

Ironwood Christian Academy Dress Code

Ironwood Christian Academy's dress regulations are based upon the following considerations:

The Bible speaks of the necessity of

- modesty of apparel (1 Timothy 2:9)
- men and boys being masculine and women and girls being feminine in appearance and dress (Deuteronomy 22:5)
- avoiding appearances of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- appropriateness without trying to "fit" into the world's standard of acceptance (Romans 12:2)

As an institution, Ironwood Christian Academy's dress code

- is not an attempt to encourage trends or fads.
- is designed to encourage modesty, neatness, and appropriateness.
- is an institutional standard and does not define personal standards.
- attempts to provide guidelines that are clear, easy to follow, and administer.
- identifies certain school activities or days that require announced special dress code guidelines. These days may include special programs, spirit days, picture day, competition outings, and fine arts events.
- places parents as the responsible party to know and inspect their child's dress prior to the child arriving on campus. ICA reserves the right to request a student to change into acceptable clothing before entering a classroom.

General Principles

- Clothing with symbols, graphics, brands, or slogans should not celebrate or advertise worldly lifestyles, be political, be derogatory, be anti-Christian, or conflict with biblical principles. Patriotic clothing is not considered political clothing.
- Extremes in style or those patterned after pop or gang culture are not allowed. This includes hair, makeup, nail, and dress styles. Hair dye, highlights, extensions, and accents should be natural in hair colors and style. Body piercing is not permitted except for lower ear-lobe piercings for female students.
- Tattoos or any form of body art should not be acquired while a student is enrolled at ICA. Temporary tattoos should be pre-approved by the principal.
- Jewelry must be appropriate in style, safe for the occasion, and consistent in message for gender and age.
- Shoes and socks or another appropriate footwear must be always worn. Beach sandals and any footwear that is split toe with an open heel, athletic sliders, **Crocs**, and slippers

are not considered appropriate for school dress. Exceptions may be made when announced for a specific kind of spirit day.

- Clothing should be clean, properly sized (not too tight, too low, or too loose), hemmed, without holes and rips, matching in color and style, and consistent in message. Patches that cover worn-out areas in pants should come close to matching the color of the pants.
- Clothing must always cover undergarments, cleavage, abdomen, shoulder blades, and back no matter the activity or movement of a student. Colors and styles of undergarments should not be noticeable through clothing.

Specific Guidelines

1. Students can wear solid-colored jeans, corduroys, slacks or khaki/chino-style pants. Dress or chino-style pants may have a small pattern (i.e. pinstripes or small checks). For purposes of professionalism, tie-dye and camouflage are not considered small pattern designs. Girls may also wear solid-colored non-athletic capris (length ends halfway down the calf) or any color or pattern skirts and dresses to the top of the knee.
2. Shorts are not permitted except for physical education classes. PE shorts should not be more than 3-4" above the knee when sitting or standing. Bike shorts are never permissible as an outer layer.
3. Pullover hoodies and sweatshirts are not considered school dress unless they are ICA or Ironwood sweatshirts. Jackets and zip-up sweatshirts are permissible in the classroom.
4. Joggers, athletic pants, sweatpants, leggings, yoga pants, and jeggings are not permissible for school dress.
5. Hats are to be worn outside only unless necessary for medical reasons. Hoods of jackets and zip-up sweatshirts should be removed when entering buildings.

Guidelines for Boys

1. Boys in grades 3-12 are to wear collared shirts, button-up or polo style. **Collared shirts can be untucked.** Shirts with graphics are not considered school dress for grades 3-12 but are permissible for K-2 boys if the graphic follows the general principles.
2. **A belt should be worn if it is needed for the pants to fit properly at the natural waistline.**
3. Sleeveless shirts are not permissible for school or spirit days.
4. Boys' hair should be neatly cut and not extend past the collar, ears, or eyebrows. Side lengths should not go below the ear lobe. Boys are expected to shave as needed to avoid looking unkempt or scraggly.

Guidelines for Girls

1. Girls are to wear blouses, polos, or dressier shirts. The goal is to be “a step above” a “work T-shirt” or “play clothes.” Shirts with graphics are not considered school dress for grades 3-12 but are permissible for K-2 girls if the graphic follows the general principles.

2. A belt should be worn if it is needed for the pants to fit properly at the natural waistline.

3. Sleeveless blouses are permissible; cut-out, athletic, backless, or racerback tank tops are not permitted. Sheer or spaghetti strap blouses or dresses are not allowed unless they are layered with a bottom layer of clothing that adheres to the “general principle” guidelines.

4. Shorts or leggings may be worn under skirts and dresses, **but the skirts or dresses must still meet length guidelines.**

5. Girls who expect to use the playground equipment should plan to wear shorts under skirts and dresses and make sure that shirts can be tucked in as needed to maintain modesty.

Spirit Dress Guidelines

Spirit dress days are designated by the principal/events coordinator. Spirit days can also be earned by certain groups of students and are pre-approved by the principal in arrangement with teachers.

1. Students may wear pull-over sweatshirts in the classroom if the sweatshirts follow the general principles.

2. Students may wear graphic t-shirts if the t-shirts follow the general principles.

3. No shorts, joggers, sweats, leggings, yoga, or athletic pants or capris are allowed for spirit days unless announced by the principal.

Swimwear:

Girls need to wear colored shorts and a colored T-shirt or tank top over their swimsuit. Boys need to wear modest swimming trunks or cut-offs. T-shirts must be worn during any mealtimes at the lake. Footwear needs to be worn to and from the lake. All students and guests must abide by these guidelines.

Competition Dress:

For girls, all clothing must be modest with no tight or see-through blouses or dresses. Necklines may not be exceedingly low or open. No pants or shorts are to be worn during competition time. Girls' skirts/dresses must be to the knee or longer (including any slits or

pleats that may open in front, on the side, or in back). No tennis shoes may be worn during competition time. No extreme use of makeup or jewelry is allowed.

For boys, they are required to wear tucked dress shirts with ties combined with dress slacks, belt, and shoes. (No tennis shoes or blue jeans are allowed during competition time.) Hair needs to be short, off the collar and ears, tapered in the back, combed, and sideburns cannot go below the earlobe.

Graduation Dress:

Secondary female students: Must wear a nice dress or skirt and blouse that goes to at least to the middle of the knee. Blouses/dresses must not be tight fitting. Dress shoes (heels, dressy sandals) are required.

Elementary female students: Refer to secondary female standards. Elementary students may wear tights or dress socks with their dress shoes.

Secondary/elementary male students: Must wear black or navy-blue dress pants (no jeans/not baggy/cargo style) with a belt. Cords are acceptable for grades K-2. White or solid-colored dress shirts must be a collared, button-style shirt. Ties are required. Dark socks and dress shoes/boots are required.

Kindergarten students: These students may follow the elementary guidelines or wear a special dress (for girls) or suit (for boys). These dressier options are not required.