

Dress Code

A standardized dress code fosters a focused attitude toward learning. We strive to create an atmosphere of equality by removing the name brands and status symbols that are subtle, yet often distinguishing signs of social standing. Required attire varies depending upon grade level and is described in detail below. All students must arrive at school in dress code and remain in dress code while on school property.

Regular School Days

	Lower School Students (Grades K-6)	Upper School Students (Grades 7-12)
Tops	Colors: white, light blue or navy blue	Colors: maroon, grey or teal
	Style: Short or long-sleeved with a collar, such as an oxford or polo shirt Visible undershirts must be white. Shirts are to be tucked in the pants at all times. Logos other than the York Academy logo are not permitted.	
	Sweaters, sweatshirts, vests and cardigans must be solid navy blue or grey and may not have hoods.	Sweaters, sweatshirts, vests and cardigans must be solid maroon, navy blue or grey and may not have hoods.
Bottoms	Type: Uniform-style pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, polo dresses or jumpers Color: Navy blue, khaki or black Tights are permitted and must be solid black, brown, navy or white. Belts should be worn if the pants or shorts provide for belts. Cargo-style pants, jeans, and sweatpants are not permitted.	
Shoes	Shoes must be predominately black, brown, navy or white. Open-toed shoes, flip-flops, slippers, lighted shoes and shoes with wheels are not permitted.	

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Outerwear	Outerwear must be stored in lockers or cubbies and may not be worn inside a school building. During colder weather, students may wear a sweater or sweatshirt as designated above.	
Physical Education Classes	Athletic shoes (sneakers) that will not mark the floor are required. Students may store these shoes at school in a bag of some type.	Students are required to wear a purchased grey or teal Knight's t-shirt with their black shorts and sneakers.

Dress Down Days

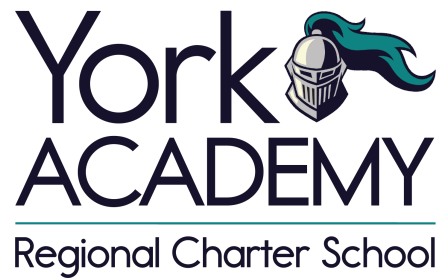


Dress Down Days support our York Academy PTO. In order to participate, students are asked to make a \$1.00 donation to the PTO. Students who make the donation are invited to wear the school appropriate attire of their choosing on Dress Down Days. At a minimum, school appropriate attire should meet the following standards:

- Tops must be long enough to extend to the waistline of the pants or skirt, have sleeves and a modest neckline. Crop tops, muscle shirts and spaghetti straps are not appropriate for school.
- Bottoms should fit at the waistline and must be no more than three inches above the knee. Leggings, tights, yoga pants and pajamas are not school appropriate.
- All clothing must be free of double meaning, suggestive slogans/words, and advertisements of illegal products or profanity.
- Undergarments must be completely covered by clothing at all times.
- Shoes should have a closed toe and back. Flip flops, slides and slippers are not appropriate for school.
- All clothing should be in good repair and free of rips or tears.

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Final Notes

York Academy students express their individuality through personality characteristics and academic achievements, not outward appearances. Our dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because our students project a neat, serious, businesslike image. Hairstyles, hair colors and cosmetics that disrupt the educational process by style and appearance are not permitted. Out of respect for tradition, students may not wear hats inside the school. Non-religious head coverings (i.e. hats, headbands, bandannas, hoodies, etc.) are to be removed and placed in lockers or teacher-designated areas until the dismissal time.

Should a student be found to be in violation of any part of the dress code policy, the adult will ask the students to correct their attire. If the student is not able or willing, they will be referred to the office for disciplinary action. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the Chief Executive Officer.

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