

## Vermillion Middle School Dress Code

During the school day, VMS students are expected to dress with standards that enhance the learning environment, extravagant styles are discouraged.

Cleanliness, neatness, safety, and non-disruption of the learning environment are encouraged. The purpose of VMS dress code is:

- To ensure the safety, health, and well being of all students and staff.
- To further the school's mission by providing a positive learning environment.
- To ensure that clothing and personal appearance do not distract others from the pursuit of their academic goals.
- To discourage the endorsement of violence, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, racism, cults, or gangs. Profane or disruptive messages are not permitted.

**The following are guidelines:**

- Students may not wear clothing that is revealing. Shorts and skirts must reach mid-thigh and not be shorter than the student's extended fingertips. Garments that are cut low and expose visible cleavage, midriff, undergarments or sit off the shoulder are not allowed. Tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter tops, strapless/tube tops, tops with exposed backs and see-through clothing are not allowed. All undergarments must be concealed. Leggings, spandex pants must be worn with hip-length tops.
- No jackets, coats, or outerwear may be worn during the school day and must be placed in the student's locker.
- No hats, hoods, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, or gloves may be worn while in school.
- Students may not wear bicycle chains, wallets with chains attached, jewelry or accessories with spikes.
- No pajama pants or slippers may be worn. Shoes must be worn at all times.

**Violations of school dress code:**

- Student will be asked to change or put away the offending item. It may be necessary to call a parent/guardian to provide alternate clothing.
- Student may be given an alternate item of clothing to wear for the day.
- Multiple violations or refusal to comply may be handled as insubordination.

The school staff reserves the right to prohibit other forms of dress which may be inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment.