Dress Code (Aligns with VLHS - Peace Shoe Policy Added - Revised June 16, 2022)

Each student will dress in a manner that will not interfere with an orderly, wholesome, and productive school life. In addition, one of the responsibilities of maturity is to dress in a manner that is fitting to the occasion. General principles to be followed are: neatness, modesty, and the avoidance of all extremes. Students should dress in conformance with common expectations for their gender.

All Students:

- 1. All clothing must be neat and clean with no holes, tears, or frayed pants legs, etc.
- 2. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 3. Coats and jackets clearly intended to be worn outdoors may not be worn during the school day.
- 4. Clothing may have writing and pictures on it as long as it does not refer to profanity, alcohol, drugs, sex, music groups/artists, professional wrestling, or anything else that is contrary to our Christian belief (i.e. symbols and pictures that have satanic implications and references to death).
- 5. Jackets should not be worn to cover unacceptable clothing.
- 6. Students may wear clothing that promotes Christian music.
- 7. Student's hair should be neat and clean and not worn in any exaggerated style. This includes, but is not limited to, hair of unnatural colors, spiked hair and Mohawks.
- 8. Shirts, sweaters, blouses, and other tops should be cut to reflect modesty. There should be no bare midriff. Mesh clothing and clothing with cut-out areas is not allowed.
- 9. Pajama tops and bottoms are not allowed.
- 10. Proper undergarments must be worn and be covered.
- 11. Hats and/or hoods and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building during the school day.
- 12. Students may wear shorts from April 15 until October 15 that are neat, hemmed and eight (8) or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling. If shorts have a questionable "slit", they are measured to the top of the "slit".
- 13. Capri, or other similar pants, that extend less than eight (8) inches below the bottom of the knee are considered to be shorts and may only be worn from April 15 until Oct. 15.
- 14. Jewelry and other accessories including book bags should be in the spirit of the dress code. Any jewelry worn should not compromise student safety. This includes, but is not limited to, chains, spiked collars and bracelets.

Shoes:

- 1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must have backs (around the heel).
- 3. Heels on shoes may not be taller than 2 inches.
- 4. Shoes must be laced and properly tied.
- 5. Shoes may not have wheels.

Female Students:

- 1. Female students may wear pierced jewelry on their ears only.
- 2. Students may not wear split skirts, "skorts" etc. except from April 15 until October 15.
- 3. Dresses and skirts must be 6 or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling. Shorts must be 8 or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling. If these have a questionable "slit", they are measured to the top of the "slit".
- 4. Tops worn by female students may have a sleeveless cut with top of the shoulder covered and no undergarments showing. Tank tops and spaghetti strap tops or dresses are not to be worn. 23
- 5. All stretch pants, tights, form fitting pants, jeggings/leggings, yoga pants, and similar fitting pants must be covered by an outer garment that meets our dresses and skirts guideline of 6 or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling. The outer garment can be a dress, skirt, sweater, sweatshirt, t-shirt, etc. as long as it measures 6 or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling and otherwise meets our dress code.

Male Students:

- 1. Male students may wear pierced jewelry on their ears only.
- 2. If a button type shirt is the only shirt that is being worn, no more than two buttons from the top are to be unbuttoned.
- 3. Students should be clean-shaven.
- 4. Male students must wear shirts with sleeves. The school reserves the right to make decisions on what is or is not acceptable. If a student is sent to the office for a dress code violation, the student will not be allowed to return to class until he/she is dressed in a manner that does meet dress code requirements. Repeated violations will be considered insubordination and may result in additional discipline.