2026-2027 VENICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM/DRESS CODE POLICY

At Venice Elementary School, we believe the highest student achievement occurs in a positive learning environment where students are safe and free of distractions. As such, our school implements the following uniform policy and dress code, which has been developed and approved by our VES School Advisory Council on 5/11/23:

Monday through Thursday: VES students are required to wear the Venice Elementary uniform which may be purchased through Venice Elementary School or Lands' End. The uniform consists of:

- Tops must be a white or green VES logo t-shirt, collared shirt, or dry fit shirt
- Bottoms must be one of the following:
    - Khaki shorts, skorts, or skirts (neutral colored bicycle shorts must be worn under skirts)
    - Khaki pants or capris
    - Green or white polo dress with the VES logo (neutral colored bicycle shorts must be worn under dress)
    - Green athletic shorts with the VES logo or green athletic pants (sold at VES)
    - Jumpers **are not** considered part of the VES uniform
    - *If leggings or tights are worn under the uniform bottoms, they must be neutral colored (navy, white, black, tan, gray, cream) and not patterned*
- Sock length must be under the knee.
- Close-toed shoes without heels (Crocs and/or croc-like shoes are not permitted)
- Athletic shoes are required for PE and recess.
- Solid color long-sleeve shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.
- No hoodies are permitted to be covering a student's head in VES.
- Cold Weather options may be offered (at the Principal's discretion)

Friday Free Day: Students may wear clothing of their choice while following these guidelines:

- Clothing should be appropriate for school (clothing with references to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, sex, or supporting discrimination on any characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy is prohibited).
- No exposed undergarments.
- No jeans, shorts, or pants may be worn below the belt line and must not contain any rips above the mid-thigh.
- No see-through clothing, clothing that exposes bare midriffs, crop tops, halter tops, tank tops, or spaghetti straps. All shirts must cover student shoulders.

Everyday policies pertaining to our Dress Code:

- All students should be respectful of their peers at all times, regardless of what they are wearing.
- Shorts' hemlines must at least reach the tip of the thumbnail and should not be shorter than any shirt/outerwear not tucked in. Student shirts/outwear may not cover student uniform bottoms.
- No roller wheeled shoes allowed.
- Hair color should be a natural color and in a style that is not a distraction to the educational environment in the classroom.

Uniform Suppliers: Venice Elementary School – contact Cheryl Osada at 941-486-2111 or at Cheryl.Osada@sarasotacountyschools.net

Land's End – **www.landsend.com** - School Code: 9000-9582-9

Families in need of financial assistance regarding uniforms should contact the school office at 941-486-2111
Students who violate the VES Uniform/Dress Code are subject to the following procedures:

Action Steps/Consequences:

1st Offense Teacher sends student to clinic to change; Note sent to parents*****

2nd Offense Teacher sends student to clinic to change; Counselor will talk to student; Note sent to parents*****

3rd Offense Contact parent to bring appropriate clothes and Administration schedules a conference with parents

1st and 2nd Offense – Clinic will call home and parents will be given the option to bring in a change of clothes.

- Students wearing non-uniform shoes – Sit out at Recess and PE and a note will be sent to parent/guardian
- Hair Dress Code Violations – Parents/guardians are called by the school staff to correct the issue at home that night for minor infractions. If the issue is a substantial distraction to the learning environment, the parent will be called to come to school to rectify the situation before the child is allowed to return to class.

Donations: We will gladly accept shoes/used uniforms that are gently worn.