

# UNIFORM DRESS CODE

## 2016 – 2017

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The purpose of a dress code is to set guidelines to ensure a neat and modest appearance that will serve us in representing our Lord, our family and our school well. When we dress modestly, we encourage each other toward a high standard.

We believe that training in modesty should start when children are young, and continue throughout the teen years when issues of sexuality must be discussed and understood from a biblical perspective of purity.

Another purpose for a dress code is the issue of appropriate apparel for an academic environment. We recognize that there is an increased attitude of respect and honor toward the process of learning and being taught when we dress in a more formal way. We show teachers respect, and we show other students respect when we are neatly, modestly and professionally dressed.

Dress code will be enforced the first day of school.

### Teachers and Parents

The guideline for staff dress at ICS is business casual. Adults must dress neatly and modestly to reflect Christian character and professionalism. Jeans are only permitted on dress down days, Comet Spirit days, E-Zone days, and casual Fridays with an ICS polo shirt or Friday shirt.

For men, this means dress or polo shirts and Docker-style pants or dress slacks.

For women, appropriate wear includes dresses, blouse/skirt combinations, blouse/slacks combinations, and suits. Dresses, blouses and tops can be sleeveless but must be at least 3 inches wide at the shoulder and cover undergarments.

The following guidelines should be followed any time teachers and parents are on campus, including dropping off and picking up, as well as at any ICS function.

- Ladies must take special care to avoid low necklines, short skirts and tight shirts or pants.
- Hem lines for shorts or skirts must not exceed 3 inches above the knee. Short skirts with leggings underneath are not appropriate.

### Male Students

- Boys may choose from polo or oxford style shirts, which may be any **solid** color. Stripes, plaids or printed polo shirts or pants are not allowed.
- Any shirt worn under the uniform shirt must be one solid color with no writing or designs on it.
- Socks should not come up above the knee cap or be distracting.
- All shirts, sweaters and vests must be monogrammed with the ICS school logo by an ICS approved uniform vendor. No other logo or brand is allowed on monogrammed items.
- Any outerwear worn on campus must be a completely solid color and have an ICS logo. Uniform shirts must be worn under outerwear. ICS letter jackets are acceptable, but should be worn by the athletes they were awarded to.

- Shorts and slacks must be **khaki, navy, gray or black** and can be purchased through the uniform companies or at the store of your choice. The colors cream and green are not considered khaki and should not be worn. Shorts or slacks must be a completely solid color, with no patterns, and they must have a zipper and waistband. Embellishments and designs are not permitted, even on pockets.
- Shorts and slacks are not to be excessively baggy or tight and should not be frayed or torn. Cargo style is permissible. No portion of underwear is to be showing at any time.
- Jeans, denim, corduroy, sweat pants, basketball shorts or nylon pants are not allowed.
- Earrings, other piercings, or other excessive jewelry is not allowed.
- Hats, sunglasses, and scarves may not be worn inside the building.
- Shoes must be closed or have a strap at the heel.
- Hair must be clean, presentable, and non-distracting (no mohawks or dreadlocks). Specifically, it must be cut above the eyebrows and not extend below the ear lobe or the bottom of the collar. Hair color must be a natural-looking color.
- With the exception of seniors, no facial hair is permitted.
- Any body art or tattoos, temporary or permanent, must be covered.
- Each dress code violation will result in the loss of dress down days for one month, and parents may be contacted to bring the appropriate attire for that day, or the student may be given appropriate clothes to change into.
- These guidelines should be followed any time students are on campus, and students should be dressed modestly and appropriately at any ICS function.

### **Female Students**

- Girls may choose from polo, oxford or Peter Pan style blouses, which can be any **solid** color. Ruffles are not allowed. Stripes, plaids or printed polo shirts, skirts or pants are not allowed.
- Any shirt worn under the uniform shirt must be one solid color with no writing or designs on it.
- Tights should be a solid color, and socks should not come up above the knee cap or be distracting.
- All shirts, sweaters, jumpers, polo dresses, and vests must be monogrammed with the ICS school logo by an ICS approved uniform vendor. Tops should fit adequately so they do not appear tight. Students may not pin or tie their tops to make them fit more tightly.
- Any outerwear worn on campus must be one completely solid color and have an ICS logo. ICS letter jackets are acceptable, but should be worn by the athletes they were awarded to.
- Slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers must be **khaki, navy, gray or black** and must have a finished edge with no fraying. These may be purchased through uniform companies or at the store of your choice. The colors cream and green are not considered khaki and should not be worn. Slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, polo dresses and jumpers must be one completely solid color, with no patterns, and all but dresses and jumpers must have a zipper or waistband. Embellishments and designs are not permitted, even on pockets.

- Hem lines for shorts, skirts, or skorts must not exceed three inches above the knee and must not be frayed. Short skirts with leggings underneath are not permitted. Slacks must be casual/dress slacks with zipper and waistband, not stretch-type knit or tight fitting. Capri-length slacks, excluding gauchos, are allowed as long as they are not stretch capris or tight fitting. Fabric must be easily grasped on the thigh to indicate proper fit.
- Jeans, denim, corduroy, sweat pants, nylon pants, yoga pants, and leggings under skirts are not allowed, unless the skirt meets the length requirement.
- Shoes must be closed or have a strap at the heel.
- Piercings, other than earrings, are not allowed.
- Hats, sunglasses, and scarves may not be worn inside the building.
- Hair must be clean, presentable, and non-distracting. It must be out of the eyes and off the face. Hair color must be a natural-looking color. Feathers and stripes of color are not allowed in the hair.
- Any body art or tattoos, temporary or permanent, must be covered.
- Each dress code violation will result in the loss of dress down days for one month, and parents may be contacted to bring the appropriate attire for that day, or the student may be given appropriate clothes to change into.
- These guidelines should be followed any time students are on campus, and students should be dressed modestly and appropriately at any ICS function.

## **Friday Dress Code**

### ***High School***

Students may wear blue denim shorts, skirts, or jeans, and a class shirt purchased for the current school year.

### ***E-Zone***

Students are to wear their E-Zone shirts with blue or black denim shorts, skorts, jeans, or black sport shorts. Shirts from previous years should not be worn. The dress code standard of ICS must be followed. Shorts or skorts may not be more than three inches above the knee, and jeans may not have holes in them. For boys, shorts are not to extend beyond one inch below the knee or be excessively “baggy”. Athletic shoes with socks are suggested.

## **Dress Down Day**

Typically, the last Thursday of every month is designated as a dress down day. Please consult the Community Calendar for each month’s dress down day. On these days, students have the option to dress casually, including wearing jeans and T-shirts. Three dress code violations result in the loss of all future dress down days. Please adhere to the following dress code rules:

- No offensive material is on any piece of clothing.
- Shirts must have sleeves; no tank tops or spaghetti straps are allowed.
- Modest and appropriate is the goal (no see-through material, no midriff or underwear showing).
- Skirts, skorts and shorts must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee, even if leggings are worn under a skirt.
- Shoes must be closed or have a strap at the heel.

- No low necklines or tight fitting tops or pants are allowed.
- No sweat pants, pajama pants, cut-offs, frays or jeans with holes are allowed.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

All dress down rules apply to individual picture days, which are usually scheduled on dress down days. However, most students dress up for individual pictures. T-shirts are not allowed on picture days.

### **Comet Spirit Day**

The goal of Comet Spirit Day is to promote school spirit. Students may wear any ICS t-shirt that has been purchased this year or any previous year. They may also wear any ICS sports jersey. (If the jersey doesn't have sleeves, a t-shirt needs to be worn underneath.) Students should not wear home-made shirts or shirts from Field Day. High school students may also wear shirts from the high school retreat or their class shirts. Students participating in Spirit Day may wear denim bottoms or sport shorts (within the ICS length requirement). Students not participating in Spirit Day need to wear their ICS uniform shirts and bottoms.

### **Uniform Vendors**

Shirts may be purchased through any of the following companies or at a local store. Remember to tell the company that you are with International Community School so that our logo can be put on the shirt.

#### **Educational Outfitters**

(407) 897-5363  
5135 Adanson Street Ste 115  
Orlando, FL 32804  
educationaloutfitters.com

#### **Embroidery Solutions**

(407) 438-8188  
6457 Hazeltine Nat'l. Drive  
Suite 120  
Orlando, FL 32822  
embroiderysolutions.net

#### **Lands' End**

1-800-469-2222  
[landsend.com/school](http://landsend.com/school)  
*Preferred School # 9000-6211-8*

#### **Monogramming Only:**

##### **Elizabeth Miller**

648 Legacy Park Drive  
Casselberry, FL 32707  
407-252-7511  
thegoldenspindle@gmail.com

##### **Trophies Unlimited**

407-656-7098  
533 S. Dillard Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

##### **Leisa Lovely Designs**

7800 S. HWY 17-92 #178  
Fern Park, FL 32730  
407-467-2411  
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