Young Women's Leadership Academy
Uniform Dress Code 2026-2027

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; students will be issued demerits for not being in dresscode; repeat dress code offenders will be recommended for detention, in-school suspension and/or behavior growth plan.
- ★ **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. Likewise, if a holiday falls on a Friday, students may not wear spirit wear on Thursday, they should be in normal, Thursday attire.**

Approved for Grade 6, 7, 8 students	***Approved for High School students***
Full Dress Uniform: All students are expected to wear their cardigan(blue for MS and red for HS), plaid skirts/plaid shorts, white blouses, ties, and knee high socks **without logos** every Monday. Students will be notified in advance of any other Full Dress days. Skirts are to be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. (Navy pants are **NOT** allowed on Full dress days)	
PANTS/SHORTS	
All pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist in the appropriate size for the student and will be neatly hemmed. (Skirts should **NOT** be rolled up around the waist.)	
★ Shorts- Dark navy blue, pockets, flat-front, no cuff and no pleats.(Length: No more than 3 inches above the knee.) ★ Dark navy blue slacks—flat-front pants, pockets; no pleats; no tapered leg ★ No skinny jeans/pants; no 'jeggings'	★ Shorts- Dark navy blue, pockets, flat-front , no cuffs, no pleats.(Length: No more than 3 inches above the knee.) ★ Dark navy blue slacks—flat-front pants, pockets; no pleats; no tapered leg ★ No skinny jeans/pants; no 'jeggings'
SKIRTS	
Incoming 6th - 9th grade students are encouraged to complete a uniform voucher application that would cover the cost of a cardigan and skirt.	
★ Pleated plaid skirt - Full Dress Monday requirement(Length: No more than 3 inches above the knee.) ★ Plaid shorts (Vendor: The School Yard) – see vendor for more information as this is a special order item	★ Pleated Plaid skirt -Full Dress Monday requirement(Length: No more than 3 inches above the knee.) ★ Plaid shorts (Vendor: The School Yard) – see vendor for more information as this is a special order item
SHIRTS	
★ Short sleeve white –blouse with pocket from vendor ★ 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. ★ *On Fridays, college shirts or T-shirts* 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-- No gym and/or Athletic uniform shirts are to be worn outside of the gym.**	★ Short sleeve white –blouse with pocket from vendor ★ 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 shirts. ★ *On Fridays, college shirts or T-shirts* 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-- No gym and/or Athletic uniform shirts are to be worn outside of the gym.**

SHOES/SOCKS

★ Closed-toed **all- black** low-top shoes; slip-on or strap(Sperry's and HeyDudes Allowed) ★ 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 —plain white knee-high socks without logos for Monday full uniform ★ White ankle socks that are visible at the ankle, without logos. ○ "No Show" socks will not be allowed ★ For PE purposes only: tennis shoes may be worn but not outside of PE class. **No crocs, slides, or sandals may be worn to campus before the bell rings.**	★ Closed-toed **all-black** low-top shoes; slip-on or strap(Sperry's and HeyDudes Allowed) ★ 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 or dark navy blue knee high without logos for Monday full uniform ★ White or dark navy blue ankle socks that are visible at the ankle, without logos. ○ "No Show" socks will not be allowed ★ For PE purposes only: tennis shoes may be worn but not outside of PE class. **No crocs, slides, or sandals may be worn to campus before the bell rings.**

Winter Wear

Middle School	High School
★ Navy blue sweater with YWLA logo-full dress (Mondays or special campus events) ★ Navy Student Council ¾ fleece tops allowed (T-Fri) ★ Gray "YWLA" crewneck 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 blue pullovers. ★ Tights/Leggings—solid white, black; No sweatpants, flair yoga pants, or YWLA PE or Athletic sweatpants ★ Scarves—can only be worn during transition of classes and before/after school. ★ Beanies—solid black, navy blue, red—allowed outside of the building. ★ Coats- Proper uniform is required underneath the coat at all times; hoodies not allowed ★ College t-shirts may be worn only on Fridays.	★ Red sweater with YWLA logo-full dress (Mondays or special campus events) ★ Navy Student Council ¾ fleece tops allowed (T-Fri) ★ Gray/Navy "YWLA" crewneck 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 and sweatshirts**), except YWLA seal red pullovers. ★ Tights/Leggings—solid white, black, navy blue; No sweatpants or flair yoga pants, or YWLA PE or Athletic sweatpants ★ Scarves—can only be worn during transition of classes and before/after school. ★ Beanies—solid black, navy blue, red—allowed outside of buildings ★ Coats- Proper uniform is required underneath the coat at all times; hoodies not allowed ★ College t-shirts may be worn only on Fridays. ★ **Only Seniors can wear college sweatshirts from Tuesday to Friday. (Crew Neck sweaters only, NO HOODIES)**

CROSS TIES & BACKPACKS, etc.

★ Students are responsible for labeling all backpacks, duffle bags, purses and keeping all personal items secured in their bags.

★ Red ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end ★ Plaid ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end	★ Navy blue ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end ★ Plaid ties—long criss-cross—tie knot at end

Makeup/Accessories

★ Bow/ribbons that are red, navy blue, white, or plaid ★ Headbands—red, white, or navy blue; no decorative pieces larger than a quarter ★ **No makeup allowed in middle school grades.** ★ Plain black belt (No embellishments or distracting buckle) Ex. studs & spikes NOT permitted ★ **No leg warmers/arm warmers**	★ Bow/ribbons that are red, navy blue, white, or plaid ★ Headbands—red, white, or navy blue; no decorative pieces larger than a quarter ★ Makeup should be natural ★ Plain black belt (No embellishments or distracting buckle) Ex. studs & spikes NOT permitted ★ **No leg warmers/arm warmers**

Physical Education Uniform

★ 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, slides, or sandals may be worn to campus before the bell rings.**
★ During winter cold spells, students may wear YWLA sweatshirts and YWLA sweatpants.

Dance Class and Program Uniform

★ 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, slides, or sandals may be worn to campus before the bell rings.**

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★ See Dance teacher for more details on where to purchase items.

Miscellaneous

- HS- 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. Students will adhere to the YWLA cell phone policy.
- MS - Middle school students cannot use cell phones once on campus, except after school. Once on campus, cell phones must be turned off and placed in their backpack or locker. 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. Students will adhere to the YWLA cell phone policy.

  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(any color that a person is not born with) -colored/dyed/painted hair. Highlights must not be 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, unless as a part of instruction.
  6. Tattoos need to be covered by the YWLA uniform at all times.
  7. Blankets are NOT ALLOWED. If students arrive with blankets, they will be confiscated.
- 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(**Accept School Uniform Vouchers**) and Lonestar Apparel (PE/Athletic Uniform/School 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 email YWLA Principal Priscilla Alfaro @ palfaro2@saisd.net if you need any assistance with meeting dress code expectations.