

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

To meet dress code requirements, YDMS students must present themselves in the approved uniform:

**TOPS:** White or navy polo-style knit shirts (short or long sleeve); white oxford button-down shirts (short or long sleeve). Plain white, navy, black, or grey t-shirts or turtlenecks may be worn underneath these shirts. White middie blouses with plaid ties may also be worn by girls. The white middie blouse may be worn untucked. **All other shirts must be tucked in and the belt must be visible at all times.** Logos on tops must not exceed 2x2 inch. Additionally, students may wear any approved YDMS spirit shirts.

**BOTTOMS:** Khaki or navy pants, shorts, skorts or skirts. Approved blue plaid #134-57 pleated skirts for girls. Pants must be uniform style and school appropriate. Solid colored tights may be worn under shorts and skirts of appropriate length.

**LENGTH:** Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no shorter than 4" above the top of the knee. Pants must not drag the floor and should sit on the natural waist of the student.

**TIGHTNESS:** Students must be able to pinch one inch on the side of all shorts, skirts, skorts, and pants. Excessively tight and stretch pants are not allowed.

**BELTS:** Students are required to wear a belt with any bottoms that have belt loops. Belt loops may not be removed from clothing. Oversized belt buckles are not allowed.

**SHOES AND SOCKS:** Students may choose the style and color of shoes and socks. They should coordinate with the uniform and not attract undue attention. Flip-flops, backless shoes, and house shoes are **not** acceptable; shoes must have heel support for safety reasons. Additionally, all shoes must be tied or fastened.

**OUTERWEAR:** Waist-length jackets and coats are acceptable at school. No trench coats or oversized coats will be allowed. If the jacket/coat is not an approved solid color (navy, gray, white, or black) or an approved YDMS jacket, it must be removed after arriving at school. Blankets may **not** be worn to school in place of a jacket or coat.

Any plain navy, gray, white, or black sweater/sweatshirt/vest/hoodie is acceptable if worn over an approved school shirt. Sweatshirts and hoodies with the YDMS logo may be worn. All other logos must not exceed 3x3 inches. No hoods may be worn in the building.

**SCHOOL IDs:** All students are required to wear a school ID each day. One school ID will be provided free of charge to each incoming student. Misplaced IDs may be replaced for \$5.00 in the library. Temporary IDs may be purchased for \$1.00 each morning in the discipline office. All IDs, including temporary IDs, must be worn on the outside of the student's shirt and be visible at all times.

Uniforms must be worn to all school-sponsored activities (football games, basketball games, track meets, dances, etc.) unless otherwise approved and announced by the principal.

Spirit Groups (Pep Squad, Cheerleaders, Dance line) will be allowed to wear their uniforms on game days and other days approved by the principal.

All uniforms must be worn in the manner meant by the manufacturer. This means that there will be **no** ripping or cutting of hems, cuffs, sleeves, or bodies of the coordinates. Simple hemming of sleeve, slack, or skirt length may be made, but be aware of the growth factor. Due to the rapid growth of middle school children, clothing worn in the fall may not be acceptable in the spring.

Hair should be clean and combed so as to permit full vision at all times. Headwear such as hair rollers, combs, brushes, sunglasses, bandannas, hoods, and caps are **prohibited**. No chains or other heavy jewelry will be allowed.

No mode of student appearance will be considered proper for school that detracts from or disrupts the classroom and/ or the school decorum. The principal (or designee) of the school shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.

Piercings in the ears are the **ONLY** acceptable piercing for students. No other visible piercings will be allowed.

**FACE MASKS:** In accordance with the state guidelines, students 3rd grade and above will wear masks to the maximum extent possible, most importantly at entry and exit, and during transitions within the school building. Face masks must be school appropriate. Mask colors and/or designs should not interfere with or distract from the educational process or rights of others. Masks with obscene/profane language, provocative pictures, Satanic, cult, gang-related symbolism, drug-related symbols in any form including advertisements or promotion of alcohol or tobacco, or political statements shall be prohibited on school campuses. Administration will make the final decision about whether a mask is approved or not. All masks must be worn as designed to cover the mouth and nose area. A face shield may be worn in addition to their mask, but not in place of their mask.

**Failure to comply with the YDMS dress code will result in school discipline.**