

Student Dress Code Policy

Context

The purpose of Student Dress Code Policy is to clearly define acceptable student attire. The objective of the policy is to promote an atmosphere for academic success while recognizing significant freedom of student choice and expression. The administration respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute and or display materials as part of that expression. The right is limited, however, by the need to maintain a dignified school environment and to respect the rights of all members of the school community.

Procedures

- Hats, caps, hoods and sunglasses that interfere with the student's or their classmate's ability to learn are not permitted. This may include, but is not limited to, materials that cover students eyes/ears or block the view for other students.
- Wearing headphones/earbuds in the classroom is not permitted, unless required for participation in the lesson plan as instructed by the teacher.
- Areas typically covered by undergarments and undergarments themselves must be covered at all times. (Visible bra straps will not be penalised.) Shirts/skirts/shorts that reveal undergarments, due transparency or length, are not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must fully cover the buttocks region. Wearing opaque leggings under shorts, skirts, or dresses is permitted.
- Clothing with printed messages and/or graphics deemed offensive and/or inappropriate, as in containing profanity, obscenity, or the promotion of any illegal substances, activity, discrimination, or violence, will not be permitted.
- The length and style of accessories shall be limited if they constitute a health or safety hazard or if they are harmful to the building or equipment.

- Footwear must be worn. Safety considerations may dictate the type of footwear worn in specific classes or school settings.
- Certain clubs and/or events (off campus events, clubs e.g. MUN, etc) may require different dress codes with activity-specific guidelines. In these cases, the event's dress code will take priority over the general policies of IAS. Students understand that by taking part in such events means they must follow any specific rules/dress code and failure to do so may result in the student not participating in the event/program.

Consequences:

- Students who do not follow the Dress Code may be asked to change clothes, put on a garment over the unapproved clothes, or remove accessories. If the student does not have appropriate alternative clothing or does not agree to cover the unapproved attire, they may be asked to return home for the day.

The following guidelines will apply:

- First violation: Student required to change or cover the unapproved attire; warning issued and note in Managebac.
- Second violation: Student required to change or cover the unapproved attire; second warning issued, note in Managebac, and contact with parents.
- Third violation: Student required to change or cover the unapproved attire; assigned Stage 4 CAD (detention), note in Managebac and contact with parents.

Subsequent Dress Code violations will result in a meeting with Administration to discuss further disciplinary actions.