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DRESS CODE



IPS Standard School Attire Guide

The Indianapolis Public Schools' dress code isn't just about how students look; it's about how students behave and achieve. Proper attire is the first step in creating a classroom environment that provides a laser focus on instruction, not fashion.

Students, parents and staff continue to share stories of the benefits of the dress code – from spending less money on clothing to enjoying stress-free mornings when preparing for school.

Students are to be dressed in appropriate attire beginning the first day of the school year.

Through uniformity there is still an opportunity for individuality to shine.



Elementary Schools

These rules apply to students in K-5, K-6 and K-8 schools only

A. Shirts/Blouses

- Solid colors
- Straight, button-down collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck
- Long or short sleeves
- Polo-style (logo size may not exceed 1 ½")
- Must be tucked into pants/shorts at all times
- No T-shirts

B. Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Capri Pants/Jumpers

- Solid colors: khaki, black or navy blue (no denim/blue jeans allowed)
- Pleated or flat-front
- Fastened at the waist
- Must be worn with a belt and set above the hip (grade 3 and above)
- "Walking"-length shorts limited to 2" above the knee
- ▲ Solid navy blue or black shorts may be worn under skirts, provided they do not show



Legend: ▲ Females ● Both Genders

C. Sweaters/Sweater Vests/ Fleece Jackets

- Solid colors
- Must be worn over an approved shirt
- V-neck
- Crew neck
- Cardigan
- Logo size may not exceed 1 ½"
- Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building



D. Sweatshirts

- Solid colors
- Must be worn over an approved collared shirt
- Shirt collar must extend over sweatshirt
- Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building

E. Shoes

- Any color acceptable
- Closed toes
- Closed heel or strap heel

F. Boots

(no restrictions)

G. Socks

(no restrictions)

H. Tights/Leggings

- ▲ Solid colors
- ▲ No fishnet

I. Belts (required for Grades 2-8)

- No logos
- Any color
- Made of fabric or leather
- Required for all pants/shorts made with belt loops (elasticized waistbands without loops are excluded)



Legend: ▲ Females ● Both Genders



Secondary Schools

These rules apply to students in 7-12 and 9-12 schools only

A. Shirts

Solid colors by school

Arsenal Tech: white, green, black or red

Broad Ripple: orange, black or white

Crispus Attucks: gold, green, white or navy blue

Harshman: white, black or green

John Marshall: red, white, navy or light blue

Key Learning: navy blue, white or silver

Northwest: green, white, black or gray

Shortridge: blue, white or black

Washington: purple, white or black

Other Alternative Schools: white or navy blue

- Solid colors
- Straight, button-down collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck
- Long or short sleeves
- Polo-style (logo size may not exceed 1 ½")
- Must be tucked into pants/shorts at all times
- No T-shirts

B. Undershirts

- Solid colors: approved school shirt colors
- Must be tucked in at all times
- ▲ No visible camisoles, strappy or lacy tops or other items deemed by the principal to be underwear

C. Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Capri Pants/Walking-Length Shorts

- Solid colors: khaki, black or navy blue (no denim/blue jeans allowed)
- Pleated or flat-front
- Fastened at the waist
- Must be worn with a belt and set above the hip
- "Walking"-length shorts limited to 2" above the knee
- ▲ Solid navy blue or black shorts may be worn under skirts, provided they do not show

Legend: ▲ Females ● Both Genders

D. Sweaters/Sweater Vests/ Fleece Jackets

- Solid colors: approved school shirt colors
- Must be worn over an approved shirt
- V-neck
- Crew neck
- Cardigan
- Logo size may not exceed 1 ½"
- Collar must extend over sweater/jacket crew or V-neckline
- Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building

E. Sweatshirts

- Solid colors: approved school shirt colors
- Must be worn over an approved collared shirt
- Shirt collar must extend over sweatshirt
- Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building

F. Shoes

- Any color acceptable
- Closed toes
- Closed heel or strap heel

G. Boots

(no restrictions)

H. Socks

(no restrictions)



I. Tights/Pantyhose/Leggings

- ▲ Solid colors: approved school shirt colors

J. Belts (required)

- No logos
- Any color
- Made of fabric or leather
- Required for all pants/shorts/skirts/capri pants/jumpers made with belt loops (elasticized waistbands without loops are excluded)

K. Accessories

- ▲ No clothing (such as shawls) can be worn over pants, skirts or shorts
- ▲ Note: Handbags, purses, totes, fanny packs and similar items must not exceed 8.5" x 11" (size of a regular sheet of notebook paper) and 3" to 4" in thickness, and cannot be large enough to carry a regular size textbook



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Athletic Attire (Game Day and Practice)

- Team sweatshirts and polo shirts are permissible
- Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building
- Must meet minimum standards of appropriateness and modesty for Physical Education classes (including wearing a shirt at all times)
- Appropriate sweats or uniform apparel must be worn immediately before and after sports practice
- Coaches will determine dress code attire for home and away events



GATES



K-12 Acceptable Dress-Up Attire

Students will be allowed to dress up for special, limited days of the year (such as Honors Day and Picture Day) at the discretion of the principal. The following guidelines apply to dress-up days.

Females

Males

Skirts: Must be no more than 2" (inches) above the knee and worn at the hip

- No spandex, see-through or denim materials
- Must not be skintight

Blouses/Tops: Must have sleeves, must not show cleavage and must not be skintight

- No spandex, see-through or denim materials
- Must be long enough to tuck
- May not extend below the jacket (if worn)

Shoes: No athletic shoes

Pants: No athletic pants or denim

- Must be worn above the hip

Shirts: Button-up shirt with sleeves

- Must not extend below the jacket (if worn)

Shoes: No athletic shoes

Ties are optional

No student shall be considered non-compliant with the uniform dress policy in the following instances:

- Wearing a button, armband or other accessory to exercise the right to freedom of expression as provided by law, unless the button, armband or other accessory signifies or is related to gangs, gang membership or gang activity; hate groups; lewd or profane expressions; etc. (The principal or his/her designee will make the official determination of the appropriateness of the button or other expression of speech)
- Wearing the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days
- Wearing the uniform of the JROTC or other school military programs on required uniform days
- Wearing uniform modifications specified in a waiver obtained from the district by a parent or guardian
- Wearing non-uniform apparel on campus outside of the normal school hours

Restricted Attire

The following articles of clothing or styles of dress are strictly forbidden while in IPS schools, or while attending athletic events or other school-sponsored activities during school hours:

- ✘ No hats or hoods worn in building during the school day
- ✘ No denim pants, shirts, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, jumpers or jackets
- ✘ No oversized pants or shirts
- ✘ No pants worn below the waist or "sagging"
- ✘ No overalls or coveralls
- ✘ No sweatpants/sweat suits, jogging pants/suits, warm-up pants/suits, athletic pants/shorts
- ✘ No knit, nylon, spandex, biking or gym shorts or pants
- ✘ No spandex, nylon or knit tightly fitted clothes
- ✘ No skintight dresses or tops
- ✘ No tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, mesh tops, midriff tops, spaghetti strap tops
- ✘ No sleeveless tops
- ✘ No shirts with ruffles
- ✘ No shirts made of shiny materials
- ✘ No T-shirts or tall tees
- ✘ No sunglasses
- ✘ No pajama tops or bottoms
- ✘ No flip-flops/slippers/sandals/bare feet/exposed toes
- ✘ No "heelies" or "wheelies" (i.e., athletic shoes with skates)
- ✘ No clothing or other item with offensive, lewd, vulgar, obscene or hate language, slogans or pictures
- ✘ No buttons, jewelry or other accessories containing lewd, vulgar, obscene, hate, or offensive messages or pictures or which advocate or advertise the use of drugs or alcohol
- ✘ No secret society, fraternity or sorority symbols or lettering
- ✘ No hair rollers, combs, picks or cosmetology clamps
- ✘ No scarves, head rags, doo rags, bandanas, sweatbands, hats, caps or other head coverings (Note: Certain religious customs are permitted by approval of the school administration, e.g., Muslim female head coverings, Jewish male head covering)
- ✘ No visible underpants, thongs, bras, camisoles or other clothing items considered by the principal to be undergarments
- ✘ No clothing altered by cuts, slits or holes or that in any way exposes the skin
- ✘ No detachable gold teeth (unless required by a dentist with written documentation on file)
- ✘ No grills or fangs

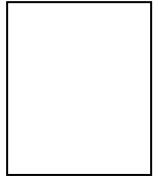
Anything else the principal or designee deems inappropriate or disruptive to the educational environment will be prohibited.

Any necessary modifications for individual students (e.g., health concerns, religious, etc.) to the IPS Uniform Dress Code must be formally addressed and approved through the Board Waiver process. To obtain a waiver form please visit our website at www.myips.org (under Families and then Uniforms) or call the IPS Public Relations Division at 317.226.4000.



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