
Dress Code

The Vail School District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

Footwear:

- **Shoes must be closed-toed with a heel strap on non-Physical Education days.**
- Due to safety concerns regarding Physical Education and recess, shoes with open toes or with wheels are not allowed (e.g. flip-flops, sandals, high heels, wedges or “Heelys”).
- **Students must wear sneakers with a non-slip sole (no Toms, boots or dress shoes) during Physical Education in order to prevent unnecessary injury.**
- If a student doesn't have appropriate shoes on they will not be able to participate in the Physical Education activity.

Tops/Shirts/Sweatshirts:

- Must be no longer than finger tip length and must be long enough to tuck into pants, shorts, skirts.
- No spaghetti straps, midriiffs, half shirts, fishnet, see through, strapless, halter tops, muscle (undershirt) shirts, or other bare, skimpy and distracting clothing.
- Sleeveless tops must have straps that are at least two inches in width.
- Jerseys with large arm openings must be worn with a t-shirt underneath.
- May not be worn with vulgar and/or violent messages or pictures, gang oriented insignias, or satanic/negative symbols, illegal substances, beer/alcohol, cigarettes, or otherwise inappropriate design.

Pants:

- Must be anchored or fitted at the waist, and hemmed or tailored.
- No rips, tears, excessive bagging, sagging, or ill fitting (must be size appropriate).
- May not be worn with vulgar and/or violent messages or pictures, gang oriented insignias, or satanic/negative symbols, illegal substances, beer/alcohol, cigarettes, or otherwise inappropriate design.
- Underwear and boxer shorts should not be visible.

Student attire should not present health or safety concerns and should not disrupt the educational process. We rely upon your good judgment and discretion as to what your child should wear to school. However, Faculty and Administration of Senita Valley reserve the right to make the final decision as to the suitability of any attire and to decide when attire violates the school dress code.

Shorts/Skirts:

- Shorts must be worn underneath all skirts.
- Must be anchored or fitted at the waist and hemmed or tailored.
- No shorter than mid-thigh/finger tip length when arms are rested at the student's sides.
- No rips, tears, excessive bagging, sagging, or ill fitting (must be size appropriate).
- Must be visible and not completely covered by a shirt/jacket.
- Spandex/leggings are not allowed unless worn underneath shorts/skirts.
- Underwear and boxer shorts should not be visible.

Accessories:

- Hats are not allowed to be worn indoors. They must be worn with brim facing forward.
- They may not be worn with vulgar and/or violent messages or pictures, gang oriented insignias, or satanic/negative symbols, illegal substances, beer/alcohol, cigarettes, or otherwise inappropriate design.
- Belts must be entirely looped (no part of belt may dangle).
- No wallet chains.
- Sunglasses may not be worn indoors (must be stored away).
- Make-up may not be worn or brought to school. (Exception: fifth graders may wear make-up in moderation).
- Body piercing is not allowed with the exception of pierced ears (dangling earrings are not allowed for safety reasons).
- Tattoos (temporary or permanent) and stick-on jewelry are not allowed.
- Chains and pet collars may not be worn as jewelry.
- Distracting hair colors are not allowed (i.e. blue, green, orange, pink, etc.)
- Extreme hair styles that cause a distraction/ disruption are not allowed (such as a mohawk).

Dress Code Consequences

Parents will be notified by a school staff person. Students will change into appropriate clothing provided by the parent or school personnel. We all share the responsibility of assuring that the school atmosphere is conducive to learning and fosters an environment of respect.