

# YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS UNIFORM DRESS CODE

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## ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL (K-8)

### BOYS

- **DRESS SHIRTS, PULLOVERS, POLOS and TURTLENECKS** with collars must be solid white, solid black or any shade of solid blue (no insignias on shirts). Banded collar is acceptable. **With the exception of polo shirts, all shirts must be tucked in.** Undershirts worn under other shirts must be solid white in color and not hang below the shirt. Ties may be worn with shirts in solid black, solid navy blue or solid white.

### GIRLS

- **BLOUSES, PULLOVERS, POLOS and TURTLENECKS** (with or without collars) must be solid white, solid black or any shade of solid blue, and worn tucked in. Polos must have a collar and be solid white, solid black or any shade of solid blue. **With the exception of polo shirts, all shirts must be tucked in.**
- **DRESSES, SKIRTS, JUMPERS, SKORTS or GAUCHOS** must be solid navy blue, solid black or solid beige/tan/khaki and at or below the knee in length when standing (no insignias). Slits in skirts cannot extend above the knee.

### BOYS AND GIRLS

- **DRESS PANTS** must be solid navy blue, solid black or solid beige/tan/khaki (no denim, leather, leather look-alike, cargo, carpenter or sweatpants of any kind).
- **SOCKS** must be solid navy blue, solid black or solid white (girls may wear tights/pantyhose/knee-highs in these solid colors or solid natural).
- **SHOES** may be any color; dress or athletic. **Absolutely every part of the shoe must be closed in-NO EXCEPTIONS! (See number 8, "Improper Dress" section)**
- **BOOTS** worn during the school day in place of shoes must follow the same guidelines as shoes and not present a safety hazard. (See number 8, "Improper Dress" section)
- **BELTS** must be solid navy blue, solid brown, solid tan or solid black and worn on pants with belt loops. With the exception of polo shirts, all shirts must be tucked in.
- **SWEATERS AND/OR VESTS** must be solid navy blue, solid brown, solid tan, solid white or solid black and must be worn over a shirt. **NO HOODS PERMITTED!**

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### HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

- **POLO STYLE SHIRTS ONLY** must be **solid white for freshmen** and **solid black or any solid shade of blue for grades 10-12**, with no insignias on shirts or stripes on the collar. *Shirts may be worn tucked in or left out. T-shirts or turtlenecks worn underneath the shirt must be solid white and must not hang below the shirt.* Shirts must be properly fitted and the abdomen must be covered at all times. If worn out, shirts must be hip length. Ties may be worn with shirts in solid navy blue, solid black or solid white.
- **DRESS PANTS** must be solid navy blue, solid black or solid beige/tan/khaki (no denim, leather, leather look-alike, cargo, carpenter, parachute or sweatpants of any kind). No hip-huggers, knit or spandex pants will be permitted.
- **SKIRTS, SKORTS, GAUCHOS AND DRESSES** must be solid navy blue, solid black or solid beige/tan/khaki and reach the knee when standing. Slits in skirts may not extend above the knee.
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## IMPROPER DRESS

1. Sweatbands, hair rollers, bandannas, hats, caps, etc. **may not be worn** other than for documented cultural, religious or medical reasons.
2. The wearing of nonprescription glasses or sunglasses other than for documented reasons **is prohibited**.
3. Appearance that implies or signifies membership in any unauthorized organization, club, or group **is prohibited**.
4. Students **are not** to wear buttons, badges, or other insignia emblazoned with obscene words or phrases that have or most surely will cause material and substantial disruption of the educational process.
5. Skirts, dresses, skorts or jumpers that are above the knee when standing, are **not** allowed.
6. **No** baggies or sagging pants/slacks will be permitted. All clothing must be properly sized and worn in such a manner not to expose any under-garments. Pants/slacks must be worn above the hips, no hip huggers permitted.
7. Students may wear clothes for religious reasons and cultural dress on designated days as part of commemorative observances.
8. Students **should not** dress in a manner that would present a danger to their health or safety. Examples would be going barefooted, wearing flip-flops, not wearing socks, open toe or backless shoes, or shoes or boots with heels that are of an excessive height or size proportion, or shoe laces of excessive length. Sandals are not permitted.
9. Sleeveless blouses, shirts, athletic jerseys, sweat suits, tank tops, T-shirts, and see-through or low cut shirts or blouses are **not to be** worn. Undershirts worn under other shirts **must be solid white** in color and not hang below the outer shirt.
10. **No** hooded clothing.
11. During the school day, students are not to wear or carry hats or outside wraps.
12. On school spirit days, only specified school endorsed insignia attire may be worn.
13. The district will permit students who are members of nationally recognized youth organizations (e.g. ROTC) to wear said organization's uniform on designated days.
14. **Administrators may use discretion to determine clothing that is inappropriate or may create a health or safety risk in the building. Parents will be notified of any item deemed inappropriate.**