

## **Dress Code**

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.

The YES Prep East End dress code should be met each school day and should meet the expectations of district and campus guidelines. Similar to all YES Prep policies, if a student's dress or accessory choice poses a concern for student physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the dress item.

Our campus-based YES Prep Polo and/or YES Prep-based Spirit Shirt is sold by YES Prep Public Schools, containing the current school and official YES Prep East End logo and is distributed by the student's school or Athletic Department.

YES Prep Public Schools also has sweatshirts and cardigans for sale to provide multiple options for outerwear. While a student can choose to wear their own outerwear, YES Prep or campus outerwear allows for additional school-pride building opportunities. If a student chooses to wear YES Prep outerwear, it may only be provided by YES Prep or the campus Athletics Department.

Website you can purchase athletic gear/spirit gear:

[YES PREP EAST END HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS Apparel - HOUSTON, Texas - Sideline Store - BSN Sports](#)

The following is the dress code expectations throughout the week.

### **Pre-K- 12 Monday through Friday Dress Code**

Dress Item	Expectation
<b>Free Dress</b>	<p>Clothing should meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student.</li><li>• No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student.</li><li>• No open-toed shoes.</li></ul> <p>All pants, shorts, and skirts must meet the criteria established in the "Bottoms" for pants/shorts/skirts.</p> <p><i>YES Prep polos will still be available for purchase if a student/family chooses to wear the polo as one of their daily shirt options.</i></p>
<b>Spirit Shirts</b>	<p>All students should own at least 1 campus spirit shirt and should have more available for families to purchase.</p> <p>Campuses may choose 1 day a week to require Spirit Shirts to be worn for school community building.</p> <p><i>Note: Spirit shirts may also serve as Senior Signing Day shirts and should be offered in approved campus colors.</i></p>
<b>Bottoms</b>	<p>Students may choose between pants, skirts, or shorts of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Khakis (any color)</li></ul>

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<b>ID Badges</b>	ID Badges must be worn by all students on lanyards and must be visible at all times.
<b>Shoes</b>	<p>For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed-toed</li> <li>• Must have backs (i.e. no slides)</li> <li>• Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers)</li> <li>• Any color is permitted</li> </ul>
<b>Accessories/ Styling</b>	<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) as it may be culturally responsive and affirming. Campuses may choose to not permit bandanas on campus if it impacts the safety of the learning environment.</p>
<b>Outerwear</b>	<p>Students may wear any outerwear as long as it is appropriate. However, students may also have the option of purchasing the following from YES Prep or Athletic Departments to build school-pride and community: Students may choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep)</li> <li>• YES Prep cardigan (purchased through YES Prep)</li> <li>• Campus athletics department outerwear (purchased through campus Athletics Department)</li> <li>• Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable)</li> </ul> <p><i>*Note: Students <b><u>MAY NOT</u></b> wear hoods that cover their heads/faces on campus in order to meet safety expectations.</i></p>
<b>PE Uniform</b>	<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"> <li>• Have school appropriate messaging</li> <li>• Meet criteria in the “Free Dress” category</li> <li>• Bottoms may not be higher than mid-thigh</li> </ul>