

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 Toddler, Primary, and Kindergarten Students:

Bottoms:

- Pants (no blue jeans)
- Bermuda length shorts
- Skirt
- Dress
- **Until age 4:** only elastic waist – no belts, buttons, snaps, or overalls

Tops:

- Polo shirt
- Collared button up shirt
- Sweater
- T-shirt (plain or with non-commercial graphics; no TV or movie characters)
- No hoodies or athletic sweatshirts

Outside Footwear:

- Closed toe (no flip-flops, loose sandals, or crocs)
- Easy on-off (most students should be able to do so by themselves)
- No light-ups, squeakers, wheelies, etc.
- Weather appropriate
- Sneakers for PE class (kindergarten)

Inside Footwear:

- Simple full-foot slippers or moccasins (no commercial characters)
- Easy on-off (most students should be able to do so by themselves)
- Should be left at school

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 two complete, seasonally appropriate changes of clothing kept at school (remember socks and underwear!)
- Toddlers and Young Primary students should have two additional pairs of underwear and/or pull-ups
- Families of Toddlers should provide a regular supply of pull-ups and wipes as needed

*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:

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