

# INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY MIDDLE LEVEL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

## Middle Level Uniform Dress Code

When parents and students accept the invitation to enroll at IWA Middle Level, the agreement is that students will wear the appropriate uniform every day and during all school functions where the uniform is required. It is the responsibility of all students to dress properly each day for school. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the faculty and administration to enforce the dress code at all times. Students should observe high standards of both neatness and cleanliness. Any distraction caused by a student's dress or grooming will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

Standards of dress and appearance for all Middle Level students include:

1. Uniforms should be clean, free of stains and wrinkles and shoes should be in good repair.
2. Shoes are part of the school uniform and should be worn as intended. Any student requesting an exemption regarding shoes due to medical necessity must present medical documentation and meet with the respective administrator to determine specific dates for the exemption.
3. All clothing should be labeled with the student's name.
4. Clothing or accessories that are out of uniform may be confiscated and kept in the Middle Level Office.
5. Hair must be appropriately groomed and of a presentable color and natural shade.
6. Mass uniform is to be worn only on Wednesdays and special occasions.
7. Spirt uniform is to be worn only on Fridays and special occasions.
8. **Note: All students are required to purchase at least one red polo shirt**

\*\*If in doubt regarding a uniform item, before it's worn, bring it to administration for approval.

## IWAML Uniform Code Updates

- **Where to purchase:** All academic uniforms will be available at [Academic Outfitters](#) (preferred) or Lands' End. All athletic/wellness uniform pieces, athletic bags, and wind suits are to be purchased through [Incarnate Word Academy – Stitch It!](#)
- **When to purchase:** The earlier the better
- **Sweaters:** All approved classroom sweaters must have the school logo. These can be purchased at [Academic Outfitters](#) or [Incarnate Word Academy – Stitch It!](#)
- **Wellness/Athletic Uniform:** The new uniform is required for all new students. The uniform from last year is permitted for returning students, though they may choose to purchase the new uniform. You are no longer able to purchase old uniform items.
- **Wellness/Athletic Uniform:** an updated wind suit will be required for all athletes.

## The following uniforms are usually worn on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays:

### • Girl's Daily-wear Uniform:

- Plaid skirt, as approved by IWA (skorts are not permitted)
- **Skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the skirt while standing**
- Solid white crew or knee-high socks (no logos, patterns, low cut or athletic socks are permitted)
- Solid red, white, or navy polo style shirt-IWA logo required
- Shirts / blouses must be tucked at all times
- Solid black, dark brown or tan leather dress shoes

### • Boy's Daily-wear Uniform:

- Khaki pants
- Solid black or brown leather belt with small buckle
- Solid red, white or navy polo shirt-logo required
- Only a solid white undershirt is permitted (no designs or writing)
- Shirts must be tucked at all times
- Solid white crew socks (no logos, patterns, low cut or athletic socks are permitted)
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**Girl's Mass Uniform:**

- Length of the skirt must be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the skirt.
- Solid white oxford blouse, tucked-logo required
- Red hair accessory
- Solid white crew or knee-high socks (no logos, patterns, low cut or athletic socks are permitted)
- Solid black, dark brown, or tan leather dress shoes

**Boy's Mass Uniform**

- Navy pants
- Solid black or dark brown leather belt with small buckle
- Solid white L/S or S/S oxford shirt, tucked logo required
- red tie-to be purchased at Academic Outfitters ONLY
- Only a solid white undershirt is permitted (no designs or writing)
- Solid white crew socks (no logos, patterns, low cut or athletic socks are permitted)
- Solid black, dark brown, or tan leather dress shoes

**The following uniform is usually worn on Fridays:**

**Girls and Boys: Spirit Day Uniform**

- School spirit T-shirt
- Boot-cut **non-faded**, blue jeans with pockets
  - Jeans may not be cut at the seams (e. g. at the seam by the shoe), faded, tattered, torn, or skin tight.
- Solid black or brown leather belt
- Solid white crew socks (no logos, patterns, low cut or athletic socks are permitted)
- Gym shoes (tennis shoes)

**The following items are not permitted:**

- Shorts
- Skinny/Stretch, faded, skin tight, tattered, or torn jeans
- Hoodies or unapproved outerwear
- Low-rise pants
- Baggy pants
- Cargo pants
- Bermuda pants/shorts
- Boots
- Make-up
- Any other clothing deemed inappropriate by administration

**Grooming and accessories:**

- Boy's hair must be cut so that it is above the shirt collar, above the eyebrows, above the ear, and not cover the ear.
- Any extreme hairdo, including hair coloring, partial shaving, or lining of the head is not permitted.
- Nail polish may be light colored and natural color—French tips are permitted and preferred.