforcement agencies** is considered gang related. Due to changing trends in gang attire, clothing, jewelry, accessories and grooming styles, **restrictions may change as necessary**. Notice of changes will be posted on the student bulletin board in the quad or in the office as soon as it is reasonably possible.
  - ❖ *Student backpacks, purses, notebooks, folders or other carrying bags may not display gang graffiti, obscene symbols, signs, slogans, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or degrading items;*
  - ❖ *Baggy or oversized clothing capable of concealing weapons—measured 6 inches from thigh to edge of pants—no frayed cuffs dragging on the ground;*
  - ❖ *Head coverings such as hats, hooded sweatshirts with hood worn up, visors, bandannas, “do” rags, caps, hair nets and scarves (except for medical or religious reasons);*
  - ❖ *All hats worn to school must be given to office personnel at the start of day and be picked up at the end of the day;*
  - ❖ *Shorts when worn with socks touching the bottom hem of the shorts;*
  - ❖ *Any professional or collegiate sports team jersey, jackets, warm-up gear or other apparel;*
  - ❖ *Web, untied or dangling belts;*
  - ❖ *Visible tattoos: gang, prison, disruptive or obscene;*
  - ❖ *Monikers or other gang markings;*
  - ❖ *Spikes or chains on any article of clothing;*
  - ❖ *Pant legs longer than the top of the shoes or shorts longer than the top of the knee;*
  - ❖ *Jewelry/belt buckles with gang symbols or initials other than your own;*
  - ❖ *No sagging pants or shorts (must be worn above the hips);*
  - ❖ *Old English lettering;*
  - ❖ *Steel toed shoes or boots.*