



## The Vanguard School / High School (9-12) Dress Code for Ladies (2023-24)

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### Basic Standard of Appearance Guidelines for All Students

- Apparel advertising tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, and/or offensive slogans is not acceptable attire at school or school-sponsored activities. Clothes making statements with sexual innuendoes are not allowed.
  - The wearing of clothing, jewelry, or a style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang will not be tolerated in school or at any school-sponsored activity. Apparel that interferes with or endangers oneself or others while participating in school or school-sponsored activities is not allowed.
  - Clothing must be clean, pressed, and free of holes, tears, and frays.
  - Dress will not be worn that causes or is likely to cause the disruption of the educational process.
  - The final decision as to the safety or suitability of clothing, hair, or jewelry will be left up to the principal or designee.
  - May not distract from the learning environment.
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### Hair

- May not distract from the learning environment.
  - Must be maintained in a clean, neat, and professional manner at all times.
  - Must remain out of the face and away from the eyes.
  - Only natural colors are allowed.
  - No radical styles or colors that distract from the learning environment.
    - No undercuts
    - No mohawks or faux hawks
    - No design/pattern cuts, symbols, or shapes of any kind shaved on the head
  - No pompadour cuts (shaved on one or both sides but long on top)
  - No angular fringe
  - Guidelines for hair pulled into a bun:
    - No top of the head knots (low or high on the back of the head only)
    - No undercut or partially pulled back hair (full bun only)
    - Must be well groomed and tight to the head (not loose)
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### Jewelry

- Modest jewelry is allowed that does not distract from the learning environment.
  - An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (e.g., chains or collars).
  - No more than three necklaces may be worn at one time.
  - No more than three bracelets may be worn on each wrist.
  - No more than three rings may be worn on each hand.
  - Only single-post or hook earrings are allowed. Earrings are limited to three per ear and must not be oversized. Ear cuffs, bars, gauges, or gauge-like earrings are not allowed.
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### Tattoos and Body Piercing

- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
  - No intentionally created marks should be visible on the skin.
  - No pierced jewelry other than earrings may be worn.
  - No body art, including drawing or writing on skin made by the student with a writing utensil.
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### Makeup and Nail Polish

- Makeup must look natural. There are to be no unusual or distracting colors (e.g., black lipstick).
  - No extreme nail decorations, including jewels and initials, shall be worn. No more than two colors may be worn.
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### Pants

- Pants must fit the waistline and cuffs may not touch the ground.
- No leather of any type or color. No faded jeans. Dress jeans of a dark solid color is allowed within the parameters described here.
- Pants may not be excessively baggy or tight.
- Leggings and tight-fitting stretch pants may not be worn as pants.
- Sweatpants, warm-ups, pajama pants, banded pants, and jersey (t-shirt fabric) pants are not allowed.
- Pants may be one solid color, striped or plaid, or a subtle, classic pattern without screen printing or faded areas.
- Pants must be in good repair.

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### **Shorts and Skorts**

- No leather or denim of any type or color.
- Shorts must fit the waistline or low waist. Ultra low-rise waistlines are not allowed.
- Cuff of shorts must be at least fingertip length.
- May not be excessively tight.
- Spandex or tight-fitting stretch shorts are not allowed.
- No athletic shorts.
- Shorts may be one solid color, striped, or plaid (i.e., no camouflage) without screen printing or faded areas.

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### **Skirts, Dresses, Jumpers**

- No denim or leather.
- Dresses must cover at least 2 inches of the shoulder.
- Skirts, dresses, and jumpers may not be excessively tight and cannot be shorter than fingertip length. or show any descriptive lines of the body (not skintight).
- Pantyhose, leggings, and tights may be worn under a skirt or dress that otherwise falls within the dress code.
- Pantyhose, leggings, and tights worn in this manner must be skin-tone, solid color, or a classic pattern. Classic patterns are stripes, plaid, and houndstooth.
- Pantyhose, leggings, and tights must be free from runs, rips, and holes.
- Stockings or socks above the knee are not allowed.
- No fishnet-style stockings or other hosiery that exposes skin may be worn.

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### **Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts**

- Shirts may not be excessively tight or baggy, and all shirts with buttons must be buttoned to mid-sternum.
- Sleeveless blouses are allowed if at least 2 inches of the shoulder is covered.
- No tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, one-shoulder tops, or t-shirts may be worn as a primary (top) shirt. T-shirts include athletic, screen-printed, basic crew neck, scoop neck, or V-neck tees.
- A tank top, spaghetti strap top, or basic solid-colored tee may be worn with a blouse, sweater, sweatshirt, or blazer over it.
- Bra straps must not be visible either directly or through lace or other sheer material.
- No low-cut apparel of any kind is allowed.
- No midriff shirts that expose stomach or back when standing or sitting.
- Any logos or sewn words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder.
- Hooded clothing of any kind is not allowed.

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### **Outerwear**

- Outerwear (i.e., coats, jackets, hoodies, fleece, hats, winter scarves, or gloves) shall be removed after entering the building.
- Vanguard letterman jackets may be worn in the building as well as Vanguard spirit wear that has a collar (not to include windbreaker-type jackets).
- Fleece-collared outerwear that has a quarter-zip may also be worn in the building.

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### **Undergarments**

- No undergarments may show at any time, nor should they be worn as outer garments.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn.

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### **Headwear and Sunglasses**

- May only be worn outside of the building.
- Headwear includes, but is not limited to, hats, visors, scarves, and bandanas.

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### **Shoes**

- Required at all times.
- Athletic sandals with a heel strap may be worn.
- No slippers, flip flops, slides, Croc-styles, or Birkenstock-styles.
- No writing on shoes.
- 3.5-inch maximum heel height.
- Boots must stay below the knee.

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**Physical Education**

- Separate attire should be used for P.E., including athletic shoes and socks. (see *P.E. syllabus*)

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**Vanguard Sportswear**

- Vanguard sportswear (team windbreakers, sweatshirts, etc.) may be worn at specific times with prior approval from the principal.

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**Special Events**

- For special events (musical performances, Graduation, Baccalaureate, etc.) the school may require more formal attire. Guidelines will be published for such events.
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**Students not adhering to the dress code may not be allowed to attend class until they are wearing proper attire.  
The final decision as to the safety or suitability of any dress code issue will be left up to the principal or designee.**