

Uniform Policy for the 2023-24 School Year

All Students

- Modesty is expected. Undergarments should not be seen through clothing.
- No hoods, embellishments, appliqué, holes, or tatters. Clothing must be neat and in good repair. Frayed bottoms, holes in knees, and hems must be repaired.
- If an item of clothing has a logo, it must not exceed 1.5"x1.5" and be located on the front left chest. Logos may not contain words. We encourage you to cover logos with a school patch, which can be purchased in the school store.
- Students may not wear hats or coats in the school building.
- Students may dress within the guidelines given for their biological sex.
- Students may not dye hair unnatural colors
- Teachers will have the discretion to say whether an item of clothing or student's appearance is a
 distraction for school or violates the policy or not. If there is a disagreement, the Head of School
 will have the final say.

Tops (boys & girls)

- Long or short sleeve oxford shirts tucked in, solid colors only (no ¾ sleeve)
- Long or short sleeve polo shirts tucked in, solid colors only
- Turtlenecks tucked in, solid colors only
- Sweaters solid navy blue uniform sweater. Either button or zip front. No ¾ length sleeves.
- Fleece Zip-Ups students may purchase and keep a school fleece in the classroom to wear in lieu of a coat or sweater during class. The fleece must be solid navy blue with a zip front.

Bottoms (boys & girls)

- Khaki or Navy Blue Dress Slacks twill, pleated or flat front, slit back pockets (no exterior, flap, or cargo pockets), no canvas fabric, no denim, no corduroy, no low rise, no jean, no double seams and no "pencil leg" or "skinny" slacks.
- Khaki or Navy Blue Shorts twill, pleated or flat front, slit back pockets (no exterior, flap, or cargo pockets), no canvas fabric, no denim, no corduroy, no low rise, no jean, no double seams and no "pencil leg" or "skinny" short. Must be within four inches of the knee.
- Jeans standard style, dark blue or black denim, straight leg or cowboy cut, regular or relaxed fit.
 No low rise, no excessively baggy or tight, no jeggings or stretchy denim, no skinny, tapered or narrow fit, no holes, tears, stone washed, bleached or highly faded, no cargo style or additional pockets or embellishments.
- Belts are to be worn with all pants or shorts (PreK/K/1st excluded).

Dresses (girls only)

- Khaki or Navy Blue Jumpers or Skirts Must be within four inches of knee with shorts, leggings
 or tights underneath. Twill and jersey material only (no jean, sweater or corduroy material). No
 logos.
- Uniform Polo Dresses- Must be solid color, no logos, and within four inches of the knee, with an a-line shape.

Accessories

- Dress belt solid black or dark brown leather/faux leather required for 2nd graders and older wearing pants or shorts.
- Boys may wear rings and/or watches, but no other jewelry.
- Girls may have one set of earrings. No other body piercings are allowed.

Shoes

Girls:

- Plain Dress shoes any color, Mary Janes, loafers, high-heeled loafers, or flats.
- Tall riding style boots black, brown, tan or gray (all one color), leather or faux leather, top of boots must be below the knee, no embellishments or logos, no platform soles.

Boys:

• Plain Dress shoes - Black, brown, tan or gray loafers, laced oxfords, laced loafers.

Girls and Boys:

- Any color sneakers/tennis shoes. No lights, wheels, rollers or sounds.
- Western (cowboy) Boots: pull on or lace up, black, brown, tan or gray, leather or faux leather.
 Decorative stitching is permitted, no embellishments or logos. (Must be worn with pants over the tops of boots, no tucking pants in boots, girls may wear leggings inside of boots)

Friday and Special Event Tops (boys and girls) - Only allowed Fridays unless otherwise notified.

Any color Veritas t-shirt or sweatshirt, only official Veritas tops bought from the Veritas store.

High School Students (9th-12th grade)

In an effort to show respect to and prepare our high school students for a God-honoring life as adults outside of Veritas Academy, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- 1. All high school students are role models for the younger students and representatives of Veritas Academy. In the choice of clothes, this should be particularly evident in the matter of modesty. Maturity and modesty in dress, as well as behavior, are expected.
- 2. In order to prepare them for a possible future career, we will allow our high school students to adopt the habit of dress considered more professional in our culture. We realize that many in professional roles are adopting casual dress at work, but we expect our high school students to adhere to a more formal code of professional dress.
- 3. Specific to each biological sex, the following guidelines may be allowed <u>in addition to and</u> <u>alongside the regular school dress code</u> for high school student attire:
 - a. Male High School Students:
 - i. Dress slacks and shorts may be of any solid color.
 - ii. Turtlenecks, oxford shirts and polo shirts may be of any color or pattern. Dress shirts (collared, button up) of any color or pattern are also permitted.
 - b. Female High School Students:
 - Dress slacks, jumpers, skirts, shorts and polo dresses may be of any color or pattern. Other dresses may also be permitted, as long as they are also within four inches of the knee, with some type of sleeve.
 - ii. Turtlenecks, oxford shirts and polo shirts may be of any color or pattern. Dress shirts (collared, button up) of any color or pattern are also permitted.
- 4. As with all students, teachers will have the discretion to say whether an item of clothing or student's appearance is a distraction for school or violates the policy or not. If there is a disagreement, the Head of School will have the final say.