

# Vineland Middle School

*"Home of the Pirates"*

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Sandy Gibbs  
Principal

Dear VMS parents,

This letter is to inform you of our new uniform policy for the 2015-16 school year. The following are changes that will be implemented:

## **CURRENT UNIFORM TOP:**

- Red or Black T-shirts, polo t-shirts (depending on grade level), or long sleeve cotton t-shirts with our screen-printed logo on the front and a screen-printed VMS on the back.
- Sweatshirts/zip-up sweatshirts with our screen-printed logo on the front and a screen-printed VMS on the back.
- Under shirts that are black or red may be worn underneath shirts.
- Activity t-shirts could be worn during the week.
- Former uniforms were allowed.

## **NEW UNIFORM TOP for 2015-16 for ALL students:**

- Red or Black Moisture-wicking polo shirt or long sleeve polo shirt with our embroidered logo on the front only. No screen-printing at all.
- Sweatshirts/zip-up sweatshirts with our embroidered logo on the front only.
- No under shirts allowed.
- No former uniforms allowed, including activity shirts.
- If a club or team wants to do an activity shirt, it must be the same uniform top (moisture-wicking material with the embroidered logo) with the name of the club/team embroidered on the shirt, either by the logo, the other side of the shirt or on the sleeve. ***The Uniform Committee must approve proposed activity shirts.***
- Students may have their name professionally embroidered on the shirt or sweatshirt, opposite of the logo.
- No other alterations to the uniform top will be allowed, including nothing being put on the back of the shirts.

## **Rationale for change:**

- ***A uniform means everyone looks the same. Right now, we have too many varieties of logos, types of shirts, etc.***
- ***Shirts have been passed down for too many years. The old uniform tops are worn out and are too faded.***
- ***Due to washing and/or bad screening of shirts, uniform lettering and logos are almost non-visible on many shirts and sweatshirts.***
- ***Going away from cotton material will ensure that the new shirts do not fade or shrink.***
- ***The new shirts are right around the same price as the former cotton shirts.***
- ***Embroidery will ensure that our logo and lettering do not fade over time.***

- **Students all look the same, which makes it easier to spot a visitor or an intruder (safety).**

**CURRENT UNIFORM PANT:**

- Any kind of pant could be worn as long as it met D70 dress code.

**NEW UNIFORM BOTTOM for 2015-16 for ALL students:**

- Black or tan khaki pants, knee-length shorts, or capris.

**Rationale for change:**

- **A uniform means everyone looks the same.**
- **This will eliminate the jeans with holes, leggings of various colors, etc.**
- **The cost of khaki pants/shorts is comparable or even less expensive than jeans.**

We are notifying you as early as possible of our new uniform so that you have time to budget and buy it for next school year. We will have four vendors that have agreed to supply the uniform tops. These are the **ONLY** vendors that we have approved with the correct uniform. Their contact information is below:

**Color Splash**

2403 Santa Fe Dr.  
(719) 544-1560

**The Spirit Store**

422 N Elizabeth  
(719) 543-2222

**Screened Effects**

521 N Santa Fe  
(719) 544-4449

**Trigger**

920 Eagleridge  
(710) 296-8744

You are welcome to buy the khaki pants, either tan or black, from any place you choose. Because this new policy takes the guesswork out of what is allowed and what isn't allowed, we will commit to having this uniform in place for the following five years. No changes will be made to it in the future.

We appreciate your support in this matter in keeping our students looking sharp and having an *enforceable* uniform in place. We will have a sample of our new uniform shirt at the school during the summer if you want to take a look at it. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact me at the school (719) 948-3336 or email [sgibbs@district70.org](mailto:sgibbs@district70.org).

Respectfully,

Mrs. Gibbs, Principal  
Vineland Middle School