

YOUREE DRIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY **(Effective for 2010-2011 School Year)**

In the fall of 2000, Youree Drive Middle School parents and faculty were surveyed and voted to approve mandatory uniforms for our students.

To meet dress code requirements, YDMS students must present themselves in the approved uniform:

TOPS: White, navy, or yellow polo-style knit shirts (short or long sleeve); white or yellow oxford button-down shirts (short or long sleeve). Aeropostale shirts will not be permitted. White t-shirt or white turtleneck may be worn underneath these shirts. White middie blouses with plaid ties may also be worn by girls. **Note: Due to variations in shades of yellow, the approved yellow polo shirts and yellow oxford button-down shirts will be available for purchase from Shreveport Gymnastics (Classroom or Tulane brands) and Sports World (Classroom or Universal brands). Other shades of yellow will not be acceptable.**

BOTTOMS: Khaki or navy pants or shorts, and khaki or navy skorts or pleated skirts (for girls). **Only medium to dark shade of khaki will be acceptable; light sand or off-white will not be permitted.** Approved blue plaid #134-57 pleated skirts for girls. Pants must be uniform style slacks—**no** cargo pants (large pockets on pant legs), Dickies work clothes, jean-style pants, bell-bottoms, flares, etc.
Length: Skirts, skorts, and shorts (boys and girls) must be no shorter than 4” above the top of the knee and **no longer than the bottom of the knee**. Pants must not drag the floor.

BELTS: Students are required to wear a **brown or black belt** with bottoms that have belt loops. Belt loops are not to be removed from clothing. The belt must fit into all of the belt loops and remained buckled. No part of the belt may be left hanging.

SHOES AND SOCKS: Students may choose the style and color of shoes and socks/stockings. **They should coordinate with the uniform and not attract undue attention.** Socks are required with all closed shoes and must cover the entire foot. Flip-flops, Crocks and backless shoes are not acceptable; shoes must have heel support for safety reasons.

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OUTERWEAR: Navy, black, or white waist-length jackets or coats are **required** for the 2010-11 school year. As new coats are purchased, please be mindful of uniform requirements.

SWEATSHIRTS: A Navy sweatshirt with the YDMS logo may be purchased from the PTSA. Order forms will be available in the fall 2010. This is the only sweatshirt that will be accepted. (Students who still have the Youree gray sweatshirt may continue to wear it also.) It may be worn over any uniform top.

Uniforms must be worn to all school-sponsored activities (football games, basketball games, track meets, dances, etc.) unless otherwise approved and announced by the principal.

Spirit Groups (Pep Squad, Cheerleaders) will be allowed to wear their uniforms on game days and other days approved by the principal.

All uniforms must be worn in the manner meant by the manufacturer. This means that there will be no ripping or cutting of hems, cuffs, sleeves, or bodies of the coordinates. Simple hemming of sleeve, slack, or skirt length may be made, but be aware of the growth factor. Due to the rapid growth of middle school children, clothing worn in the fall may not be acceptable in the spring.

Students must be sized properly so that all lengths will be in compliance with the policy. **NO OVERSIZING!** Students must be present in a neat fashion with **NO SAGGING** or sloppiness.

No visible brand labels or other decorations will be allowed on any of the uniform coordinates (including jackets and coats).

The white middie blouse may be worn on the outside. **All other shirts must be tucked in and the belt must be visible at all times.**

Hair should be clean and combed so as to permit full vision at all times. Unnatural hair coloring is not allowed. Headwear such as hair rollers, combs, sunglasses, bandannas or scarves, and caps are prohibited. Due to safety concerns, no chains or other heavy jewelry will be allowed.

No mode of student appearance will be considered proper for school that detracts from or disrupts the classroom and/ or the school decorum. **The principal (or designee) of the school shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.**

Please help us support neatness and good grooming to promote an educational atmosphere conducive to learning. Our expectations are that a cooperative and positive attitude will prevail.

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