

UNIFORM POLICY 2018-2019

At Yinghua 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. Teachers will check daily that students are in compliance with the uniform policy. Decisions regarding a student's attire will be made by a school administrator. When there are concerns, the school will follow the procedures outlined in the Student & Family Handbook. This policy is presented in the following sections: Approved Uniform Clothing for Lower School, Approved Uniform Clothing for Middle School, All-School Uniform Policies, Physical Education Class Uniform, Winter Clothing, Friday "Spirit Days," and Shopping recommendations.

Approved Uniform Clothing for Lower School (kindergarten through grade 4)

Below is an outline of what Lower School students *may* wear to school. Clothing required for religious reasons is permitted (Yinghua Policy #504); otherwise, **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.

- Plain light blue T-shirt, polo, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck.
- Plain light blue Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse.
- Plain light blue sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest. The entire garment must be light blue with no colored highlights or writing.
- Plain white sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest. The entire garment must be white with no colored highlights or writing.
- Plain black sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest. The entire garment must be black with no colored highlights or writing.
- Black *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt.
- Plain, solid black pants, shorts, or skorts.
- Plain, solid black skirts or blue and black plaid skirts from Donald's Uniform.
- Plain black or light blue jumper-style dresses worn with an approved uniform shirt underneath.
- Plain light blue knit or polo style dresses.
- All skirts, jumpers, and dresses must be worn with plain black or light blue modesty shorts underneath.
- Black sweatpants and mesh/cotton gym shorts—**kindergarten ONLY**.
- Black yoga pants provided they are knit, clean, unaltered, not too tight, and fit well.
- Plain white, black, or light blue socks.
- Shoes must be athletic/sport/tennis shoes with **closed toe** and **closed heel** for safety, but they may be any color.
 - 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.**



Approved Uniform Clothing for Middle School (grades 5 through 8)

***NOTE** – Nearly all Lower School approved uniform pieces may be worn in Middle School. Clothing required for religious reasons is permitted (Yinghua Policy #504). In addition, MS students may wear the following items:

- Plain, entirely red polo, turtleneck or mock turtleneck. The garment must be entirely red with no colored highlights or writing.
- Plain, entirely red Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse. The garment must be entirely red with no colored highlights or writing.
- Plain, entirely red sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest. The garment must be entirely red with no colored highlights or writing.
- Plain red socks.
- Red *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt.
- Lands' End "red plaid" skirt, a-line skirt, or side-pleat skirt. Only the Lands' End "red plaid" pattern is allowed.
- Shoes may be any style or color, but must be **closed-toe** and **closed-heel** for safety.
 - Shoes/boots may not have heels that are more than ½ inch high.
 - Fashion boots may not rise above the knee.
 - Winter/outdoor boots of any kind may not be worn during the school day.
- **Shirts may not be pink, fuchsia, burgundy, etc. in color.**
- **All shirts must have collars; T-shirts may not be worn alone in MS, except in PE class (see PE Uniform Policy below).**

All-School Uniform Policies, For All Students

- Skin-tight leggings, tights, bike shorts, and compression-style bottoms may not be worn alone, but should be worn as modesty garments under skirts and dresses.
- Shorts must be black chino-type for both boys and girls (also known as "walking shorts," flat front, or cargo shorts).
- Shorts/skirts may not be more than 2-inches or 3 finger widths above the knee.
- School logos are preferred on shirts/tops, but are not required.
- Sweatshirts may not have any non-Yinghua lettering or logos, nor colored highlight, nor accents.
- Sweatpants and mesh/athletic/gym shorts may not be worn, but loose-fitting yoga-style pants are allowed.
- Jeans may not be worn. Jeans are any color or any fabric pant having metal rivets and/or pockets sewn to 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. However, per Yinghua Policy #504, clothing required for religious reasons is permitted.
- Hair may only be dyed natural colors. This includes colored feathers, ties, and extensions.
- Soccer cleats, wheeled shoes, "Heelys," etc., may not be worn inside the building at any time.
- Outerwear (non-uniform coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, etc.) may not be worn during the school day.
- **NOTE** - Some rooms may be chilly; however, students still need to be in proper uniform. The uniform policy is designed so that students may layer for warmth.

Physical Education (PE) Class Uniform

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

Only students in grades 6 through 8 are *required* to change into athletic attire for PE class, and they must change into regular uniform attire following PE. For these students, approved athletic attire includes:

- Plain **black** mesh or cotton gym/athletic shorts.
- Plain **black** sweatpants.
- Plain **gray** T-shirt or **gray** *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 and/or wind-chill is below zero.

A coat or jacket (sweatshirts are not sufficient), warm hat, and mittens or gloves are required when the weather is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. In addition, snow pants and snow boots are required for students in kindergarten through grade 5 whenever the weather reaches 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder or there is snow on the ground. Students who are not dressed properly will not be allowed outside for recess, PE, Before Care, or Aftercare.

Always send appropriate outdoor clothing, as described here, *even on the coldest days when students may not be going outside*. **Dressing for the weather is always important.** Students must be prepared in case an emergency arises requiring us to exit the building and remain outside for a period of time.

Friday “Spirit Days”

Every Friday, students in all grades have the option of wearing any *Yinghua Spirit Wear* top (T-shirt, pullover, sweatshirt, etc., that has YA lettering or logo) in addition to regular uniform pieces (tops and bottoms). When wearing a spirit wear hoody, pullover, or sweatshirt; students must wear a uniform or spirit wear shirt underneath the top layer of indoor clothing in case it is warm inside and they wish to remove the top layer.

Shopping Recommendations

Yinghua Academy approved uniform vendors:

- ❖ Lands’ End; use school code **900120379**: <http://www.landsend.com/ix/schooluniforms/>
- ❖ Donald’s Uniforms (in Saint Paul): www.donaldsuniform.com

The school is sensitive to concerns regarding the affordability of uniforms and has partnered with the above companies to provide a convenient option for approved uniform clothing and logo options. You may find that the above vendors offer sales, have good return policies and will embroider the Yinghua Academy logo if desired. Sometimes 1-cent logos and free shipping are offered. These websites also provide a “visual glossary” of approved Yinghua uniform pieces, but Yinghua families are not required to purchase uniform items only from these sources. Any source is acceptable as long as the clothing meets the requirements of our Uniform Policy. Yinghua parent volunteers also organize Used Uniform Sales at school throughout the year.