

ICS Dress Code for Students

By emphasizing safety, neatness and consideration of others in dress and grooming, we as educators and learners can build self-esteem, sustain self-discipline, and help everyone to focus on learning. ICS does not have a required uniform. One goal of the school program is to teach discernment of dress and behavior, and by working together to ensure adherence to our dress code at ICS, families, teachers and students will be respectful of all members of our multicultural community. Any item of apparel or appearance that distracts from learning is unacceptable.

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 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 trousers on boys
 - * Clothing that is too tight, too short or too revealing
 - * Sleeveless, transparent or open-back tops
 - * Underwear that is visible
 - * 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:

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 second 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 third occurrence will result in one day in-school suspension.

PE clothing and footwear requirements are explained in the guidelines given to all PE students at the beginning of the school year. Team uniforms are not to be worn outside of team competitions. Hats and a water bottle are also required.

Note: Interpretation of the dress code is at the discretion of the principal and his/her decision is final.