

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING REGULATIONS

Incarnate Word Academy maintains a code of dress and grooming consistent with its character as a private, Catholic, college-preparatory school. This code contributes to a seriousness of purpose, a constructive learning atmosphere, and the development of sound personal habits and a positive self-image. To teach the total child, teachers and administrators will instruct students with regards to proper and acceptable dressing and grooming habits. This is to include stressing neatness, cleanliness, acceptability, and appropriateness. Students should be dressed in such a manner that instruction is enhanced and not hindered. Neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness are to be the guiding factors. The entire staff will enforce the dress code. Violations of any of the policies listed herein will result in disciplinary action and/or being sent home. Students are expected to be in proper attire when they arrive on the campus. **Parents are expected to support this policy by ensuring that their children wear only the approved school attire.**

LOGOS

Brand logos will not be permitted. The Incarnate Word Academy logo will be mandatory on all polo shirts.



Approved Vendors

Lands End	www.landsend.com	1-800-963-4816
Stitch It	4333 S. Alameda. Corpus Christi , Texas 78412	(361) 992-2006
EmbroidMe	3906 S Padre Island Dr., Suite C, Corpus Christi, TX 78415	(361) 334-0898
Mira's Sports	6006 Ayers St. Corpus Christi, TX 78415	(361) 852-4541

CONSEQUENCES

Students shall be in compliance with the dress code **prior to arrival** at school. For any dress code violation a student will be sent to the office, parent/guardian will be notified and will have to bring their student the appropriate clothing if necessary. No student will be allowed to leave campus to go change. No student will be allowed to return to class until he or she is in compliance with dress code. In order to avoid unexcused missed class time; students will be provided a change of clothes until parents can provide students with appropriate change of clothes.

A school class roster will be kept at the counter to record and monitor dress code/grooming infractions. After a third dress code infraction, disciplinary action will be taken.

Pants, Shorts, Capri Pants

Pants and shorts may be purchased through Land's End:

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900151788>

Approved

- ✓ All pants, walking shorts, capris are to be worn at the natural waist with a belt.
- ✓ Bottoms must be a cotton twill fabric in either a Khaki, Navy or Black color.
- ✓ Shorts must be two inches above the knees or longer.

Not Approved

- ⊗ Skirts, dresses, jeggings and / or any other Lycra, spandex, etc...type fabric;
- ⊗ Tight fitting bottoms;
- ⊗ Wide-legged, oversized;
- ⊗ Rips or holes;
- ⊗ Wind suits, sweat pants, warm up pants, stretch pants, JNCO's;
- ⊗ Cargo pants;
- ⊗ Low rise;
- ⊗ Tattered, frayed;
- ⊗ Jeans of any color except on special designated days.

Shirts

Approved

- ✓ Solid colored collared polo with the appropriate IWA logo;
- ✓ Must be tucked in at all times and be long enough to be able to stay tucked in all day;
- ✓ If an under shirt or camisole is worn, it must be solid colored.

Not Approved

- ⊗ Capped sleeves;
- ⊗ Tight fitting;
- ⊗ Undergarments or midriff exposed;
- ⊗ Low cut necklines;
- ⊗ Shrugs, crop sweaters, jackets, and any shirt that is form-fitting;
- ⊗ Rips or holes, tattered, frayed;

Outerwear

Approved

- ✓ IWA letterman jackets & sweatshirts,
- ✓ College Sweatshirts;
- ✓ Solid or multicolored sweaters (no logos);
- ✓ School shirt must be worn under jacket or sweater

Not Approved

- ⊗ Trench coats/overcoats;
- ⊗ Hooded sweatshirts;
- ⊗ School issued athletic wear;
- ⊗ No jackets are allowed in classrooms;
- ⊗ Shrugs, crop sweaters, non-compliant jackets;
- ⊗ Ripped, tattered, frayed or holes;
- ⊗ Name brand Logo, Pullover jackets and/or sweaters;

Shoes

Approved

- ✓ Students shall wear appropriate footwear for protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds, participating in school activities, or on school transportation.

Not Approved

- ⊗ House slippers;
- ⊗ Shower shoes;
- ⊗ Flip Flops;
- ⊗ Backless Sandals.

Hair, Shaving, Earrings, Tattoos, Body Piercings

Approved

- ✓ Hairstyles are to be neat and well groomed;

Not Approved

- ⊗ Male students' hair touching and extending below the eyebrow.
- ⊗ Side-to bottom of ear.
- ⊗ Unusual hairstyles such as; Mohawks, hair designs, etc.
- ⊗ Back-top of shirt, Unshaven faces (a \$5.00 fee will be imposed for shaving cream and a razor);
- ⊗ Unusually extreme fads in jewelry and makeup;
- ⊗ Non-natural hair colors;

- ⊗ Visible tattoos and body piercings (including nose piercings);
- ⊗ Earring(s) worn by gentleman at school or any school sponsored event;
- ⊗ Sideburns below the bottom of the ear;

Mass Day & Special Occasion Attire

Approved

- ✓ Khaki pants worn with a belt;
- ✓ Solid RED polo shirt;
- ✓ Closed toes shoes (only type of shoe allowed);

Not Approved

- ⊗ Any other color pants;
- ⊗ Any other color polos;
- ⊗ Any other color capris;
- ⊗ Sandals, flip flops, or house slippers;
- ⊗ Rips or holes;
- ⊗ Tattered, frayed;

Wednesday Club Shirt Day

Approved

- ✓ IWA sponsored club shirt.
- ✓ Must be tucked in at all times and be long enough to be able to stay tucked in all day;
- ✓ All pants, walking shorts, capris are to be worn at the natural waist with a belt.
- ✓ Bottoms must be a cotton twill fabric in either a Khaki, Navy or Black color.
- ✓ Shorts must be two inches above the knees or longer.
- ✓ Students who choose not to participate are to be dressed according to normal dress code. While other regulations may apply on specific dress-down days, students must dress in good taste at all times.

Not Approved

- ⊗ Capped sleeves;
- ⊗ Tight fitting;
- ⊗ Undergarments or midriff exposed;
- ⊗ Low cut necklines;
- ⊗ Rips or holes, tattered, frayed;
- ⊗ Backless sandals or flip flops;
- ⊗ Jeans of any color unless otherwise designated.

Friday Spirit Day Dress & Blue Jean Pass Days

Approved

- ✓ Blue denim jeans are only allowed with an IWA school polo, IWA spirit shirt, IWA sponsored club shirt or IWA sports shirt. Jeans must be full length and appropriately fastened at the waist.
- ✓ Blue Jean Passes require a small contribution which allows a student the privilege of wearing blue denim jeans with any IWA school polo, IWA sponsored club shirt or IWA sports shirt. On Blue Jean pass days, students must purchase and display the official pass, which must be worn prominently on the chest portion of the shirt.
- ✓ Students who choose not to participate are to be dressed according to normal dress code. While other regulations may apply on specific dress-down days, students must dress in good taste at all times. Acceptability of dress on dress down days will be determined by the administration.

Not Approved

- ⊗ Backless sandals or flip flops;
- ⊗ PE/Athletic period shirts;
- ⊗ Jeans having any logos, designs, holes, rips, or embellishments;
- ⊗ Jean skirts, capris or shorts;
- ⊗ Any other colored denim jeans;
- ⊗ Clothing that exposes the midriff to any degree at any time, including with arms raised; Clothing that displaying slogans or graphics that are offensive, violent, vulgar, obscene, or inappropriately suggestive; clothing displaying promotions for drugs, tobacco or alcoholic beverage products.

DANCES, AWARDS AND RING & ROSE CEREMONY PARTICIPANT, GRADUATION DRESS GUIDELINES

Females

Dances –Grades 9 thru 12

- Dresses or Skirts must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the top of the knee cap;
- Dresses and or tops must not be revealing as to attract attention;
- When allowed, shorts must not be shorter than two (2) inches above the top of the knee cap

Ring & Rose and Awards Ceremony –Grades 11 & 12

- Dresses and Skirts must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the top of the knee cap;
- Dresses that are sleeveless must be accompanied by a sweater;
- Dresses and or tops must not be revealing as to attract attention;
- The principal will meet with female students to convey any other attire guidelines for this event.

*A picture of the dress may be submitted to an administrator for approval.

Graduation – Grade 12 only

- Appropriate style dresses that do NOT extend below the gown;
- Dress shoes — **NO** flip flops.

Males

Dances – Grades 9 thru 12

- Clothing that does not distract, display slogans or graphics that are offensive, violent, vulgar, obscene, or inappropriately suggestive; clothing displaying promotions for drugs, tobacco or alcoholic beverage products is not allowed.

Ring & Rose Ceremony – Grades 11 & 12

- The principal will meet with male students to convey attire guidelines for this event.

Graduation - Grade 12 only

- White dress shirt with collar and a tie;
- Dress pants — NOT dress jeans;
- Dark leather shoes — **NO** flip flops;
- Clean shaven faces;
- No earrings

Disclaimer: No student shall wear any garment which includes, but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, gambling, beer, sexual connotations, tobacco, drugs or alcohol. This includes belts, jackets, buttons, or trademark emblems generally associated with the above. **After a third dress code infraction, disciplinary action will be taken.**

The above is a guideline for students to follow. All possibilities for attire and grooming cannot be covered. Therefore, we encourage students to use good judgment in selecting school attire. The final word in attire and grooming is left to judgment of the administrators.