RANCHO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS DRESS CODE FOR 21ST CENTURY COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Students are expected to wear or display the following:

- Clothing that is hemmed and free from tears, rips, and holes.
- Clothing that covers undergarments, the back and the entire midriff.
- School and personal property (i.e. notebooks, pee-chees, and backpacks) that is free of graffiti.
- Clothing and accessories worn in the manner in which they were designed to be worn. Sleepwear - Pajamas, house coats, and house robes are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Hard sole sandals must have heel straps. Thongs (flip-flops), backless shoes, house slippers or sandals are not acceptable. (Homemade straps to secure the shoe are not acceptable) Blankets will not be worn as coats.

Students may not wear, display or be in possession of:

- Spiked or studded jewelry of any kind, including ankle bands, bracelets, chokers, rings, gloves and belts.
- Wallet, choker or any other form of chain. Long hanging belts are not permitted.
- Overly brief or tight garments such as halter-tops, tube tops or muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, strapless, off the shoulder, or fishnet see through garments. Bib overalls with straps unbuttoned are not allowed. Oversized, sagged or baggy pants, and belt buckles lettered or numbered are not permitted. Oversized belts hanging from under apparel shall not be worn.
- Hats, caps, hairnets, bandannas or head coverings (with the exception of Rancho Verde High School or District hats)Approved school hats shall not be altered and shall be worn with the bill facing forward and on straight. No hat will be worn inside buildings. Hoods will not be worn, as they prevent proper identification of students by school personnel. Non-approved head coverings may be confiscated and retained in the office. Failure to retrieve the item at the end of the school day may result in its disposal at the end of the school week. The Val Verde Unified School District or any individual school is not liable for damage to, loss of, or theft of duly confiscated student property.
- Attire identifying students with other elementary, middle, or senior high schools is not allowed.
- Clothing that is unsafe, lewd, indecent and vulgar, and obscene or gang related, nor shall the clothing disrupt the educational process or the orderly operation of the school. Student dress shall not display emblems, lettering or pictures pertaining to gang, drug, tobacco, alcohol, sex, death, mutilation, violence or a gang’s “silent code.”
- Any clothing considered by the administration/law enforcement agencies to be gang related is not to be worn.
- Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) with writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate gender, racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
- Sunglasses worn on the face or head inside or outside the classroom.
- Cell phones, CD players, MP3, IPODS, cameras or other similar electronics are not to be used or displayed during instructional time. Use of these items during class may result in suspension from class and/or school.
- Hairstyles considered disruptive to the educational process shall not be worn. Any hair coloring products that would drip when hair is wet may not be sprayed onto your hair. No hair picks shall be worn or displayed in any hairstyle.
- Items that if used or displayed would disrupt the educational experience of other students on the campus

NOTE: Clothing at all times must cover undergarments. For the females, a jacket or cover-up worn to conceal brief clothing that reveals bras or bare midriffs is not acceptable. Dresses, skirts and shorts must be long enough to cover buttocks and upper thigh when walking, sitting, bending or reaching. In the interest of student safety, additional dress code stipulations will be established in various classroom settings. For instance, science labs and industrial technology classes may require closed-toe shoes, long pants, etc.

*Clothing, apparel, and paraphernalia, which denote gang affiliation and are not appropriate for school will vary and may change year to year. These items are prohibited and such items should not be worn on campus. Rancho Verde High School Administration will determine the nature of gang dress and paraphernalia in continued consultation with the Riverside County Sheriff Department and District Office personnel. The Val Verde Unified School District Board of Education may set further specifics for rules relative to the dress and appearance of students, which will be strictly enforced.

Dress Standard Definitions

The term “baggy pants” means the waistline of the pants, located at the hipbone of the student when pulled and pinched will gather more than one inch of material. Properly fitted pants will not gather more than one inch of material.

The term “sagged pants” means the waistline of the pants is located below the hipbone of the student. With the pants correctly worn the crotch of the pants will not hang away from the body. Properly fitted pants incorrectly worn (below the hipbone) are “sagged pants.”

Violation of the dress standards will result in parent contact by school personnel, confiscation of the article, student placed in ISS, loaned a shirt, or sent home to change clothes and correct the violation. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action. Students and parents should continue to use good judgment when choosing their school clothing.
That’s why we say **NO** to:

- NON-RVHS HATS
- BEANIES
- “DOO-RAGS”
- BANDANAS
- SUNGLASSES
- SPAGHETTI STRAPS
- HALTER/STRAPLESS TOPS
- SAGGING PANTS
- PAJAMAS
- SLIPPERS
- BLANKETS AS JACKETS

**USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES** **DURING CLASS**

and always remember…we love you, and there’s nothing you can do about it!