



Middle and High SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Philosophy and General Statement to Families

It is our professional belief that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. This is supported by research that shows that students feel safer, perform better academically, enjoy higher self-esteem and display greater respect for other cultures and their environments when they are dressed appropriately in a school setting. One goal of the school program is to teach differentiation of dress and behavior, and by working together to ensure adherence to our dress code at ICS, families, teachers and students will be serving the welfare of all members of our multicultural community. By emphasizing safety, neatness and cleanliness in dress and grooming, we as educators and learners can build self-esteem, sustain self-discipline, and cultivate and celebrate a passion for learning.

- ▶ Trousers / pants and shorts must be securely fastened between the waist and hips.
- ▶ Shoulders must be covered. Halter tops, exposed midriffs, strapless tops, low cut tops (e.g. those which show cleavage), exposed backs, spaghetti or lasagna straps, see-through clothing, and tank tops are prohibited.
- ▶ Clothing with advertisements or statements that may inflame or offend (e.g. which promote violence, alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, cults) is prohibited.
- ▶ Shorts and skirts must be near the top of the knee or below the knee.
- ▶ Hats and headwear may only be worn in class at the discretion of the teacher. Head coverings for religious reasons may be worn at the student's discretion.
- ▶ Clothing should be comfortable and not skin-tight.
- ▶ Footwear must be worn at all times.
- ▶ It is not appropriate to wear sunglasses in classrooms unless there is a medical reason.

PE clothing is a t-shirt and shorts, purchased from the ICS School Store. Students must wear the ICS PE uniform, along with athletic shoes and socks. Hats and a water bottle are also required for outside activities.

For occasions such as concerts, honors assemblies, or college and career days, more formal attire is appropriate and students will be asked to dress up: slacks, button-down shirts or nice blouses, leather shoes, etc. Members of our sports teams are often asked to dress up on the day of a game, or for travel to international tournaments. Students in band or choir will need black slacks and white shirts or blouses (with a tie for the boys).

If a student is not in dress code, s/he will incur the following consequences:

1. The teacher will send the student and/or a note to the Principal and an appropriate item of clothing (e.g., t-shirt, pants, skirt or belt) must be put on. If necessary it will be provided for the remainder of the day and must be returned at the end of the day.
2. A 2nd occurrence of choosing not to be in dress code will result in referral to the Principal's Office and contact with the family.
3. A 3rd occurrence will result in a 1 day in-school suspension.