



VERO CLASSICAL
SCHOOL

Uniform Dress Code & Guidelines

Uniform Shirt

- White, light blue, or navy polos with the school logo.
- Uniforms are available for purchase at School Uniforms of Vero Beach and Dave's Sporting Goods.
- Shirts are tucked in at all times.

VCS Athletic Shirt

- VCS Athletic Shirts are available for purchase only at Dave's Sporting Goods of Vero Beach.
- VCS Athletic Shirt can be worn on Fridays, field trips, and field days.

Shorts/Skorts/Pants

- Khaki or navy shorts, pants, or skorts (girls). Jeans are not permitted.
- Girls in the Grammar School (K-5th) only may wear black, navy or gray leggings under shorts or skorts.
- A belt is worn at all times. Younger students (K/1st) are recommended to use a magnetic belt.
- Shorts/skorts must be a modest length, approximately 2-3 inches above the knee. The school will err on the side of modesty regarding the length of shorts and skorts. Parents and students are expected to honor the judgment of the school when determining length modesty.
- Cargo pockets, rips, or holes (including "styled" rips/holes) are not permitted.

Jackets/Sweaters

- Jackets and sweatshirts embroidered with the school logo are preferred/encouraged but not required.
- If a student does not purchase uniform jackets and sweatshirts, garments brought from home should be solid black, navy, or grey, without any brand names.
- During extreme cold days, additional cold weather wear can be worn during arrival, recess, and dismissal only. Within the building, all clothing must conform to the above.

Shoes

- Tennis shoes are required, as students have recess and PE on a daily basis.
- Boots, Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, "wheelies", or lights are not permitted.
- Socks are to be neutral colors (white, gray, black, navy) and below the knee.

Hair

- Students' hair must be neat, clean, and groomed, with eyes and face visible at all times
- A student's hair should be natural in color.
- Boys' hair should be cut above the collar of their shirt, should not cover their ears, and should be out of their eyes. Boys may not have "mulletts", buns, or ponytails.
- No extreme styles such as Mohawks or with designs shaved into the hair.

Jewelry

- Girls may wear earrings. Boys may not have earrings. No other piercings are permitted.
- Girls' earrings should be simple studs (not dangle) due to daily recess.
- Girls may wear jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, etc.) as long as it is simple, appropriate to the overall dress, and not distracting or excessive. No press-on or artificial nails.
- Makeup (if worn and only permitted for Upper School girls only) should be simple and tasteful.
- Girls may wear simple/flat headbands, bows, and ribbons. No excessive colors or "bedazzled."

The school reserves the right to determine if a student's clothing, shoes, hair style, or accessory is distracting to the learning environment or does not represent the intended professionalism of the school. Updated Fall '26





The following is directly from the VCS Lower School Handbook:

9. STUDENT DRESS CODE

In a separate document titled “Uniform Dress Code and Guidelines,” the school provides important information about Vero Classical’s dress code for students. This includes information about the school’s uniform requirements for regular and chapel days as well as requirements for special events such as field trips.

Most private schools have a dress code. And, most private schools experience conflict with students over the dress code. This is not too dissimilar to the conflicts parents may have in determining what their child can and cannot wear. These conflicts often arise from children having rules and expectations placed on them that they have little say in creating and that feel stifling and burdensome. And yet, most children eagerly wear with pride the uniform of their favorite sports team or the team on which they have earned a place.

In the same way, we hope each Vero Classical student values being a member of our student body and wears the school’s uniform with pride. Being a Vero Classical student is a privilege. As such, we expect our students to know the uniform guidelines and attend to their dress each day so our faculty and staff don’t have to. This keeps our teachers from having to be the “police” and thus allows the student-teacher relationship to flourish.

We recognize that the requirements of a school dress code go against the desire of many students who desire freedom to wear what they want and to express themselves through their dress. While we acknowledge this reality, we also embrace the role that a uniform code of dress provides in helping students become part of a larger entity, the student body of their school. The dress code, when approached properly, can go a long way toward helping students see the virtue of self-denial for the sake of a larger good. Uniforms require a day in and out commitment to a set of requirements that at times may be unwelcome or burdensome. In working through these struggles, children can move in the direction of maturity and even wisdom.

9.1 General Guidelines

- Students must dress in accordance with their biological sex.
- Uniforms, sized appropriately for the wearer, must appear clean and be free of tears and holes upon arrival at school.
- Students must be in compliance with the dress code from the time they exit the car in the morning until they get in the car to go home, unless they are changing for an athletic practice or game.
- Unless stated otherwise by the division directors, students are required to be in the proper uniform for that day (i.e., regular or chapel uniform). On occasions such as Spirit Days or for events such as field trips, modified uniform guidelines will be communicated.
- Uniform items should be labeled with the student’s name. Items left unclaimed at the end of each day will be placed in the lost and found in your child’s building. Items remaining in the lost and found are donated to charity or added to the school used uniform store at the end of each quarter.
- The division directors are the final arbiters of whether a student is in compliance with the dress code.





9.2 Guidelines for Non-Clothing Items (hair, Accessories, etc.)

- Students' hair must be neat, clean, and groomed so their eyes and face are visible at all times.
- If a student's hair is dyed, it must be a natural color,
- Students are not allowed extreme styles such as Mohawks or with designs shaved into the hair.
- Boys are not allowed ponytails or buns and the hair must be above the shoulders.
- Girls may wear earrings but may not have any other visible piercings.
- Girls may wear jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, etc.) as long as it is simple, appropriate to the overall dress, and not distracting or excessive.
- Boys must be clean shaven and may not have earrings or other piercings.
- Makeup (if worn and only permitted with girls) should be simple and tasteful.
- Girls may wear flat headbands, bows, and ribbons.
- Hats are not permitted in classrooms or in buildings on campus.
- Students may wear watches as long as they do not make any noises.
- Any electronic device that includes text messaging, phone calls, or internet access is considered a cellular device. As such, smart watches are not permitted at the school. See section 3.3.4
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Specific guidelines are included in a separate document entitled "Uniform Dress Code and Guidelines" which may be updated.
- Any additional appearances that are distracting to the learning environment as determined by the school.

9.3 Uniform Code Violations

There will be times when students fail to follow the uniform guidelines. When these occur, faculty and staff are here to help get the student back on track through a gentle reminder to the first time offender, a rebuke for the perpetually forgetful or a firm reprimand to the willfully disobedient. In each action, we expect the student to take ownership of his behavior and return the next day in compliance with the guidelines.

If a student in K–5th grade comes to school out of uniform, the teacher and/or staff will deal with it on a case-by-case basis. Options for remediation include forgiving the infraction if it is the first time, providing the student with the correct uniform piece from the school's used uniform store, or contacting the parent to bring the correct uniform items to the school.

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child is in uniform each day.

It is important to note that a student who continually and willfully ignores or fights against the school's uniform guidelines is indicating he does not want to attend Vero Classical. Such actions warrant a hard but necessary conversation between school administration and the student and his parents.

