

DRESS CODE

In order to instill a sense of unity and promote academic excellence, students at the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders are required to wear a school uniform. Students must follow the guidelines below. On a regular school day, students may wear the following:

TOPS

SHIRT—Black YWL polo or purple YWL polo purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY. On Fridays, students may wear a school t-shirt or another school approved t-shirt (summer program, student council, swim & dive team, etc.). The gray PE t-shirt may not be worn as a Friday t-shirt.



UNDERSHIRT—Students may wear a short or long-sleeved solid color t-shirt in black or white UNDER any of the Talkington uniform shirts listed above. Students are never allowed to wear the undershirt alone or alone under the YWL hoodie jacket. Undershirts are not to hang past the bottom of the uniform shirt.

JACKET—YWL black zip jacket may be worn on campus once the school day has started. As the weather gets colder, students are also allowed to wear a plain black full zip hoodie or sweater (no logos of any kind, including but not limited to Nike Swoosh, Adidas stripes, company logo etc). Heavy coats, normally stored in the student’s locker until the end of the school day, will have to be carried or put in backpacks this year. Talkington Athletic hoodies or sweatshirts are only allowed on Friday.



BOTTOMS

PANTS or CAPRI PANTS—Khaki pants or capri pants may be worn. Pants or capri pants must be “dress-type,” with welt/slit back pockets (no full-size back pockets like on jeans). No khaki denim or “skinny pants”. No cargo/utility/carpenter-type pants or capris with side pockets, buckles, etc. Full-length uniform pants can NOT be rolled to capri length or shorts. HS students may opt to wear black pants, shorts or skirt any day EXCEPT Wednesday (plaid skirt must be worn).



SHORTS—Khaki walking shorts may be worn. Shorts must be the fingertip length. Khaki shorts must be “dress-type,” with welt/slit back pockets (no full-size back pockets like on jeans). No khaki denim. No cargo/utility/carpenter-type shorts with side pockets, buckles, etc. Talkington-approved shorts are available for purchase from Designs in Thread. The Dickies “SchoolWear” brand of work/dress khaki is also an appropriate choice. Cut-offs or rolled up shorts are not appropriate.



SKIRT—Plaid skirt purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY. A khaki SKORT or Khaki pleated skirt is available purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY. The skort or pleated skirt can **NOT** be worn in place of the plaid skirt with the dress uniform. A- line skirt can be purchased by 8th graders if a new skirt is needed.



FOOTWEAR

DRESS—Plain, solid black dress shoes are required when wearing the Talkington dress uniform. Heel should be no higher than one inch for MS students and no higher than 3 inches for high school students. Plain black Sketcher-type shoes (dark rubber soles) are acceptable. Dress shoes may be worn any day, but are required on Talkington “dress uniform days.” No canvas, laces or ties.



CASUAL—Shoes for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday should be black or white tennis or athletic shoes. No patterns or designs (checks, polka dots, plaid, etc.), mostly plain. White, black, or silver accents are acceptable. No high tops. Black or white shoelaces only – shoes must be tied. No flip flops, croc or mesh-type shoes, sandals or boots. See "Jean Fridays" below for Friday shoe information.



SOCKS—Plain white or black socks. No patterns or designs. Socks can be knee or ankle-length.



LEGGINGS—Plain white or black leggings can be worn under skirts or shorts. No lace or decorations.

JEWELRY

- Necklaces must be worn inside the uniform shirt. Necklaces are not allowed to hang around the outside of the uniform shirt. Simple bracelets may be worn. Multiple bands are NOT allowed.
- Choker-type necklaces worn tight around the neck are not permitted.
- Earrings should be small and simple, no larger or longer than a quarter. Studs or small hoops/no rods.
- Students may NOT wear body piercings, facial rings, or tongue bars. A SMALL nose stud is allowed.

HAIR

- Hair should be well-groomed and not cover the eyes.
- The hairstyle shall not create a classroom distraction such as shaved sides or designs. No extreme variations in length (principal discretion).
- Students can not have extreme color variations in their hair; only natural hair colors are allowed.
- Hair accessories should be simple and coordinate with the school uniform (solid white, purple, silver, black). Headbands may not have any advertising or designs (ex. Nike).
- NO hair bonnets, durags, bandanas or toboggans are allowed

DRESS UNIFORM

- Every Wednesday, students are required to wear the **Talkington Dress Skirt**
 - On alternating Wednesdays, students will be required to be in **Talkington Dress Uniform**:
 - **Middle School - White Dress shirt, tie, plaid skirt and black sweater vest**
 - **High School - White Dress shirt, plaid skirt, and choice of plaid tie or black sweater vest and purple tie .**
- (ALL dress uniforms purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY.) Plaid skirt required for all grades . Blazer is optional.
- Plain black dress shoes with no laces, ties, or patterns (see above)
 - Black or white socks (knee or ankle length – NOT thigh high), black or white hose or footed tights. No leggings on dress uniform days.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION Required

Talkington students participating in on-campus physical education classes (Competitive Athletics, PE) are required to wear the following for daily participation:

- Gray PE t-shirt (purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY). T-shirts will be marked with a student name. Students are required to wear their t-shirt daily.
- Black athletic shorts (purchased from Designs in Thread ONLY).
- White or black socks.
- Athletic shoes.



JEAN FRIDAYS

Talkington students who do not receive a uniform violation Monday – Thursday will be eligible to wear light or dark **BLUE** denim jeans (no colored jeans other than blue) on Fridays with a purple or black Talkington t-shirt or uniform polo. BLUE denim capri pants or fingertip length shorts will also be permitted on warm days (no holes or ripped jeans if skin shows). On “Jean Fridays” students have freedom to exercise some choice in their selection of shoes -- sandals, Sperry’s, Tom’s, Bob’s, boots (jeans cannot be tucked in) will be allowed. Color variety will be permitted unless it glaringly detracts from the Talkington colors.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REFERRAL

Talkington students are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform daily, as described in the above guidelines. These guidelines are frequently communicated and reinforced with students. If a student chooses not to follow Talkington Uniform Expectations, she will receive a UNIFORM REFERRAL slip by any Talkington staff member. She will be required to report to the office where the appropriate response will be enforced, which may include:

- Removal/change of inappropriate uniform item (undershirt, socks, shoes, etc.) if an alternative item is available on campus.
- Call to parent to bring appropriate uniform item.

If proper uniform cannot be obtained by end of 1st period or multiple offenses the student receives:

- Lunch Detention (1st infraction, 2nd-after school detention, 3rd- ISS) plus lunch detention for each additional infraction.
- Loss of Friday jeans
- Restriction from participation in certain school activities.
- In-school suspension.

Multiple uniform referrals will be treated with disciplinary action and can result in a student’s magnet status being revoked.