**VINAL UNIFORM POLICY**

**ACADEMICS:**

**BOTTOMS**
- Pants, skirts, or shorts may be worn.
- Pants, skirts, and shorts must be solid color and in one of the following colors: black or khaki.
- Pants should be a khaki or chino-style pant, worn at the waist, extending to the ankle. **Sweat/lounge/yoga/athletic pants or denim are not acceptable.**
- Pants, skirts, or shorts may not be torn, ripped, or defaced.
- Skirts and shorts must be 4 inches above the knee or longer. Black pants of any style, denim, jean, spandex or stretch materials are prohibited. Cargo shorts & cargo pants are acceptable.

**TOPS**
- Short or long-sleeved “golf” or “polo” shirts with the authorized Vinal logo.
- Approved Vinal T-shirts are acceptable for wear. Shirts must have the **school logo** on the front.
- **No** writing or designs should be visible on any undergarment worn **under** the uniform shirts.
- The crew neck sweatshirts, sweaters and fleece outerwear with **school logo** supplied by Darter may be worn over the school uniform. Vinal athletic jerseys or related outerwear, including Vinal Varsity Letter Jackets may be worn. **Hoodies are not permitted in any circumstances.**

**GYM**
All students must wear sneakers with the Vinal PE T-Shirt and Shorts. Vinal athletic team shirts and shorts are also acceptable. If students are not in uniform, they do not receive PE credit for that day.

**CAREER/TECHNICAL AREAS:**
- Each technology area will designate a specific shop uniform for their students in grades 10, 11, and 12.
- The uniform will consist of a top and a bottom of a designated color and material.
- Shorts are not allowed in technology.
- Students are to keep all uniform tops buttoned and tucked in at the waist at all times.
- Jewelry policy is subject to specific trade’s safety policy.
- Safety glasses and work shoes are required for all trade/technology areas.
- There may be additional restrictions based on specific career pathway environments. Students are notified of these requirements at the beginning of the school year.
- No hoodies are to be worn as part of the uniform

**FRESHMAN EXPLORATORY DRESS CODE:**
In addition to the requirements above:
- Exploratory tee shirts, safety glasses and work boots must be worn. The academic pants or work-suitable denim pants should be worn during Exploratory.
- Jewelry policy is subject to specific trade’s safety policy.
- For phase 3, students may elect to wear the shop uniform for the trade/technology they have selected or remain wearing the Exploratory uniform.

Being in the correct uniform is considered a safety procedure. Students who do not comply with dress code policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Students may not write on, alter, or decorate any part of the uniform. **Students may not wear trade/technology uniforms in academics.** During the academic cycle, students should arrive to school dressed in uniform. Students are NOT PERMITTED in academic or trade/technology classes without the proper attire.
Creating a greater sense of community among students

Creating an atmosphere reflecting seriousness of purpose about education

Providing an environment where students can focus more on learning

Reducing distraction and loss of self-esteem caused by teasing or competition over clothing

Preparing students for future roles in the professional workplace

Reducing the cost of school clothing

CTHSS DRESS CODE POLICY

In order to maintain a proper and healthy educational atmosphere, students must be suitably dressed and groomed in order to promote a positive, safe, and non-disruptive learning environment. The State Board of Education and the administration encourage students to dress in a manner that reflects pride in and respect for themselves and their community. The following are examples of attire that are prohibited in the school buildings at any time during the school day (including dress down days) or at school-sponsored activities:

1. Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear, including hooded sweatshirts and jackets.
2. All head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to bandanas, masks, kerchiefs, athletic headbands, hats, caps or hoods, unless it is worn for bona fide religious reasons.
3. Footwear that damages or marks floors or that is a safety hazard, including backless shoes, flip-flops and toeless shoes, heelies or slippers.
4. Sunglasses, unless required by a doctor’s order.
5. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article or attire with spikes or studs attached.
6. Attire or accessories that depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
7. Attire that can create a hostile school environment or disrupt the educational process such as clothing with harassing symbols, pictures or vulgar, illegal, racial, sexist, or other discriminatory viewpoints which denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or disability.
8. Gang-related attire, including but not limited to gang colors, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other insignia which are evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang.
9. Clothing that is overly revealing, including but not limited to shirts and/or blouses that reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments; tank-tops; see-through clothing; shorts (mid-thigh shorts are acceptable); miniskirts; or pants that reveal the navel, upper thigh or undergarments. Underwear must be covered. Cleavage must be covered.
10. All pants must fit and be properly fastened. Students shall not wear pants that when fastened sag or fit below the natural waist.
11. Leggings are not permitted as an outer garment- can be worn under appropriate length skirt.