



YOUNG SCHOLARS
CHARTER SCHOOL

Dress Code / Uniform Policy (Students)

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to communicate the dress code to which students at Young Scholars Charter School are expected to adhere. The uniform and dress code outlined herein applies during all school days and during all school-sponsored events unless otherwise stated in writing by the CEO or designee.

Context

This Policy has been adopted to improve the educational environment for all students and is based on the belief that the Policy:

- Fosters a sense of school identity and community;
- Prepares students for the expectations related to professional attire that future schools, colleges, institutions, organizations, and employers will have for them;
- Ensures that students focus on learning instead of clothing;
- Increases school safety and security by making the presence of visitors/outside immediately apparent; and
- Reduces the cost of clothing for families.

Guidelines

The basic components of the daily school uniform are:

- The Young Scholars polo shirt (purchased at the School);
- Regular fit khaki pants; and
- Modest colored belt, socks, and all black or all dark brown shoes.

The basic components of the Physical Education uniform, which students must wear on specified P.E. days, are:

- The Young Scholars P.E. t-shirt (purchased at the School);
- Black or navy blue track pants; and
- Sneakers (any color permitted)

Students have the right to dress in accordance with their gender identity within the constraints of the dress code outlined herein.

Accessories such as buttons, pins, jewelry, or backpacks are not permitted to the extent that they:

- Bear or depict messages, images, or advertisements promoting or relating to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco;
- Depict or advocate violent or sexually explicit/suggestive messages, writing or images;
- Bear language or messages that are obscene, profane, or otherwise in violation of applicable law, Board Policy, or the Code of Conduct.

Exceptions to the dress code may be made by the CEO or designee for medical or religious reasons when required by law. Requests for such accommodations should be directed to the CEO.

School uniform shirts can be purchased at school throughout the school year during students' lunch periods. Pricing and uniform size information is available at school and will be communicated to parents/guardians.

Students who are in violation of this Policy will be subject to a paycheck deduction or other school-based discipline, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. In cases where students are in violation of this Policy, a parent/guardian may be contacted and asked to bring appropriate attire to school for their child before their child is permitted to return to class. Students who accumulate an excessive number of uniform violations may also lose privileges to participate in dress down days.

Any questions about this Policy or the appropriateness of particular attire shall be directed to the CEO or designee.