



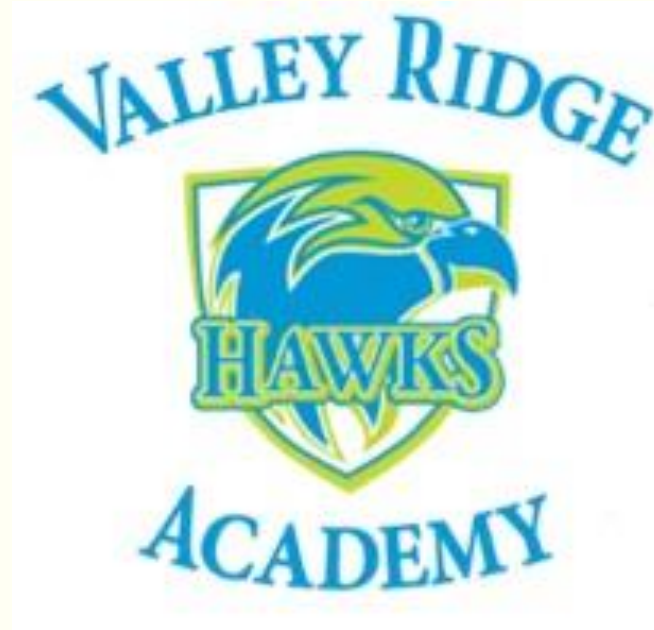
VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

2016-2017 Expectations Assembly
Wednesday, August 17, 2016



Get to Know Your Administrators

- Ms. McMandon, Principal
- Mrs. Hudson, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Allred, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Lee, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Gifford, Dean of Students
- Mrs. Anzualda, Guidance Counselor



Assembly Expectations (“*SLANT*”)



SLANT

How to be an active learner

- S** Sit up
- L** Lean forward and listen
- A** Ask questions
- N** Nod yes and no
- T** Track the speaker

Today's Agenda

- Character Counts!/Hawk Swap Shop
- Attendance
- Tardies (to school and to class)
- Dress Code
- Cafeteria Expectations
- Hallway Expectations
- Contraband Items
- Cell Phones
- Honor Code
- PDA
- Profanity
- Bullying/Cyberbullying



Character Counts/Hawk Swap Shop

All students at VRA will exhibit the Six Pillars of Character. VRA Hawks are:

- Trustworthy
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Fair
- Caring
- A Good Citizen



Students exhibiting the Pillars of Character will receive “Hero Cards” to be redeemed at the Hawk Swap Shop.

Tardies

- Tardiness (*being late to school and to your classes*) is disruptive to the learning environment and can have a negative impact on achievement
- School begins at 8:30am
- You are considered tardy when you are not in your classroom ready to receive instruction
- 0 tardies (to school)= Hawk Card, drawing for prizes
- 3-4 tardies (to school and to class)= lunch detention
- 5 or more tardies (to school and to class)= parent conference and exclusion from one extra-curricular activity (i.e. school dance, sporting events)



Dress Code (Girls)

- Be proud of the way you dress. Dressing appropriately for school helps students remain focused on high achievement. Cleanliness, good grooming, neatness, and modesty are important standards for appearance. The administration has the discretion to determine what is appropriate and inappropriate any time during the school year.
- Leggings and tights must be covered by an approved outer garment that covers the waist to **4 inches** above the knee.
- In addition, the following is not permitted:
 - Clothes that reveal cleavage or midriff
 - Clothes with holes, rips, tears, or frays
 - Spaghetti straps, tank tops, off the shoulder shirts, strapless tops/dresses
 - Pajamas/exposed underwear
 - Flip flops (all shoes must have a strap on the ankle), platform shoes
 - Hats, caps, sunglasses
 - Shirts with profanity
 - PE clothes (throughout the day)
 - All dresses, skirts, and shorts must be worn no shorter than **4 inches** above the knee.



Dress Code (Boys)

- Be proud of the way you dress. Dressing appropriately for school helps students remain focused on high achievement. Cleanliness, good grooming, neatness, and modesty are important standards for appearance. The administration has the discretion to determine what is appropriate and inappropriate any time during the school year.
- The following is not permitted:
 - Sleeveless/muscle shirts
 - Clothing with holes, rips, tears
 - Exposed underwear
 - Steel-toed boots
 - Shirts with profanity, inappropriate slogans or advertising alcohol, drugs, sex, weapons, racial and/or ethnic slurs, or violent themes
 - Bandanas, gloves, heavy chains
 - Hats, caps, sunglasses, visors
- In addition:
 - All pants must be worn at the waist
 - PE clothes are not to be worn during regular class time



Dress Code Violations

- 1st incident- Warning
- 2nd incident- Change of Clothes/Parent Contact
- 3rd incident- Parent Conference
- 4+ incidents- In School Suspension



Cafeteria Expectations

- Lunch procedures:
 - Enter the cafeteria quietly
 - Locate your table (sitting by 5th period class) and take your seat
 - Talk at a reasonable volume (“inside voice”)
 - Raise your hand for permission to use the restroom/leave your seat
 - Clean up the area/floor around you (*you drop it, you clean it*)
 - At the end of lunch, wait for an adult to release your table
 - Place all trash in the trash can

Reminders:

- Only one time through the lunch line
- Only buy lunch for yourself (not your friends)
- All 3 lines serve the same items
- Memorize your lunch number



Hallway/Locker Expectations

- Walk quietly on the right side of the hallway at all times
- Memorize your locker combination (keep your combination confidential)
- Keep your locker clean and organized



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Reminder:

**Lockers are for convenience, but are school property, and the administration reserves the right to inspect the contents of the locker.*

Contraband Items

Having, using, displaying or giving to others items not allowed at school, such as:

- Unauthorized non-prescription medications
- Tobacco
- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Matches
- Lighters
- Laser beam devices
- Firecrackers
- Pornography
- Leatherman, multi-tools, key chain tools

**All of these items may be confiscated and not returned*



Cell Phones

- Cell phones
 - Should be turned off upon arrival to campus
 - Should be stored in your backpack, purse, or locker
 - Not to be used during school hours without approval from your teacher or administration
- Failure to comply will result in the phone being confiscated
- Repeated failure to comply will be considered defiance of school rules



Honor Code (Cheating/Plagiarism)

- Cheating is defined as:
 - The unauthorized use of notes or other forms of assistance, including electronic devices, to complete a test or assignment

- Plagiarism is defined as:
 - The unauthorized use of another person's work and calling it one's own



- Level 2 offense (SJCSD Student Code of Conduct), which could lead to lunch detention, ISS or OSS

**Cheating offense penalties are also applicable to the student who provided notes, forms of assistance, answers to complete a test or assignment, etc.*

PDA

- PDA (Public Display of Affection)
- Defined as behavior that is inappropriate in a school setting in the judgement and discretion of the principal.
- In other words, keep your hands to yourself!



Profanity

- Defined as:
 - using words or gestures that are not acceptable at school (i.e. cussing, swearing)
- Level 2 offense (SJCSD Student Code of Conduct), which could lead to lunch detention, ISS or OSS
- Be respectful and kind to those around you



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Bullying/Cyberbullying

- Bullying is defined as:
 - Unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior;
 - Use of digital technologies that include threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture that is severe enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment (cyberbullying)
 - Causes discomfort or humiliation;
 - Creates an existence of an imbalance of power;
 - Or unreasonably interferes with the individual's performance or participation
- Level 3 offense (SJCS Student Code of Conduct), which is deemed a major infraction
- In addition to school consequences, criminal charges may be filed
- If you see an act of bullying, report it to administration



St. Johns County School District Code of Conduct

If you have any further questions about the items we spoke about today, you may refer to your SJCSD Student Code of Conduct.

Thank you!

