

Uniform Policy

Uniform Philosophy

YES Prep Public Schools believes in the power of community and school pride while also deeply valuing a student’s right to express their individuality without the fear of unnecessary discipline, body shaming, or the confines of gender norms. Students have the right to be treated equitably and dress code enforcement at YES Prep Public Schools will not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, nor will it be unfairly enforced more strictly against a student because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size or type, or body maturity.

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YES Prep Public Schools uniform policy is centered around values of equity and school pride. A school uniform allows for community building and options within the uniform selection allows for student and family choice. Uniforms should be worn each school day and should meet the expectations of district and campus guidelines. Similar to all YES Prep policies, if a student’s uniform, dress, or accessory choice poses a concern for student physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the uniform item.

A uniform shirt is defined as either a campus polo, sold by YES Prep Public Schools, containing the current school logo, and is the correct color for the student’s campus or a school pride t-shirt, distributed by the student’s school.

YES Prep Public Schools also has winter jackets, sweatshirts, and cardigans for sale to provide multiple options for outerwear. A student’s outerwear may only be YES Prep and may also include outerwear sold by the athletics department on campus.

The following shows the uniform expectations throughout the week.

Monday through Friday Uniform

Uniform Item	Expectation
Shirt	<p>Students may choose between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus-specific YES Prep Polo (purchased through YES Prep) • Campus School Spirit T-Shirt (purchased through YES Prep, <i>only YES Prep School Spirit shirts for 20-21 are allowed. Grade Level t-shirts and former year t-shirts are not permitted M-TR as the standard uniform</i>) • College polos or shirts <p><i>Students may choose to wear any color undershirt underneath their polo or t-shirt. Polos or t-shirts do not need to be tucked in.</i></p>
Bottoms	<p>Students may choose between pants, skirts, or shorts of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khakis (any color) • Jeans (any color)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joggers (any color, must be jean or khaki material- may not be sweat pant material) <p><i>Students may not wear leggings, jeggings, athletic or mesh shorts, workout bottoms, or pajama pants. Pants may not have prints, patterns, holes or tears. Shorts and skirts should be no more than fingertip length above the knee. Bottoms must be worn at the waist.</i></p>
ID Badges	ID Badges must be worn by all students on lanyards and must be visible at all times.
Shoes	For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed-toed Must have backs (i.e. no slides) Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers) Any color is permitted
Accessories/ Styling	<p>Students may have visible piercings and tattoos as long as messaging and images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Accessory items that are spiked (bracelets, belts, collars) are not permitted due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Students may wear a variety hairstyles and colors. Head shaving designs are permitted as long as images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Hats and sunglasses are not permitted for safety purposes.</p> <p>Religious head-coverings are permitted.</p> <p>Campuses can permit other head-coverings (i.e. scarves, wave caps) to continue to enforce our uniform philosophy. Campus may choose to not permit bandanas on campus if it impacts the safety of the learning environment.</p>
Outerwear	<p>Students may wear YES Prep/ non-YES Prep outerwear. Students may choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES Prep water-proof jacket (purchased through YES Prep) YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep) YES Prep cardigan (purchased through YES Prep) Campus athletics department outerwear (purchased through campus Athletics Department) Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable) Non-YES Prep outerwear that represents a college or university Non-YES Prep outerwear that is campus colors (blue and gold) or solid colors of black, grey, or white.
PE Uniform	<p>Students may wear their own athletic wear for PE classes. YES Prep will not offer PE uniforms to be purchased through YES Prep. Clothing for PE class must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have school appropriate messaging Meet criteria in the “Free Dress Days” category Bottoms may not be higher than fingertip length above the knee

<p>Free Dress Days</p> <p>(Used for campus reward days)</p>	<p>Campuses may allow for free dress days. On free dress days, clothing should meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts are acceptable, however all clothing and accessories must be school appropriate: YES Prep prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on T-shirts that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance, show gang affiliation, or depict violence in any way. • No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student. • No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student. • No open-toed shoes. • All pants, shorts, and skirts must meet the criteria established in the Monday through Friday uniform for pants/shorts/skirts.
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What is Different

Although some expectations have changed, many general expectations remain the same. Below you will find a list of all changes made to the uniform policy for the 20-21 school-year.

- **Central Alignment:** Although most campuses followed a similar dress code in years past, for the 20-21 SY, there is central alignment on the ceiling for the dress code.
- **Bottoms:** Jeans and joggers are now allowed on any day of the week. Any color is permitted, but they may not have prints, patterns, holes or tears.
- **Tops:** Campus-based spirit t-shirts (purchased through Tejas) or college polos and shirts are now allowed any day of the week. Shirts do not need to be tucked in.
- **Outerwear:** Students are allowed to wear non-YES Prep outerwear if the outerwear is college wear, campus colors (blue and gold) or solid colors of black, grey or white.
- **Accessories:** Students are not permitted to wear hats, head coverings or sunglasses.
- **Vendor Options:** In order to reduce the cost for our system and for our families, YES Prep will continue to work with Tejas and will only offer:
 - Two polo colors per campus
 - A campus-based spirit shirt
 - YES Prep outerwear (not campus specific)
 - No PE uniforms