INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY ELEMENTARY LEVEL

DRESS CODE / UNIFORM

To provide an atmosphere conducive to learning, Incarnate Word Academy has adopted dress code guidelines. The purpose of the dress code is to encourage:

- Christian maturity;
- school pride and pride in personal appearance;
- self-respect and respect for others; and,
- an appearance appropriate for study in a Catholic school.

All students are required to attend class in proper uniform. **Uniforms are to be purchased from Academic Outfitters and/or Lands' End.** Upon occasion, parents may happen on clothing of the same style, color, etc. at another retail store that is more feasible/affordable for them. Any school apparel of regulation style and color should be presented to the administration for review prior to applying the school logo. If school apparel is acceptable, it can be embroidered locally.

Girl's Daily-wear Uniform:

- All girls will wear the regulation red polo shirt with the IWA logo;
- IWA blue and red plaid skirt, shorts, or long pants – skirts and shorts should extend to at least the top of the knee; all girls should have at least one skirt for weekly Mass and formal, school-wide events;
- solid white crew socks that measure at least 2" above the ankle bone (including bobby socks edged with solid red or navy or IWA plaid) or knee socks.
- **Footwear: solid white, solid black, or a combination of white and black athletic shoes with white or black shoelaces** (Montessori Primary and Traditional Pre-K and K students may wear shoes with velcro until they can tie their shoes) **- no other colors (not even on the logo) are permitted; wheels, lights, sounds, or any other add-ons are not allowed;**
- only solid white, short-sleeved or sleeveless undershirts or undergarments are acceptable;
- red, navy, or white shorts may be worn under skirts;
- if the weather extends below 60 degrees, navy, white, or red full-length leggings or tights may be worn; sweatpants and knee-high leggings are unacceptable;
- navy or red IWA sweatshirts and/or solid navy, red, or white sweaters or sweatshirts; grey IWA sweatshirts, when designated by the athletic coaches, may also be worn;
- modest hair accessories in combinations of red, navy, and white;
- religious medals and single post earrings only - one single post earring may be worn per ear;
- no make-up or colored nail polish may be worn; clear nail polish and lip balms are acceptable; nails should be kept short and neatly trimmed.
- solid red, white or blue sweaters or jackets may be worn inside the classroom.

* When the weather dips below 40 degrees, coats, hats, scarves, and/or gloves, any color, are acceptable for use outside

Boy's Daily-wear Uniform:

- All boys will wear the regulation navy blue polo shirt with logo;
- khaki regulation pants or walking shorts (our Montessori Primary and Traditional Pre-K and K may wear shorts with an elastic waistband with no belt); all boys should have at least one pair of long pants for formal, school-wide events;
- black or brown belt;
- solid white crew socks that measure at least 2" above the ankle bone;
- **Footwear: solid white, solid black, or a combination of white and black athletic shoes with white or black shoelaces** (Montessori Primary and Traditional Pre-K and K students may wear shoes with velcro until they can tie their shoes) **– no other colors (not even on the logo) are permitted; wheels, lights, sounds, or any other add-ons are not allowed;**
- only solid white, short-sleeved or sleeveless undershirts are acceptable;
- compression shirts and leggings are not acceptable;
- navy or red IWA sweatshirts and/or solid navy, red, or white sweaters or sweatshirts; grey IWA sweatshirts, when designated by the athletic coaches, may also be worn;
- religious medals may be worn;
- hair should be well-groomed and trimmed above the shirt collar and eyebrows.
- solid red, white or blue sweaters or jackets may be worn inside the classroom

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All Fridays:

- All students may wear IWA red spirit shirts or school-sponsored event shirts (like Fall Fun Night);
- regular, plain-fit (not skinny), non-faded, non-ripped, non-decorated BLUE jeans; Montessori Primary ages 3-5 and Traditional Pre-K and K students may wear blue jean shorts or skirts; and,
- regular uniform tennis shoes and socks.

The regular school uniform will be worn on all early dismissal days unless the early dismissal day is a Friday.

Additional Considerations:

Students shall be in compliance with the dress code prior to arrival at school. For any dress code violation a student may be sent to the office. Parent/guardian will be notified and will have to bring their student the appropriate clothing if necessary. Parents are asked to ensure that clothing is kept clean and presentable, replacing faded and tattered clothing when needed.