



UNIFORM POLICY-2025-2026

Items not listed in the policy may not be worn. Teachers and staff check daily that students are in uniform, and noncompliance decisions are made by Yinghua administrators following Student & Family Handbook procedures.

All-School Uniform Rules for All Grades

- Clothing should be neat, in good shape, and clean, and it should not be torn, cut, or transparent.
- School logos on tops are preferred but not required.
- Indoors, students must be in uniform. See “Over the uniform top” for layering options.
- Solid-color sweatshirts worn over a uniform top may not include non-Yinghua lettering or logos or other embellishments such as colored highlights, accents, stripes, patches, or colored zippers.
- Sweatshirts purchased through school channels—such as the Athletic Program or YACA sales—are permitted, provided they adhere to the school color guidelines of red, black or white for middle school students and light blue, black or white for lower school and display the Yinghua logo. These items align with the spirit of our uniform policy and may be worn over the regular uniform on colder days. This applies from Monday through Thursday unless there are specific events that say otherwise.
- Spirit wear may only be worn on Fridays not on any other day of the week. Spirit wear clothing items are anything purchased through the school such as; Yinghua pajama pants, sweatpants, various colored tee shirts and sweatshirts/hoodies.
- Students are encouraged to wear plain-black leggings, plain-black bike shorts, or plain-black tights with skirts, jumpers, and dresses.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must not be excessively short. “Volleyball shorts” length is not permitted. The length is **mid-thigh to fingertip length**: when students stand straight with their arms relaxed at their sides, the hem of the shorts, skirt, or dress should reach at least to their fingertips.
- No jeans allowed
- Shoes must have a closed-toe and closed-heel. Not permitted are sandals, flip-flops, Keens, Crocs, or slides. Winter boots, UGGs, UGG-style boots, soccer cleats, and wheeled shoes may not be worn inside.
- Outdoor gear such as coats, jackets, snow pants, and boots may not be worn inside.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, and scarves are not allowed unless for religious reasons (Yinghua Policy #504).
- Hair may only be dyed natural colors. Colored feathers and extensions are not allowed, and bright-color giant hair bows and themed hair accessories, such as cat ears, horns, or giant flowers, may not be worn.
- Clothing should fit appropriately, no excessively oversized tops/bottoms.
- There should be nothing tied around the waist such as jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc...

Approved Uniform Clothing for Lower School (Kindergarten through 4th grade)

Lower School Tops

- Shirts must be light-blue—not dark blue, royal blue, powder blue, or turquoise—and without decorative embellishment. Permitted are:
 - Light-blue polos
 - Light-blue turtlenecks
 - Light-blue mock turtlenecks
 - Light-blue Oxford cloth dress shirts
 - Light-blue blouses.
- Over the uniform top, Lower School students will wear a solid-color item. The solid-color item may be a light-blue, black, or white sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece, and the entire garment must be of the solid color with no highlights or writing. The spirit wear item may be a light-blue, black, white, gray, or charcoal Yinghua spirit wear sweatshirt from YACA or Yinghua Athletics.
- Under the uniform top, students may wear a long-sleeved base layer in light-blue, black, or white.
- No mid-drift tops
- There should be nothing tied around the waist such as jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc...

Lower School Bottoms

- Plain, solid-black cargo pants, corduroys, khakis, chinos, dress pants, walking pants, leggings, yoga pants, sweat pants, jogger pants, athletic pants, or warm-up pants may be worn
- Plain, solid-black capris, shorts, skirts, and skorts.
- Also permitted are Donald's Uniform blue-and-black plaid skirts; jumper dresses (worn with a uniform top) in solid-black, solid-light-blue, or Donald's Uniform blue-and-black plaid; and plain light-blue knit or polo dresses.
- Students are encouraged to wear skirts, jumpers, and dresses with plain black bike shorts, plain black tights, or plain black leggings.
- Shorts, skirts, jumpers and dresses must be of reasonable length and not excessively short. Length fingertip (hands down to sides is the short or skirt length).
- No jeans allowed.

Lower School Footwear and Hair Accessories

- Shoes: Lower School students may wear only gym shoes inside school. Any color closed-toe and closed-heel gym shoes will do such as athletics shoes, sports shoes, or tennis shoes.
- Hair Accessories: Lower School students may wear solid-color light-blue, white, or black hair accessories such as clips, small bows, headbands, scrunchies, and the like.

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

Middle School Tops

- Shirts must have collars and must be solid red—not pink, fuchsia, or burgundy—and without decorative embellishment or colored highlights or writing. Permitted are:
 - Red polos
 - Red turtlenecks
 - Red mock turtlenecks
 - Red Oxford cloth dress shirts
 - Red blouses.

Middle School Indoor Layer Policy

Over the uniform top, Middle School students have two options for an indoor layer: a solid-color item or a spirit wear item.

1. **Solid-Color Option:** Students may wear a red, black, or white sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece. The entire garment must be a single solid color with **no logos, highlights, or writing**. Only these approved solid colors are allowed.
2. **Spirit/School Apparel Option:** Students may also wear a sweatshirt purchased through school channels, such as an athletic program or YACA sweatshirt, as long as it meets the school color requirements and displays the school logo. Other colors (e.g., gray or green) are considered spirit wear and may only be worn on **Fridays or designated spirit days**.
 - Under the uniform top, Middle School students may wear a long-sleeved base layer in red, black, or white.
 - No mid-drift tops

Middle School Bottoms

- Plain, solid-black cargo pants, corduroys, khakis, chinos, dress pants, walking pants, leggings, yoga pants, sweat pants, jogger pants, athletic pants, or warm-up pants.
- Students are encouraged to wear skirts, jumpers, and dresses with plain black bike shorts, plain black tights, or plain black leggings.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, and pants must not be excessively short. "Volleyball shorts" length is not permitted. The length is **mid-thigh to fingertip length**: when students stand straight with their arms relaxed at their sides, the hem of the shorts, skirt, or dress should reach at least to their fingertips.
- No jeans allowed.

Middle School Footwear and Hair Accessories

- Shoes: Shoes or fashion boots may be any color or style that is closed-toe and closed-heel with a heel no higher than ½-inch. Fashion boots may not rise above the knee.
- Hair Accessories: Middle School students may wear solid-color red, black, or white hair accessories such as clips, small bows, headbands, scrunchies, and the like.

Physical Education (PE) Class Attire

- All students must wear gym shoes or athletic shoes during PE class!
- Gym shoes may be kept at school.
- Students in 6th through 8th grades are encouraged to change into athletic attire for PE class. If they do so, they must change into uniform again following PE class. For 6th through 8th grade students, athletic attire includes:
 - Plain black mesh or cotton gym/athletic shorts
 - Plain black sweatpants
 - Shorts must be of reasonable length, not excessively short. No Volleyball shorts lengths allowed. recommended length is **mid-thigh to fingertip length**: (hands down to sides and that is shorts length)
 - Plain gray t-shirt or gray Yinghua Spirit Wear T-shirt, and
 - Plain black, white, light-blue, or red sweatshirts or Yinghua spirit wear sweatshirts.

Winter Attire

- Students should always be dressed for the weather. Unless the temperature or temperature with wind-chills below zero, students, teachers, and staff go outside daily for recess, PE class, and other activities. Even on the coldest days when it may not be possible to go out, students still must have appropriate winter clothing at school in case of an emergency.
- A coat or jacket, warm hat, and mittens or gloves are required when the weather is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.
- Sweatshirts are not sufficient for cold weather.
- Snow pants and snow boots are required for students in kindergarten through 5th grade 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, Aftercare, or other outdoor activities.

Friday “Spirit Days”

- On Fridays, students in all grades may wear Yinghua spirit wear, which is clothing provided by YACA or the school which includes the Yinghua logo or Yinghua lettering. Items include:
 - Spirit wear t-shirts or pullovers, worn with uniform bottoms. If wearing a top layer such as a hoodie or sweatshirt, it must be worn with a uniform or spirit wear shirt underneath. The spirit wear item may be a red, black, white, gray, or charcoal Yinghua spirit wear sweatshirt from YACA or Yinghua Athletics.
 - Spirit wear red-plaid flannel pants or Yinghua sweatpants may also be worn

Preferred Vendors

- Lands’ End: <https://www.landsend.com/shop/school/S-ytp-xe8>
- Donald’s Uniforms in Saint Paul: www.donaldsuniform.com.
- French Toast: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/>

The school is sensitive to uniform affordability, and Yinghua parent volunteers organize Used Uniform Sales at school throughout the year. Yinghua families are not required to purchase uniforms only from the above vendors. Any source is acceptable as long as the clothing meets the uniform requirements.