

# Santa Ynez Valley Charter School

## Dress Code

The Santa Ynez Valley Charter School dress code is intended to promote a learning-centered atmosphere. Appropriate SAFETY & MODESTY is necessary at school and we ask students and parents to be mindful when purchasing/selecting school attire. All students are expected to dress in a manner that represents SYVCS in a positive manner. Studies have shown that a well maintained school dress code provides a safe environment, builds student confidence, reduces distractions, and promotes a positive academic atmosphere.

- All students must be in compliance with the dress code policy from the time they arrive on campus until they exit.
- If a student is not dressed appropriately and it cannot be corrected at school, a parent will be contacted to bring proper attire.
- Please settle all clothing issues at home to avoid any problems at school.
- In any matter concerning dress code, the principal or her designee has the final authority.
- All clothing, backpacks, book covers, etc., must not depict or reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, and/or insults to race, religion, gender or ethnicity, or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

### Elementary School (K-5)

#### **Hats**

Hats must be removed when inside of classroom.

#### **Shirts**

Shirts must be worn at an appropriate length that will not hinder normal school activities. Spaghetti straps and tank tops are allowed but modesty must be reflected.

#### **Pants/Shorts/skirts/skorts**

Pants must not be "sagging" or "bagging" and may not be ripped or torn in an inappropriate manner. All skirts, shorts and skorts must be of a modest length. Shorts, skirts and skorts shall be no shorter than the tips of the fingers when the arms are naturally beside the body.

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times with safety being the main concern. Sandals are permitted ONLY if design includes a "toe covering" and a strap on the back. Girls' heels may not exceed 1 inch. Footwear with reinforced steel, wheels or bedroom/house shoes will not be permitted unless worn for school council sanctioned events, such as Pajama Day. Proper athletic shoes must be worn at all times during P.E. classes.

## **Jewelry & Accessories**

Earrings, necklaces, and bracelets are permitted but parents should ensure that student safety is not compromised. No dangling or hoop earrings, necklaces that may cause injury.

**Note:** Primary teachers may request additional limitations to the wearing of jewelry due to distraction issues (i.e. students playing with jewelry during class time).

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **Hats**

Hats must be removed when inside of classroom.

## **Shirts**

Shirts must be worn at an appropriate length. The school prohibits displays on any shirt that are lewd, vulgar or obscene. Shirts must not depict tobacco products, alcohol or alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other illegal substances. Spaghetti straps, cut-out sleeves or cut-off shirts, any exposed back or midriiffs, see through garments or low cut tops which expose cleavage are not permitted. Undergarments such as bra straps are not permitted to be showing.

## **Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Leggings**

Pants must not be "sagging" or "bagging" and may not be ripped or torn in an inappropriate area. All skirts, shorts and skorts must be of a modest length. Shorts, skirts and skorts shall be no shorter than the tips of the fingers when the arms are naturally beside the body. Leggings/Tights must be worn with a shirt that reaches tips of fingers when the arms are naturally beside the body.

## **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times with safety being the concern. Sandals are permitted but must have a back strap. Girls' heels may not exceed 2 inches. Footwear with reinforced steel, wheels or bedroom/house shoes will not be permitted unless worn for school council sanctioned events, such as Pajama Day. Proper athletic shoes must be worn at all times during P.E. classes.

## **Jewelry & Accessories**

Earrings, necklaces, and bracelets are permitted in Middle School but parents should ensure that student safety is not compromised. No oversized hoops or jewelry that may cause injury.