

# NORTH YARMOUTH ACADEMY

## LOWER SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

The dress code at North Yarmouth Academy is a tradition that symbolically distinguishes NYA from other schools and represents a set of values that are important to the Academy. NYA recognizes the importance of approaching one's education with seriousness and dedication. However, the Academy also recognizes the importance of comfort and self-sufficiency, especially for our younger students. The dress code in the Lower School promotes neatness and simplicity and becomes more formalized as the children get older.

School dress is worn during the academic day from arrival until pick-up and for away events and field trips unless otherwise specified.

### **For Elementary Students:**

#### ***Bottoms:***

- Pants (chino-style)
- No blue jeans, sweatpants, windpants, leggings (except under skirts/dresses), or yoga pants
- Bermuda shorts (knee-length)
- No athletic-style shorts
- Skirts (near knee length) with dressy top or collared shirt
- Dress (near knee length)

#### ***Tops:***

- Polo or rugby shirt
- Collared button up shirt
- Sweater
- No T-shirts, hoodies, or sweatshirts

#### ***Outside Footwear:***

- Closed toe (no flip-flops or loose sandals)
- No light-ups, squeakers, wheelies, etc.
- Weather appropriate
- Sneakers for PE class

#### ***Inside Footwear:***

- Simple full-foot slippers or moccasins or Crocs are a great inside option during "boot weather"

#### ***Rain Gear:***

- Raincoat
- Rain boots or weather appropriate footwear
- Hat (optional and for outdoor use only)

#### ***Snow Gear:***

- Winter weather appropriate coat or jacket
- Snow pants
- Winter Hat
- Mittens or Gloves (waterproof is best)

#### ***Extra Clothing:***

- All students should have one complete, seasonally appropriate change of clothing kept at school (remember socks and underwear!)

*Many of the restrictions on the Lower School Dress Code are in place to limit distractions in the classroom and during the school day. This includes any items that promote commercial characters (e.g. Stars Wars or Toy Story) and clothing that lights up, makes noise, etc. **If an article of clothing is deemed unacceptable for any reason, the student and/or parent will be notified and asked not to wear the article again.***

**Please LABEL all clothing items!** 😊

### **Dress-Up Days:**

On various occasions throughout the year (e.g. Convocation, Picture Day, and Grandparents' Day), students will follow a more formal dress code as outlined below:

#### *Elementary (Grades 1-4):*

- Dress pants (no shorts) with collared button-up shirt and tie
- Dress
- Skirt or dress pants with blouse or dress top

### **Dress Down Days:**

From time to time throughout the year (e.g. raising funds for a charity or during spirit week), students are permitted to dress more casually. On dress down days, students may also wear blue jeans, T-shirts (with or without commercial graphics), hoodies, athletic clothing, and sweatshirts. All clothing should be in good repair and school-appropriate.