

Vista Ridge Academy Student Dress Code 2019-2020

PHILOSOPHY AND GENERAL STATEMENT

Vista Ridge Academy believes that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to work closely with the school to insure student's adherence to these standards. Parents/Guardians will be serving the welfare of our students and help us as educators by emphasizing standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, and modesty in dress and grooming. Because of differences in individual body size and maturity, the same garment may fit two different people in two very different ways so we encourage parents to be aware of the fit of garments for your individual student. It is our desire to encourage each student to be Christ-centered, choosing a manner of dress that would be modest, neat, and bring glory to God rather than to the wearer. The Dress Code is in effect for all students while attending school functions or school sponsored activities on or off school property. Exceptions to the dress code for certain school-related events are determined by administration and families will be notified of occasions when exceptions to the normal dress code apply.

While it is inevitable that there may be a difference of opinion regarding the appropriateness of clothing, grooming, and/or determining whether or not a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, final determination will be made by the school administration. **Any student who does not comply with the dress code will be removed from the regular school setting until a parent can provide proper attire or items are loaned or purchased from our used uniform rack.**

GENERAL STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED:

Hair must be combed, neat, clean, and a natural hair color. Unconventional hairstyles that are considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited. For further clarification on what is unconventional or an unnatural hair color, please consult with administration.

Clothing worn for events that are exceptions to the uniform dress code (i.e. Dress Down or Spirit Days) should align with our core values and not include inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory (referencing alcoholic beverages, profanity, sex, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation, satanic themes, promoting violence, etc.). Certain colored items of clothing (shirts, hair decorations, shoe laces, etc.) may be prohibited at the discretion of the Administration. Shirts should be worn that cover the shoulders. Halter tops, exposed midribs, strapless and/or low cut tops, exposed backs, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, and tanks with oversized armholes are not permitted. Undergarments shall not be visible or exposed.

Appropriate footwear is required. Footwear with toes and/or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is prohibited. Sandals and light-up shoes are prohibited (no open toes, sling back or spike heels). Footwear with wheels or characters is prohibited. Rain or snow boots may be worn on rainy or snowy days for outside play only (regular shoes should be worn inside). Rain/Snow boots shall not be worn in the gym. Rules regarding footwear for special events may be modified at the discretion of the campus administrator.

Pants shall be worn securely at the waist. Sagging is prohibited. Bicycle shorts, gym shorts (other than approved PE uniform gym shorts for PE class), form fitting and skin-tight shorts or pants of spandex or other similar materials may not be worn as pants alone.

Campus Administration will determine appropriate length, but in general, skirts, dresses, jumpers, skorts, and shorts (including boys' shorts) should fall no shorter than 2" from the knee. Excessively high slits in skirts will not be permitted. Black bicycle shorts or tights must be worn under dresses, skirts, and jumpers for modesty. Black leggings may be worn by girls in Preschool – 6th grade in lieu of tights under skirts, dresses, or jumpers for warmth and/or modesty.

If needed for warmth, fleece jackets, cardigans, sweaters, and sweater vests that are worn in school must be uniform pieces purchased through Land's End or our used uniform supply and must contain the Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo. Other jackets, hats, and gloves may be worn in the gym or outside at recess only.

Any apparel or attire that is considered to be inappropriate, distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment or is considered a safety concern is prohibited. Hats, caps, or other head apparel are not permitted. "Hoodies" (sweatshirts and jackets with hoods) may only be worn inside on Dress-Down or Spirit Days and as approved by administration. Visible tattoos and similar body painting(s) are prohibited or must be covered at all times. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn indoors. Nails or nail polish should not be distracting. Jewelry is limited to conservative single-lobed stud earrings and medical bracelets. Jewelry is not to be worn during after school sport programs or games. Watches with audible alarms/notifications need to be silenced. Vista Ridge Academy is not responsible for loss or injury due to accessories.

A review of dress and grooming policies will be made periodically and changes will be made as needed.

School Uniforms

Uniforms must be clean and free of extreme wear, holes, and stains. Uniform tights, socks, leggings, and other hosiery must be clean and free of holes and runs. While Formal Dress uniform is to be worn on Friday, Formal Dress uniforms may be worn on any day. Field Trip attire will be determined by instructor based upon the event.

All school uniform attire must be purchased from Land's End (landsend.com) or the used uniform supply on campus with the exception of shoes, black belt, black bike shorts, socks, hosiery for girls, undershirts, tights, or black leggings and non-marking sole shoes.

Vista Ridge Academy has three uniform (3) categories:

1. **STANDARD**
2. **FORMAL**
3. **PE**

VRA GIRLS' STANDARD UNIFORM (must be worn every day except Friday)

SHIRTS

All items must have Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo sewn at left chest over heart:

- Land's End long or short sleeve polo (burgundy, grey, or white)
- Land's End fleece jacket (burgundy or gray) may be worn over polo or oxford for warmth
- Land's End uniform sweater (burgundy or gray) may be worn over polo or oxford
- Land's End uniform white turtleneck with Vista Ridge Academy (VRA) embroidered eagle monogram on collar may be worn only as an undergarment layer (not to be worn alone).

PANTS

- Land's End khaki or grey chino or blend pants
- Land's End uniform dress pants (grey)

SHORTS

Shorts may be worn before the time change in the fall and after the time change in the spring and must fall no shorter than 2" from the top of the knee

- Land's End Uniforms' chino or blend shorts (khaki or grey)

SKORTS/SKIRTS, DRESSES, OR JUMPER

Must fall no shorter than 2" of the top of the knee and ladies must wear black bicycle shorts or tights under dresses, skirts, and jumpers

- Land's End uniforms skirt (grey or khaki)
- Land's End uniform dress (grey) – VRA logo required over left chest
- Land's End uniform jumper (plaid or grey) with collared uniform shirt

HOSIERY

- Black, white, or gray socks, long enough to be visible above shoes and without logos or contrasting trim, must be worn with standard uniform pants/shorts.
- Tights (black, white, grey, or burgundy) may be worn under skirts, skorts, dresses, or jumpers for modesty and/or warmth.

- Solid black, ankle-length leggings may be worn by girls in Preschool – 4th grade in lieu of tights for modesty and/or warmth. Black leggings must not have any design or contrasting color or pattern.
- Solid white (bobbie or knee-hi) socks worn with skirts, dresses, or jumpers must be long enough to be visible above shoes and must have no contrasting trim or contrasting designs.

SHOES

- Black, Burgundy, Grey, or White tennis shoes with white, brown, tan or grey trim may be worn on standard uniform days. They may not have other contrasting trim or characters of any kind.
- Shoes with heels no higher than 2" (no open toes, sling back or spike)
- Black boots or black Uggs-type boots (no open toes, sling back or spike heels)

ACCESSORIES

- Black belt with a simple buckle
- Burgundy, black, grey and/or white hair accessories (no other colors allowed)

VRA GIRLS' FORMAL UNIFORM (must be worn on Fridays and for special events)

BLOUSES

All items must have Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo sewn at left chest over heart:

- (white only, ruffled or plain front)
- Land's End Uniforms' burgundy or gray sweater with logo over a white oxford uniform shirt
- Burgundy grey plaid ties may be worn with white oxford shirt

SKIRTS OR JUMPERS

Formal dress skirts or jumpers must be burgundy plaid (no khaki or grey for formal dress) and must reach within 2" of the top of the knee.

- Land's End skirt or jumper (in burgundy plaid)

HOSIERY/SOCKS

- Solid white (bobbie or knee-hi) socks must be long enough to be visible above shoes and have no contrasting trim or contrasting designs
- Solid burgundy, grey, white or black tights (no texture, pattern or contrasting trim) or skin-toned sheer pantyhose with no pattern

SHOES

- Black leather or faux leather shoes (hard or soft soled) must be worn on formal uniform days. Girls' shoes must not be athletic shoes or have contrasting trim or characters of any kind.
- Black leather ballet flats are approved for girls in grades 3-8 and can be worn without socks.
- Black dress boots (no Ugg-style boots on formal days).

ACCESSORIES

- Burgundy, black, grey and/or white hair accessories (no other colors allowed)

VRA BOYS' STANDARD UNIFORM (must be worn every day except Friday)

SHIRTS and SWEATERS

All Items must have Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo sewn at left chest over heart:

- Land's End long or short sleeve polo (burgundy or grey heather)
- Land's End fleece jacket (burgundy or gray) may be worn over polo for warmth
- Land's End uniform sweater (burgundy or gray) may be worn over polo
- Land's End uniforms white turtleneck with Vista Ridge Academy (VRA) embroidered eagle monogram on collar (only as an undergarment layer on cold days – not to be worn alone)

PANTS

- Land's End chino or blend pants (khaki or grey)
- A black belt (or black suspenders) must be worn with all Standard and Formal attire

SHORTS

Shorts may be worn before the time change in the fall and after the time change in the spring and must fall no shorter than 2" from the top of the knee

- Land's End Uniforms' chino or blend shorts (khaki or grey)

SOCKS

- Black, white, or gray socks, long enough to be visible above shoes and without logos or contrasting trim, must be worn with pants/shorts.

SHOES

- Black, Burgundy, Grey, or White tennis shoes with white, brown, tan or grey trim may be worn on standard uniform days. They may not have other contrasting trim or characters of any kind.
- Black leather or faux leather shoes (hard or soft soled)

VRA BOYS' FORMAL UNIFORM (must be worn on Fridays and for special events)

SHIRTS and SWEATERS

All items must have Vista Ridge Academy embroidered logo sewn at left chest over heart:

- Land's End long or short sleeve white oxford uniform shirt
- Land's End uniform sweater (burgundy or gray) may be worn over white uniform oxford shirt

TIES

Ties are required for Formal Dress uniform but may be worn on any day

- Burgundy grey plaid ties must be worn with oxford shirts (should not be worn with polo shirts)

PANTS

- Land's End uniform plain front dress pants (grey)
- A black belt (or black suspenders) must be worn with Formal attire

SOCKS

- Solid black socks, long enough to be visible above shoes and without logos or contrasting trim

SHOES

- Black leather or faux leather shoes (hard or soft soled) must be worn on Formal uniform days. Boys' shoes for Formal uniform must not be athletic shoes or have contrasting trim or characters of any kind.

PE for Preschool – 4th Grade

A PE uniform is not required for students in Preschool – 4th Grade; however, please be advised that non-marking, non-skid shoes must be worn on PE days. Activity and movement will also be easier for girls with the uniform pants/shorts worn on PE days.

VRA PE UNIFORMS (required for Grades 5-8)

Most students have P.E. twice a week. On PE days, **students in grades 5-8** must bring physical education attire and change back into Standard/Formal uniform requirements for that day if required by the class schedule. Approved PE uniforms consist of the following:

- Land's End grey heather or burgundy gym shirt with "Vista Ridge Academy" printed on front or official Vista Ridge Academy t-shirt (i.e. Fun Run, Fall Festival)
- Land's End pewter heather or burgundy crewneck sweatshirt with "Vista Ridge Academy" printed on front
- Land's End mesh gym shorts (burgundy)
- Land's End French terry shorts (grey) – *note: a girl's version is not yet available but girls are permitted to wear the boy's version provided by Land's End*
- Land's End grey or burgundy sweatpants (may be worn over shorts and removed if weather warms)
- Athletic Shoes (without characters and with non-marking or non-skid soles)

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