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Detailed Uniform/Dress Code Policy

The purpose of a dress code is to ensure an effective learning environment, to maintain a favorable school image, and promote positive self-images among students. Cleanliness and neatness are key elements to an effective dress code and are vital to a student's preparation to learn.

Please read the guidelines for the dress code below carefully.

1. Apparel should be worn as designed (belts buckled, pants at the waist, shoestrings tied, Velcro fastened, shirts buttoned, etc.), and be free of holes and tears. Excessively tight clothing will not be permitted.
2. Shirt tails must be tucked in.
3. See-through apparel cannot be worn.
4. Caps, hats, and skull/wave caps shall not be worn or carried on campus or the bus.
5. Sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, picks, combs or visors are not to be worn or carried on campus/bus.
6. Students may wear toboggan caps & gloves to school during cold or inclement weather provided they are not worn inside any school building.
7. In addition to the student's natural hair color, only one additional color may be worn. Also, a student must wear his/her hair in a style that does not impair his/her eyesight.
8. Jewelry, accessories, piercings and hair color must not create a distraction or safety hazard (administrator discretion).
9. Pants shall fit and be worn at the waist. SAGGING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
10. Students are not allowed to bring blankets to campus.
11. Oversized coats and trench coats shall not be worn.
12. Clothing that allows the showing of undergarments shall not be worn.
13. Students may wear one set of appropriate earrings. Earrings must be worn in/on the ear lobe. Body piercings such as nose or brow piercings are not allowed.
14. Sunglasses are not to be brought/worn on campus unless designated as a school spirit/dress day theme.
15. Body glitter is not allowed.

Detailed Dress Code Information

Pants/Shorts/Capris/ Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers	• Colors – Khaki or black (skirts may be pleated) • Fabric – Cotton or cotton polyester twill (no knit, rayon, denim, linen, corduroy, spandex, leggings, or jeggings). Leggings may not be worn as pants. • Shorts Length – Shorts must measure no more than 3" above the knee. • Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers Length– Skirts/skorts/jumpers must touch the knee cap all the way around when standing unless leggings are worn under the skirt/skort. If calf length or full length leggings are worn with a skirt/skort/jumper, the skirt/skort/jumper must still be within 3 inches of the knee cap. No slits in skirts, and no draw-string or pencil skirts are allowed. • Calf length- or full length leggings worn under skirts/skorts must be plain/solid red, white,black, or gray. Only calf length or full length leggings may be worn. • Jumpers must be worn with a uniform shirt. • No cargo pants/shorts, bell-bottoms, hip huggers, labels, or logos. • Pants should not be overly tight in the fit. (Admin. judgment) • No sagging.
Shirts	• Colors – Solid White, Red, Black, or Gray polo style shirt. • Shirts must be tucked in at all times. • School uniform t-shirts sold by the school can be worn in place of a uniform polo shirt. • Styles – Polo with collar (long sleeve or short sleeve); no zippers, snaps, etc.
Socks	• Colors – All sock pairs should match. • Socks may have a small logo.

Undergarments	● Only white or black short sleeve t-shirts are allowed under uniform shirts. ● Appropriate undergarments should be worn. ● Must not be visible through clothing.
Belts	● Color – Solid black, blue, brown, red, or white belts. No designs, spikes, or studs. ● Belts MUST be worn at the waist, visible, and buckled at all times. They must not hang down from the waist. ● If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. ● Belt buckles must be plain and not oversized.
Shoes	● Shoes must be worn at all times. ● Footwear must have soles and restraints for the foot (must cover the entire back of the heel/foot). ● No rubber or foam swim footwear, Crocs, beach or pool sandals, shower shoes, athletic flip-flops or house shoes will be allowed. ● All footwear must be close-toed. ● Shoes must be laced or securely fastened at all times. ● Appropriate footwear must be worn on campus at all times.
Coats/Jackets/ Sweaters	● Jackets may be worn TO and FROM school. Once a student arrives on campus, all coats/jackets/sweaters should be put away in the locker. ● Jackets may be of windbreaker style or traditional short coat style. Solid color jackets with small logos are permitted. ● Students who wish to wear a crewneck sweatshirt in the classroom, may do so during the school day using the guidelines in the *Sweatshirts* section below.
Sweatshirts	● Crewneck sweatshirts may be worn during the school day and in the classroom. Sweatshirts must be long-sleeve with no pockets, zippers, or hood. ● Colors/Design – Sweatshirts must be logo-free and solid red, white, black, or gray sweatshirt OR an approved official IAL or Ruston sweatshirt. ● No company logos or emblems are allowed. ● No writing is allowed anywhere on the sweatshirt (no name, nickname, or number).
Backpacks/ Messenger Bags	● No rolling backpacks unless with a doctor's written order. ● All bags should be free of inappropriate writing/slogans/symbols/pictures. ● Backpacks will be stored in the locker at the beginning of the school day. ● A zip binder is recommended to carry items from class to class.

PE Uniforms

PE uniforms are not required at I.A. Lewis School, but students are encouraged to dress out for PE class. Solid color t-shirts and shorts/sweatpants can be brought from home and worn during PE. These can also be stored in your students PE locker.

Spirit Days

Certain **announced** days will be designated as jeans/spirit days. On these days, students may wear appropriate jeans with a uniform shirt or other designated shirt for spirit days. Students will be informed of these days well in advance. **Jeans should be only black or blue, free of holes, rips, and tears, and should fit properly (sagging, low-cut, or excessively tight fitting jeans are not allowed).**

Free Dress Days

Free dress days are sometimes used as rewards for students. No inappropriate slogans or pictures, no rips or tears in clothing, no tank tops or low necklines, and bottoms must be uniform length. Additional details will be provided when these days occur.

Dress Code Enforcement

The dress code will be enforced all year. On first offenses, parents will be called to bring correct clothing. Dress code violations will be handled as stated in the Discipline Code of Conduct. Students may be assigned to detention for dress code violations.