

# Student Behavior Expectations at Valley Ridge Academy

School Year 2021/2022



# Relentless Pursuit of Continuous Improvement



# The VRA PBIS Core Values

## “The VRA Way”

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- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Prepared and On Time



# VRA Assembly Expectations



The “VRA Way”	Student Expectations
<b>Be Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use Voice Level “0”</li><li>• Enter and exit in an orderly fashion</li><li>• Follow all adult directions</li><li>• Sit in assigned area</li><li>• Be attentive to speakers</li></ul>
<b>Be Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applaud at appropriate times</li><li>• Respond when prompted</li></ul>
<b>Be Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always walk</li><li>• Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself at all times</li></ul>
<b>Be Prepared and On Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk quietly with your class</li></ul>



# Respect



- Treating people with civility, courtesy, and dignity
- Being sensitive to other people's feelings
- Not insulting people, making fun of them or embarrassing them
- Never going along with prejudices or racist attitudes

**THE BEST  
APOLOGY IS  
CHANGED  
BEHAVIOR**

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## Behavior Progression (Minor class disruptions, talking, minor horseplay)

- Verbal Warning/Reteach the Behavior Expectation
- Individual Conference with Student
- Parent Contact
- Referral to Dean



# PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

No more Hawk Bucks

Teachers will submit 2 names each month for students displaying positive behavior

- Drawing each month: winners will receive lunch delivered to them
- Drawings each quarter: Bigger prizes
- Reward days
  - If you receive 1 (or more) full days of in-school suspension (ISS) or 1 (or more) days out of school suspension (OSS) you will not be eligible to participate in the reward day

# Dress Code

## ALL STUDENTS

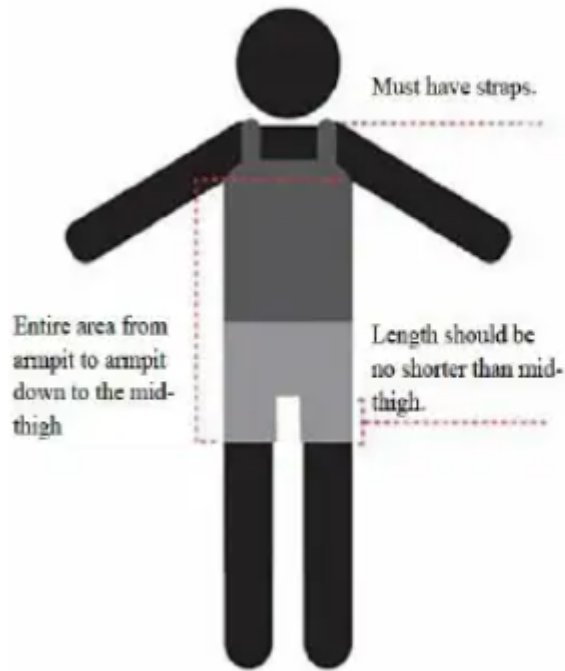
Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.

Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student on school property.



# Dress Code

## ALL STUDENTS



Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.

***Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel.***

# Dress Code Violations

- **1<sup>st</sup> incident-** Change of Clothes/Parent Contact
- **2<sup>nd</sup> incident-** Change of Clothes/Parent Contact/Parent Conference
- **3<sup>rd</sup> incident-** Lunch Detention
- **4<sup>th</sup> incidents-** 2 Lunch Detentions
- **5<sup>th</sup> + incidents:** Possible in-school suspension

# Gum

Gum is not allowed at Valley Ridge Academy. Discipline for gum will be progressive and as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (or more): referral to the dean for defiance.

# Behavior When There is a Substitute

1. Be Respectful

2. Be Responsible

\*You will be issued a referral if your name is left by a sub for your behavior. You will receive a minimum of **one day** lunch detention.

\*If you are removed from class with a sub, you will receive a referral and be issued a minimum of **three days** lunch detention.



# Cell Phones

- Should be turned off upon **arrival to campus**
- Should be “silenced” and out of sight.
- Not to be used during school hours without approval from your teacher or administration
- **Failure to comply will result in the phone being confiscated**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offense**: Taken and get back at end of the day
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offense**: Taken and get back at the end of the day. Parent notified.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> offense**: Guardian must pick up phone and 1 lunch detention
  - **4<sup>th</sup> offense**: Guardian must pick up and 3 lunch detentions.
  - **5<sup>th</sup> (or more)**: Guardian must pick up and in-school suspension issued





# Cell Phone Cameras

- Cell phones with cameras **may not be used to take pictures** during and after school hours on school grounds or at school district sponsored events. Camera phones are not allowed in bathrooms, locker rooms, etc. If a student is found taking pictures in school, whether appropriate or inappropriate, he/she will be referred to an administrator.

**Do not take video/pictures while at school unless given explicit directions from a teacher or administrator (Example: Teacher says you can take a picture of notes)**

Tardy to Class

\*\*\*Reset at the semester\*\*\*

Violation	Intervention/Consequence
<b>1st</b>	Verbal Warning/Restate Expectation
<b>2nd</b>	Verbal Warning/Restate Expectation, Document in "Classroom Issues" in eSchool Plus
<b>3rd</b>	Verbal Warning/Restate Expectation, Document in "Classroom Issues" in eSchool Plus
<b>4<sup>th</sup> or more</b>	Referral to Dean Consequences: <u>4<sup>th</sup> tardy</u> : 1 lunch detention, <u>5<sup>th</sup> Tardy</u> : 2 lunch detentions, <u>6<sup>th</sup> tardy</u> : 3 lunch detentions, <u>7<sup>th</sup> tardy</u> : 4 lunch detentions, <u>8 or more</u> : ISS



# Inappropriate Images (sexting)



- Possessing and/or transmitting (sending) inappropriate images (nudity) is against the law. Any minor who is caught sending, possessing, or creating nude images of a minor can be charged with a non-criminal violation for their first offense and subject to a **\$60 fine and/or community service** as well as required to attend instructional classes on the dangers of sexting
- **Remember**: once an image or message is sent, it is no longer in your control and cannot be taken back. It can, and likely will, spread beyond the person who was meant to see it.

# Contraband

Having, using, displaying or distributing items not allowed at school will result in serious consequences (Out of school suspension and possible Alternative School Placement (Gaines)).

- Unauthorized non-prescription medications
- Tobacco
- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Matches
- Lighters
- Laser beam devices
- Firecrackers
- Pornography
- Swiss army knives, key chain tools
- Cigarettes
- E-Cigarettes/Vapes

***\*All of these items may be confiscated and not returned  
\*\*\*If you are not sure, come and see me immediately\*\*\****



# Vapes and e-Cigarettes

Possession of any nicotine dispensing device is against the Student Code of Conduct and is also **illegal**

**If found to be in possession of a Vape, Vape Cartridge (empty or full) or Vaping liquid it will result in an out of school suspension (2 days) and a Juvenile Civil Citation through the St. Johns County Sheriffs Office.**



# Threats

- Making verbal or written threats can be a level 4 (Most Serious) offense.
- Any written or verbal communication containing a threat to kill or do bodily injury will be fully investigated
- Social media posts containing threats (school shootings) in any manner will be handled according to the Student Code of Conduct and the School Resource Officer (St. Johns County Sheriffs Office will be notified.)

**Be very careful of anything posted to social media**

# Bullying/Harassment



- 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
- Causes discomfort or humiliation
- Creates an existence of an imbalance of power
- Unreasonably interferes with the individual's performance or participation

# Bullying/Harassment

- Level 3 offense (SJCSD 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 administ



- **Cyberbullying** is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior.



# Horseplay

- Horseplay will not be tolerated at school
  - Some examples: Running in the halls, playing tag, hitting peers
- Horseplay that results in injury will result in consequences
  - Although intentions do matter, if you inadvertently cause injury through horseplay there can be serious consequences (OSS)
- **“Pantsing:” If you pull down the pants of a peer you will be suspended 1 day. This is non-negotiable.**



# SJCSD Student 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.

