



YINGHUA ACADEMY 2015-2016 UNIFORM POLICY

At Yinghua Academy, we value our students for who they are, and not by how they look or what they wear. Students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately for an educational setting as outlined below in The School's Uniform Policy. Teachers and administration will check daily to see that students are in compliance with the uniform policy. The final decision regarding a student's dress or any uniform concerns will be made by administration. The School will follow the procedures outlined in the Student & Family Handbook for those students not in proper uniform:

APPROVED UNIFORM CLOTHING

Below is an outline of what students may wear to school. **Items not listed may not be worn.** Clothing must fit appropriately for school dress. Excessively tight or baggy clothing is not permitted, including skin tight pants/leggings.

LOWER SCHOOL (GRADES KG-4)

- Plain light blue T-shirt, polo, turtle neck, or mock turtle neck
- Plain light blue Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse
- Plain light blue sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain white sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain black sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Black *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt
- Plain, solid black pants, shorts, skorts, skirts or dresses
- Plain black or light blue jumper-style dresses (Must wear approved uniform shirt underneath)
- Plain light blue knit or polo style dresses
- Black sweat pants & mesh/cotton gym shorts - **Kindergarten ONLY**
- Black yoga pants (provided they are knit, clean, un-altered, not too tight, and fit well.)
- Plain white, black, or light blue socks
- Shoes must be athletic/sport or tennis shoes with closed-toes and closed heels for safety, but may be any color.
 - o Boots, dress shoes, sandals, and flip-flops may not be worn during the school day.
- ***Shirts may not be dark blue, royal blue, powder blue, turquoise, etc. in color.***
- ***Sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece must be worn over an approved uniform shirt.***

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)

***NOTE** – Nearly all Lower School approved uniform pieces may be worn in Middle School, as well. In addition, MS students may wear the following items:

- Plain red polo, turtle neck, or mock turtle neck
- Plain red Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse
- Plain red sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain red socks
- Red *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt





- Lands' End Skirt, A-line Skirt, or Side-Pleat Skirt in "Red Plaid" pattern ONLY
- Shoes may be any style or color, but must be close-toed and have closed heels for safety.
 - o Shoes/boots may not have heels that are more than ½ inch high.
 - o Fashion boots may not rise above the knee.
 - o Winter/outdoor boots of any kind may not be worn during the school day.
- **Shirts may not be pink, fuchsia, burgundy, etc. in color.**
- **Red, Blue, Black, or White T-shirts may not be worn alone in MS.**

THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM DETAILS ARE TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF GRADE LEVEL:

- Black skin tight leggings, tights, bike shorts and compression style bottoms may be worn under skirts, dresses, and shorts, but may not be worn alone.
- Shorts must be black chino-type for both boys and girls (A.K.A. "walking", flat front, or cargo shorts)
- Shorts/skirts may not be more than 2" or 3 finger widths above the knee.
- School logos are preferred on shirts/tops, but are not required.
- Sweatpants, and mesh/athletic/gym shorts may not be worn, but loose fitting Joga-style pants are allowed.
- Jeans may not be worn – Jeans are considered any color or any fabric pant having metal rivets and/or pockets sewn on the outside of the pant.
- Uniform clothing should be neat, in good shape, and clean.
- Uniform clothing may not be altered, cut, torn, etc.
- Clothing must fit well. Excessively baggy or tight clothing is not permitted, including skin tight pants/leggings.
- Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
- Hats, caps, kerchiefs, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not allowed.
- Hair may only be dyed natural colors. This includes colored feathers, ties, and extensions that are attached to the hair.
- Outerwear (non-uniform coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, etc.) may not be worn during the school day.
- **-NOTE** - Some rooms can be chilly from time to time, but students still need to be in proper uniform. The uniform policy is designed so that students may layer for warmth.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/GYM CLASS UNIFORM – Grades 6-8 Only

Students in all grades must either wear or bring gym/athletic shoes for PE class. Gym shoes can be kept at school.

Middle School students in grades 6-8 only are required to change into athletic clothing for PE/Gym Class, but need to change back into their regular uniform clothes at the end of each PE class.

Approved Middle School "athletic clothing" includes:

- Plain black mesh or cotton gym/athletic shorts
- Plain black sweat pants
- Plain grey T-shirt or grey *Yinghua Spirit Wear* T-shirt
- Plain black, white, light blue or red sweatshirt or *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirts





WINTER CLOTHING

Parents are responsible for making sure their children are always dressed appropriately for the weather. Students, teachers and staff go outside every day for recess, PE class, and/or Yinghua Care unless the actual temperature &/or wind chill is below zero.

A coat/jacket (sweatshirts are not sufficient), warm hat, and mittens/gloves are required when the weather is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. In addition, snow pants and snow boots are required for students in grades K-5 whenever the weather reaches 30 degrees or colder. Students who are not dressed properly will not be allowed outside for recess, PE, or Yinghua Care.

Always remember to send appropriate clothing with your child(ren) as outlined in the policy above, even on very cold days when students will not be going outside for recess. Dressing for the weather is always important. Students must be prepared in case an emergency situation arises which requires students to exit the building and remain outside for an extended period of time.

FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS!

Every Friday students in all grades (K-8) have the option of wearing any *Yinghua Spirit Wear* top (T-shirt, pullover, sweatshirt, etc.) in addition to regular uniform pieces (tops & bottoms). When wearing a spirit wear hoody, pullover, or sweatshirt, students also need to wear a uniform/spirit wear shirt underneath in case they get hot and need to take off the outer layer.

SHOPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

Yinghua Academy approved uniform vendors:

- Lands' End - School Code: **900120379**
 - <http://www.landsend.com/ix/schooluniforms/>
- French Toast Uniforms - School Code: **QS5GFNU**
<http://www.frenchtoast.com/>
- Donald's Uniforms
www.donaldsuniform.com

The School is always considerate and sensitive to concerns regarding the affordability of uniform clothing. The school has partnered with the above companies to provide a convenient option for our families to help them find approved uniform clothing. However, families are not "required" to purchase from them. If nothing else, these companies are a good place to see approved examples of what students may wear to school. They also offer frequent sales, have incredible return policies, and will embroider the Yinghua Academy logo if desired. Families are encouraged, however, to shop around to find the best options that work for them. Any store is acceptable, as long as all uniform clothing falls within the over-all uniform policy.



***IMPORTANT** – All major uniform changes for the following school year will be decided and announced by the last day of school each year. Parents are advised not to purchase new uniforms until then.

