

# DRESS CODE - VENTURE HIGH SCHOOL

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The Venture High School dress code is meant to promote respect and professionalism for our students. Clothes should be neat, clean, and modest in appearance. Students should not wear anything excessively tight, excessively baggy, or ripped. Venture reserves the right to judge instances of problematic dress that may be disrupting the learning environment, such as gang-related apparel, extreme hair styles, extreme makeup, etc., and administration may make appropriate restrictions as necessary.

Students must remain in dress code while on campus before and after school. It is expected that students will adhere to the following dress code and parents will support their students and the school in enforcing the dress code.

## SHIRTS:

- May be solid, plaid, striped, or have a continuously repeating pattern of non-offensive shapes across the garment such as floral, geometric, abstract, argyle, and polka dot.
  - Offensive designs include, for example, representations of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, weapons, etc.
  - Patterns may not include faces or words
- No logos larger than 3" x 3"
- No wording or graphic images
- All shirts/tops must have sleeves that cover the shoulder
- No low backs, deep scooped necklines, or exposed cleavage
- No see-through or semi-transparent materials
- Midriff or bare lower back must not be exposed
- No tears, rips, or holes
- Shirts that are unbuttoned are allowed as long as the base layer(s) follow(s) all rules of the dress code

## PANTS/SHORTS:

- May be solid, plaid, striped, or have a continuously repeating pattern of non-offensive shapes across the garment such as floral, geometric, abstract, argyle, and polka dot.
  - Offensive would include, for instance, representations of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, weapons, etc.
  - Patterns may not include faces or words.
  - No logos/graphic images (Ex: images or patches on pant legs or back pockets)
  - May not be excessively oversized.
- No pajamas
- No holes, excessive zippers, rips, fraying, extreme acid washing, or bedazzling including excessive straps/grommets
- No sheer/overly tight leggings or tights unless worn under a knee-length skirt, dress, or other knee-length bottoms
- Pants/shorts must be worn around waist
- Shorts must be knee-area length

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## DRESSES/SKIRTS:

- Must be knee-area length.
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  - Offensive designs include, for example, representations of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, weapons, etc.
  - Patterns may not include faces or words
- No wording or graphic images allowed
- No logos larger than 3" x 3"
- Sleeves must entirely cover the shoulder
- No low backs, deep scooped necklines, or exposed cleavage

## JACKETS:

- No logos larger than 3" x 3"
- No wording, graphic images
- Hoodies/hoods are allowed as long as they follow the other guidelines within the Jacket section of the dress code
- Hoods are not allowed to be worn "up" while on campus

## SHOES:

- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Any sandal worn must have a backstrap
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn during science labs (when requested by the teacher) and for gym class
- No slippers
- No wheels on shoes

## HATS:

- Official Venture hats may be worn (see first bullet under special circumstances)
- Beanies/hoods may not be worn inside the building (except under special circumstances determined by the teacher)
- No bandanas or sweatbands (except in gym class)

## PIERCINGS/TATTOOS/ACCESSORIES:

- No facial piercings (including tongue) are allowed except:
  - A single piercing in one nostril with a stud not to exceed 3 mm in size or a hoop not to exceed 22 gauge and 8 mm diameter allowed
- No gauges are allowed on campus; however, a flesh-colored plug may be worn in the holes
- Tattoos should not be visible where possible
- No chains
- No dangerous jewelry (spikes, etc.)
- No extreme makeup

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### HAIR:

- No more than 25% of visible hair may be an unnatural color (bright neon or bold)
  - Facial hair may not be an unnatural color
- No distracting hairstyles

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** (all standards of the dress code always apply when students are on campus unless otherwise described in this section):

- Any article of clothing purchased through Venture High School may be worn and is acceptable per the school dress code as long as it is in good repair and is not modified in any way.
- Fieldwork: Students will be notified of any changes to the dress code for fieldwork if changes are applicable (e.g. beanies may be allowed if working outside and it is cold). Students must be in dress code to be allowed to go on fieldwork.
- P.E./Adventure Program: Athletic attire may be worn during PE classes and appropriate attire for Adventure Program experiences will be allowed when directed either by the teacher or administration.
- Swimwear: Students must wear appropriate swimwear for all water activities.
  - Students will wear swim trunks or one-or-two piece swimsuits with no midriff showing (including mid and low back), no thongs, or excessively exposed cleavage. When not swimming, shirts will be worn over swimsuits.
  - Lifejackets will be worn by all students whenever safety is a factor for the activity.
- School Casual Activities (movie nights, game nights, etc.): Body coverage (as described above) is required and images/words must be school appropriate.
- Formal & Semi-Formal Dances (on & off campus):
  - Button-up shirts, slacks, suits, tuxedos, ties, and dresses are encouraged.
    - Pants must be worn around the waist
    - All but the top two buttons on shirts must be buttoned
  - Dresses must fully cover the rear and upper thigh when bending over. They must not feature deep scooped necklines that display excessive cleavage, extensive midriff exposure, cut-outs that display cleavage, or slits that display underwear or the upper thigh area. Additionally, see-through fabric that displays cleavage, private parts, or the rear is prohibited
- Uniform Policy exemption will be granted by administration based on:
  - Religious belief  
A sincerely-held religious belief within an organized system of religion that requires adherence to a practice that necessitates a

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violation of this code as a core tenet of the religion (ex: hijab for a Muslim woman). Please submit this exception request in writing to the building principal for review

- Extenuating circumstances  
Please submit details regarding the extenuating circumstance to the building principal for review.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE**

It is expected that students come to school in dress code every day. If a student chooses to be out of dress code, consequences will be administered, such as requiring parents to bring appropriate clothing to school. Students will be subject to escalating disciplinary action as determined by administration. Administration shall develop guidelines and procedures to administer this policy. Not adhering to dress code can result in suspension or expulsion from Venture High School.