

Young Women’s Leadership Academy

Uniform Dress Code 2024-2025

Enforcement of dress code begins on the First Day of School

Students enrolled in **Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA)** students shall adhere to the following standard in their dress and grooming. Absence from class due to an inappropriate dress and grooming violation will be counted as an unexcused absence. Dress code rules apply to **all classroom and school related activities**. During school-related activities and field trips, sponsors/coaches may obtain permission from the **Principal** to modify the dress code for specific events. **Dress and grooming that, in the administrator’s judgment, would disrupt the educational process is not allowed. The Administration of YWLA reserves the right to amend this dress code, as necessary, to ensure a safe environment conducive for effective learning.**

- ★ Your cooperation with our dress code helps ensure a safe, productive learning environment for all.
- ★ If provided by the vendor, official YWLA ID badges **must** be worn at chest level above the waist, with photo/information facing forward and visible.
- ★ YWLA does not allow pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, disparaging, culturally biased, tobacco products and/or alcoholic products; drugs and/or other prohibited substances/items are not allowed on any item on campus.
- ★ Students who violate the dress code will: be asked to have parents bring the appropriate attire; while waiting students will be assigned in-school suspension center; repeat dress code offenders will be recommended for detention, In-school suspension, and/or removal from YWLA.
- ★ **GENERAL RULE: IF IT’S NOT ON THIS APPROVED DRESS CODE, IT’S NOT APPROVED—DON’T WEAR IT.**
- ★ **FULL DRESS: ONLY required on Mondays or for special events as determined by administration. If a holiday falls on a Monday, Full dress is not required.**

<u>Approved for Grade 6, 7, 8 students</u>	<u>Approved for High School students</u>
<p>Full Dress Uniform: All students are expected to wear their plaid skirts/plaid shorts, white blouses, and knee high socks every Monday. Ties are required. Students will be notified in advance of any other Full Dress days. Skirts are to be at least at the student’s knees or longer. ***Cardigans are required for full dress.</p>	
<p>PANTS/JEANS/SHORTS</p>	
<p>All pants and shorts are to be worn <u>at the waist in the appropriate size</u> for the student and will be neatly hemmed.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Shorts--Dark navy blue knee-length, pockets, flat-front, no cuff and no pleats, pockets. ★ Dark navy blue slacks—flat-front pants, pockets; no pleats; no tapered leg ★ No skinny jeans/pants; no ‘jeggings’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Shorts—Dark navy blue knee-length, pockets, flat-front, no cuffs, no pleats. ★ Dark navy blue slacks—flat-front pants, pockets; no pleats; no tapered leg ★ No skinny jeans/pants; no ‘jeggings’
<p>SKIRTS</p>	
<p><i>* Foundation to sponsor 6th grade sweater and skirt, students must be fitted by uniform vendor</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Pleated plaid skirt Full Dress Monday requirement ★ Plaid shorts (Vendor: The School Yard) – see vendor for more information as this is a special order item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Pleated Plaid skirt -Full Dress Monday requirement ★ Plaid shorts (Vendor: The School Yard) – see vendor for more information as this is a special order item
<p>SHIRTS</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Short sleeve white –blouse with pocket <u>from vendor</u> ★ Red polo-style shirts are to have the YWLA monogrammed logo—no cap sleeves; sleeves at mid-upper arm ★ Under shirts and undergarments must not be visible through uniform shirts. ★ <i>On Fridays, t-shirts</i> sponsored by the YWLA PTSA or a YWLA club/team with a YWLA logo are approved to be worn as outer shirts on Fridays only. The principal will approve each design for school spirit PTSA and club shirts-- <u>No gym and/or Athletic uniform shirts are to be worn outside of the gym.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Short sleeve white –blouse with pocket <u>from vendor</u> ★ Solid red or solid white polo style shirts w/ YWLA logo monogrammed logo—no cap sleeves; sleeves at mid-upper arm ★ Under shirts and undergarments must not be visible through uniform shirt. ★ <i>T-shirts</i> sponsored by the YWLA PTSA or YWLA club/team with a YWLA logo are approved to be worn as outer shirts on Fridays only. The principal will approve each design for school spirit PTSA and club shirts-- <u>No gym and/or Athletic uniform shirts are to be worn outside of the gym.</u>

SHOES/SOCKS

- ★ Closed-toed all- black low-top shoes; slip-on or strap
- ★ No laces on shoes; no tennis shoes; no boots, etc. Shoes with removed laces are not allowed.
- ★ No glitter or other embellishments
- ★ Socks are mandatory —white knee-high socks for Monday full uniform
- ★ White ankle socks that are visible at the ankle.
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Winter Wear	
Middle School	High School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Navy blue sweater with YWLA logo-full dress (Mondays or special campus events) ★ Navy Student Council ¾ fleece tops allowed (T-Fri) ★ Gray “YWLA” sweatshirt worn with red collared polo(T-Fri) ★ Long sleeved shirts—solid red, solid white, or solid navy blue ★ No pull over sweaters (this includes hoodies and sweatshirts), except YWLA seal red pullovers. ★ Tights (not leggings)—solid white, black ★ Scarves—can only be worn during transition of classes and before/after school. ★ Beanies—solid black, navy blue, red—allowed outside of the building. ★ College t-shirts may be worn only on Fridays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Red sweater with YWLA logo-full dress (Mondays or special campus events) ★ Navy Student Council ¾ fleece tops allowed (T-Fri) ★ Gray/Navy “YWLA” sweatshirt worn with red or white collared polo (T-Fri) ★ Long sleeved shirts—solid red, solid white, or navy blue ★ No pull over sweaters (this includes hoodies), except YWLA seal red pullovers. ★ Tights (not leggings)—solid white, black, navy blue ★ Scarves—can only be worn during transition of classes and before/after school. ★ Beanies—solid black, navy blue, red—allowed outside of buildings ★ College t-shirts may be worn only on Fridays. ★ Only Seniors can wear college sweatshirts from Tuesday to Friday.
CROSS TIES & BACKPACKS, etc.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Backpacks may be solid red, navy blue, black, or YWLA plaid pattern. ★ Duffle bags are only for students participating in a team sport—solid red, navy blue, or black ★ Purses are allowed to carry personal items. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Red ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end ★ Plaid ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Navy blue ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end ★ Plaid ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end
Makeup/Accessories	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Bow/ribbons that are red, navy blue, white, or plaid ★ Headbands—red, white, or navy blue; no decorative pieces larger than a quarter ★ <u>No makeup allowed in middle school grades.</u> ★ Plain black belt (No embellishments or distracting buckle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Bow/ribbons that are red, navy blue, white, or plaid ★ Headbands—red, white, or navy blue; no decorative pieces larger than a quarter ★ Clear, black, or brown mascara ★ Clear lip gloss ★ Compact powder ★ Plain black belt (No embellishments or distracting buckle)
Physical Education Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Red or blue YWLA mesh shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh ★ YWLA PE t-shirt/Solid gray t-shirt (no v-neck) ★ Students may only wear athletic-approved tennis shoes, no crocs, or sandals. ★ During winter cold spells, students may wear YWLA sweatshirts and YWLA sweatpants. 	
Dance Class and Program Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Black leotard top, leggings, sweat pants ★ While out of the dance room, all dancers must have their shoulders covered with a YWLA spirit shirt, PE shirt or YWLA uniform sweater. ★ Students may only wear dance-approved shoes, no crocs, or sandals. ★ See Dance teacher for more details on where to purchase items. 	

Miscellaneous

- Cell phones are not allowed for use during the instructional day from 8:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. unless granted permission by a staff member for instructional use only. Students using a cell phone during this time will have it confiscated.
- YWLA will adhere to the YWLA cell phone policy. Middle school students cannot use cell phones once on campus, except after school. School phones are available for students to use for emergency purposes. Phones in the main office or principal's conference room are available to students before or after school; during passing periods, lunch; or with a pass from a teacher. The following are specific for YWLA students and while on YWLA facilities or while on a school related activity:
 1. Body piercings are **limited to** earrings in ears and/or one nose ring in one nostril.
 2. No gauges, no "madonna" or "Monroe" piercings, no tongue piercings, no septum rings, no bar (industrial) piercings on any part, slugs, etc. If not approved in the aforementioned description in #1, it is not approved.
 3. No distracting hairstyles (including, but not limited to, shaved, unnatural -colored/dyed/painted hair. Highlights must not be distracting.) The Principal or Head of School will determine what is distracting.
 4. No sunglasses in any school building during the school day.
 5. No wearing of airpods/earplugs/headphones in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria during the instructional day from 8:25 am to 3:45 pm.
 6. Tattoos need to be covered by the YWLA uniform at all times.
 7. Artificial nails must remain in the short or medium category. Nails that are classified as long, xl and 2xx long length or longer are not allowed.
- No Gang related symbols, graffiti, and markings on any possession that is on campus or on a school sponsored activity.

For further guidelines and regulations regarding dress code, please refer to the YWLA Student-Parent Handbook. The YWLA dress code varies from the SAISD dress code.

Uniform items should be purchased through district approved vendors— SchoolYard and Uniforms and Services (School Uniform) and Lonestar Apparel (PE/Athletic Uniform).

Uniform Assistance Information: Applications for Uniform Assistance through SAISD will be available online, on the school website under the Parents tab. Qualified applicants may be eligible for one free or reduced priced uniform set (Cardigan and Plaid skirt). Please

Please email YWLA Principal P. Alfaro @ palfaro2@saisd.net if you need any assistance with meeting dress code expectations.