

WUHAN YANGTZE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a sense of pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and school safety and expense are all factors that contribute to the establishment of our school's dress code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst our students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To support parents by providing durable clothing that is cost-effective and practical for our school environment.
- To protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

School uniform:

Students are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform **every day** and to be well groomed.

Tops:

All students are expected to wear either, a green, or white, short, or long-sleeved polo shirt with school logo, and the school green and black fleece, zip-front jacket or PE jacket when needed.

Bottoms:

Elementary- Elementary students may wear any navy blue (very dark blue) long pants, jeans or knee-length skirt, skirt or shorts.

Bottoms may not be faded, ripped, frayed or have words or motifs on them. If skirts are worn, it is recommended girls wear "bike-shorts" or tights underneath for modesty for when playing and sitting on the floor.

Secondary – Secondary students may wear any beige/light tan long pants, knee-length skirt, knee-length shorts or Capri (three-quarter length) pants.

Bottoms must not be made of light-weight, spandex/lycra® type materials which are clingy. They can not be ripped, frayed or have words or motifs on them. No part of the student's abdomen or back should be exposed.

P.E. (Physical Education) Uniforms:

Summer- Green and white short-sleeved top and shorts set. Shorts should be knee-length.

Winter- The summer PE shirt is to be worn over any long sleeved white, black or dark green top. Either the green and black PE jacket or fleece jacket may be worn for extra warmth.

Uniform, long, athletic, black pants with a green stripe are to be worn as bottoms. Elementary students **K-4** may wear PE uniforms to school on their PE days.

Grade 5 and secondary students are required to either wear their regular WYIS uniforms to school and change into PE uniform or, if PE is in the morning, wear PE uniform to school and change into school uniform after PE. They will be given an opportunity to **change** into/out of their PE uniform before and/or after PE depending on the time of their PE class.

P.E. shoes: Please ensure that your child has appropriate, supportive athletic shoes for PE – not sneakers. Children not wearing athletic shoes will not be allowed to participate in PE, which will affect the PE grade. They may be of any color.

Leg and Footwear:

-Short socks can be white, navy blue or black. Long socks, tights or leggings (for girls) must be plain navy (dark) blue, plain white, or black, and without motifs.

-Shoes must be closed-toed, with a back and be well fitting. (No sandals, slippers, clog style shoes such as Crocs™ or shoes with high heels). Athletic shoes may be worn on non-PE days.

Hats: Elementary students are required to wear a sun hat or cap for outside PE and recess during the months of April through September. WYIS caps and winter beanies are available for purchase but students may wear any hat or cap which gives adequate sun protection. **Hats are not to be worn in the school building.**

Other Notes:

- Polo shirts, zip-front jackets and PE uniforms are to be purchased at the school. Pants, jeans (elementary only), skirts and shorts are not sold at WYIS so must be purchased elsewhere.
- **Skirts and shorts are to be no shorter than at or just above the knee in order to maintain modesty.**
- To reduce the probability of losing uniform items, please **write your child's name** on the tag of any item that might be removed during the day. If a uniform item without a name is lost inside the school, it will be put in the "Lost and Found" bin outside of the main office.
- A de-merit slip will be issued to any secondary student who is not dressed according to this uniform policy, and the student may be sent home to change into the correct uniform.
- Elementary students who are not dressed according to policy will have their class teacher contact the child's parents to address the issue.
- Anyone wishing to order pre-worn uniforms for a reduced price may ask Ms. Tu if these items are available in the desired size.
- If a student has uniform items that do not fit, that are in GOOD CONDITION, we will accept their return and apply a 15% discount toward a new replacement item. Pre-worn and old-styled clothing will not be additionally discounted.

Please remember that during school hours any layers of your child's clothing that are visible must be in accordance with the standards outlined in the above policy. (No non-uniform colors)

Ordering Uniforms:

Ms. Crystal Tu, the main Administrative Assistant, is in charge of student uniform ordering services. Order forms are available at any time from the main office or may be downloaded directly from the WYIS website.

When families are placing uniform orders, please fill out one form for each individual student. Completed order forms may be handed directly to Ms. Tu at any time during the business day. With the exception of advance appointments by incoming students, **all orders will be filled and sent home with your child on Fridays only.** Uniforms can be ordered on any day, but orders will only be filled on **Fridays.**

Sample Clothing Purchase for One School Year:

Boys: Two short-sleeved polo shirts, 2 long-sleeved polo shirts, two pairs of shorts, two pairs of long pants, one zip-front fleece jacket, 2 summer PE uniforms, one winter PE uniform.

Girls: Two short-sleeved polo shirts, two long-sleeved polo shirts, 2 -3 bottoms – shorts, skirt or pants. One zip-front fleece jacket, two summer PE uniforms, and one winter PE uniform.

Both: Long sleeved tops in school colors for wearing under PE uniform in winter. Socks and/or tights or leggings (girls), must be in school colors – dark blue, black, dark green, or white.

We can help your child with sizing, but please check that the sizes are appropriate for your child before washing. We would be happy to exchange items that are the incorrect size *if they are not washed or worn.*

Please feel free to call Ms. Tu at 8423-8713 or contact her via email at ctu@wyischina.com if you have any questions.

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