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"Valley Thrift and Goodwill are the new Abercrombie and Fitch."

-Anna Pittman, 11

"I like it when people dress with flair!"

-April Wang, 12

"I just like to be comfortable. I don't make a habit of dressing up just to come to school."

-Cheryl Thoerner, 10

"I love summer because you get to wear tank tops and happy colors!"

-Katie Daniels, 11



A student woke up to a blaring radio. It happened to be 6:30 AM on a Monday morning, and time to get ready for school. What did they put on? A pair of faded jeans and a grey hoodie from the thrift shop, or that new off-the-wall outfit they found at the mall? Or maybe they just decided to roll out of bed.

Whatever their style, it was unique to them, and it helped to make up the range of color and fabric found in the school throughout the year.

Fashion, defined as "the current prevailing style" in the dictionary, was not so easily determined when looking around at classmates.

There were countless factors that contributed to a person's own individual style. As could be predicted, someone's 'don't' was always another student's 'do'. As long as they were comfortable with what they were wearing, though, anything seemed to go. With stores like Wet Seal, Charlotte Russe, and Forever 21, clothes became a little bit cheaper.

You could also get more for your money at thrift stores like Valley Thrift and Goodwill, which many students decided was a better idea.

Since showing up in your birthday suit would be frowned upon, clothing was a necessary, and fun way to express different personalities.



WHAT TO WEAR WITH RED HAIR?

Jaime Orent, 11, wore brown, earthy tones so that her clothes never clashed with her hair. "Bright red and shades of pink are out of the question for me," said Orent.

HIGH FIVE FOR HIGH HEELS.

Pointy, high heels had to be on everyone's feet. They were worn with jeans or skirts, and looked cute either way. Equally popular were the opposite: flats. The same fun style minus the heel, and easier to wear! Here, Sara Kaufman, 10, showed off her skirt, tights, and flats look.

STUDS ARE OUT. Small earrings and little hoops were no longer the 'in' thing. It was all about dangle earrings in earthy colors with funky stones and interesting designs.



EYE-CATCHING. Hair got shorter, and anything cute to keep it out of your face was a go. Laura Wolf, 12, chose a bright, wide headband. She also had fun making her own crazy dangle earrings with neat beads and designs.

Mocassins, similar to brown clogs, were a new way to walk in style.



Describe
your
style!



"I live in T-shirts and jeans. I get a lot of my shirts from shows that I go to, but my friend actually made the design for this shirt."

-Emily Thomas, 11



"My style is a little bit of everything—great colors with a variety of bottoms and funky shoes. I just like to express myself."

-Chelsey Lutz, 11

