

**Required for Middle School**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Bag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Case (preferably three ring)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Book bag / backpack</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proper athletic shoes for PE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> G8 students using their own laptops should have a laptop protective sleeve, not a laptop bag.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Two PE uniforms (available from the school store)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunhat and sunblock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inexpensive earbuds or headphones</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Helmet (if using a bicycle, scooter or anything with wheels on campus)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Country-specific clothing (traditional dress or country colors) to be worn at International Day</li> </ul> |
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**Concert wear for girls:** Plain white top or blouse, black skirt or dressy trousers, dark shoes. Hemlines must reach the knee. Shoulders must be covered (leggings, yoga pants, jeans, and skirts/dresses above the knees are not appropriate).

**Concert wear for boys:** Plain white long-sleeved shirt, belted black trousers, black dress shoes with dark socks, necktie.

**Please note: Local availability and selection of clothing and shoes is very limited. Most stationery items are available locally or in the ICS Student Store.**

Teachers will give specific stationery / supply requirements in the first week of school. **Please do not purchase all these school supplies ahead of time;** wait and see what your teachers require and then purchase at the school Student Store as needed. The list below is a general guide for what is needed.

**Available in the school Student Store**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A4 folders</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Binders (3-ring): Sizes as requested by teachers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marble bound notebooks (margins, no spirals)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks (spiral-bound or loose-leaf)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pens (black or blue)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pocket or small dictionary (English / French / Spanish)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reusable water bottle (polycarbonate or metal)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific calculator</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> USB drive / memory stick</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Binder dividers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Graph paper (1/2 cm)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch box / bag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Markers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pencil case</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pencils (#2 or HB) with erasers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plastic A4 sheet protectors (for band / choir / music)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ruler - metric and imperial</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scissors</li> </ul> |
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**Physical Education (PE) Uniform:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICS PE t-shirt - purchase at student store</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICS PE shorts - purchase at student store</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hat and sunblock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proper athletic shoes - bring with you</li> </ul> |
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All students in middle school participate in physical education (PE) and are required to wear the PE uniform (available in the Student Store) and proper athletic shoes.

**Acceptable shoes for PE:** Two pairs are recommended



**Please Note:** Lost items or other personal items can often be found in the lost and found at the Student Store entrance. Parents are encouraged to label their children's possessions with the child's name. Parents are notified through the *Yezare Samint* newsletter to check for any lost items, as the lost and found is donated to charity twice a year.

By emphasizing safety, neatness and consideration of others in dress and grooming, we can ensure a focus on learning and contribute to positive self esteem in our students. ICS does not currently have a required uniform; however, respect for our multicultural community, conservative host culture and active learning environment remains central to our dress code. Interpretation of the dress code is at the discretion of the principal and his/her decision is final.

## Acceptable Dress

- Clean jeans, “skinny jeans” or trousers/pants that fit
- Leggings (solid, opaque, thick material) when worn with a conservatively long, loose top that extends to the mid-thigh
- Shorts, skirts, or dresses that extend at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to the knee
- Tops or shirts with sleeves that cover the shoulders and midriff
- Athletic or casual shoes/sandals
- A hat for the sun that can be removed in class

## Unacceptable Dress

- Loose and low-slung pants/trousers
- Clothing that is too tight, too short or too revealing
- Sleeveless, transparent or open-back tops
- Visible underwear
- Ripped clothing
- Clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco or drug use, sex, cults, violence, etc.
- Wearing sunglasses in class

**If you are not sure about a garment, ask a teacher. Students who come to school dressed unacceptably will incur the following consequences:**

The teacher will send the student to the office, 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. A second occurrence of choosing not to be in dress code will result in a lunch detention and the principal's office contacting the family. A third occurrence will result in a one day in-school suspension.

For occasions such as concerts, honors assemblies, or college and career days, more formal attire is appropriate and students will be asked to dress smartly: collared shirts or nice blouses, trousers or skirts, and non athletic shoes, etc.

## Band and Choir Performance Clothing Requirements

Students involved in band and choir performances at ICS are required to wear the following items:

Boys: black pants, dark formal shoes / socks, white button-up collared shirt for choir or a black shirt for band, dark tie, suit jacket (optional).

Girls: black pants / skirt, plain white blouse, dark formal shoes (flats or short heels).

Leggings, yoga pants, jeans and skirts/dresses above the knees are not appropriate for performances.

## Athletics Equipment Requirements

- Track and field running spikes (for anyone interested in training for track)
- Tennis racket (for anyone interested in tennis)
- Soccer boots/cleats and shin guards (for anyone interested in soccer or rugby)
- Rugby mouth guard and head / shoulder pads (for anyone interested in rugby)

## International Travel

All ICS sports teams and activity groups/clubs that travel internationally are required to wear the following on the airplane:

- Khaki pants (purchased before coming to Ethiopia)
- Dress shoes (purchased before coming to Ethiopia)
- Travel shirt (available at the school store)

## Athletic/Performing Arts Awards Ceremony Dress Requirements

All students that play on a sports team and / or are involved in performing arts (band / choir / drama) are required to attend their season's awards ceremony and dress in formal attire.

Boys: formal pants, formal shoes and dress socks, button up collared shirt and a tie, a suit is optional but preferred.

Girls: formal pants, skirt or dress (knee-length or longer), formal shoes (flats, heels), fancy blouse.