

VIRGINIA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Dress guidelines are designed to promote a standard of appearance that complements the learning environment. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. In addition to the VBCPS dress code, Virginia Beach Middle's dress code includes the following:

- Shorts must have a 3-inch inseam and skirts must be at least fingertip length and may not expose the abdomen or upper thighs. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that resembles leggings, jeggings, tights, or yoga pants unless worn underneath a shirt, shorts, dress, or skirt that is fingertip length.
- Clothing that is excessively tight or overexposes the body is unacceptable. Students may not wear sheer tops or jeans with gaping holes. Students may not wear tank tops, fishnet shirts, or other apparel that exposes undergarments, the midriff, shoulders, or over exposes the back. All shirts must have sleeves. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length and must not expose the abdomen or upper thighs.
- Headwear of any type may not be worn. This includes bandanas, scarves, hats, headbands resembling bandanas, sweatbands, earphones, and sunglasses. All headwear must be stored in the student's locker during the school day. Likewise, gloves may not be worn during the school day.
- Students must wear appropriate and safe footwear at all times. Slides, flip flops and slippers are not acceptable.
- Students must wear clothes as they were designed to be worn (e.g., buttoned, zipped up, tucked in, or belted). Pants should be pulled up and secured at the waist. Pajamas are not acceptable for school.
- Students may not wear lewd or suggestive clothing. Students may not wear apparel that advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substances or is gang related.
- Students may not wear jewelry, clothing or have on their person items that might create a safety hazard. Chains may not be worn as adornment to clothes nor should any student carry a chain. Headphones and all parts of electronic devices must be out of sight upon entry into the school.

If there is doubt about a particular item of apparel, the student should contact a school administrator for a decision. If the item is deemed inappropriate, the student will be denied entrance to class and will report to ISS until the situation is corrected.

As a reminder, subsequent violations of the dress code will subject the student to disciplinary consequences.