



2008/09 SCHOOL UNIFORM

ISM has a uniform dress code policy. Appropriate uniforms and grooming reflect a positive and serious attitude about school and are highly correlated with productive behavior and good learning habits. Dress and apparel that unduly attract the attention of other students often precipitate comments and/or reactions that are disruptive. This uniform dress code policy reduces distractions and disruptions caused by clothing, minimizes any economic disparities between students, promotes student achievement, and creates an orderly learning environment. This uniform dress code policy also enhances school safety and security, as ISM students can readily be distinguished from visitors and intruders. **Please label clothing with your child's name.**

School uniforms, as described below, are required for students in grades K-8.

GIRLS

Blouse/Shirt (Collar required, no emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color - Solid white or solid navy.
- Style - long or short sleeve with collar or turtleneck.

Skirt, Skort, or Jumper (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color - Solid khaki or solid navy.
- Style - no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Pants/Shorts (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color -Solid khaki or solid navy.
- Style - plain or pleated front, long pants, capris or shorts no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, no cargo pockets or jeans.
- All pants must be appropriately sized to eliminate any bagging or sagging or an excessively tight fit. No leggings or sweatpants are allowed.

Sweater or Sweatshirt (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color - Solid navy or solid white.
- Style - cardigan or pullover, sleeveless styles must be worn with a uniform shirt.

Official School Shirts

- Official school shirts may be worn as designated by the Head of School/Associate Head of School.

BOYS

Shirt (Collar required, no emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color - Solid white or solid navy.
- Style - long or short sleeve with collar or turtleneck.

Pants (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color -Solid khaki or solid navy.
- Style - plain or pleated front with side pockets optional, no cargo pockets or jeans.
- All pants must be appropriately sized to eliminate any bagging or sagging or an excessively tight fit. No leggings or sweatpants are allowed.

Shorts (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color -Solid khaki or solid navy.
- Style - plain or pleated front with side pockets optional, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, no cargo pockets or jeans.

Sweater or Sweatshirt (No emblems or logos except ISM approved Logo)

- Color - Solid navy or solid white.
- Style - cardigan or pullover, sleeveless styles must be worn with a uniform shirt.

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ACCESSORIES

Belts (No emblems or logos)

- Color - solid black, solid brown, or solid navy.

Socks or Tights (No emblems or logos)

- Solid white or solid navy crew or knee-hi socks.
- Solid white or solid navy tights.

Shoes (Emblems or logos may not be larger than 1 inch in diameter or as determined by the Head of School/Associate Head of School.)

- Solid black, solid brown, solid white or solid navy shoes or solid black, solid white or solid navy tennis shoes. No bold stripes, checks, plaids, prints or wild patterns.
- Black, brown or navy boots with no adornments and a low, skid-free heel may also be worn. Pants may not be tucked into boots. **NO UGG BOOTS MAY BE WORN.**
- Laces must be solid black, white, navy or brown.
- Open-toed shoes, sandals, and slides are prohibited.

Coats/Jackets

- Coats or jackets will be uniform appropriate solid white or solid navy and may be worn in the classroom and/or playgrounds, no hoods or scarves are allowed to be worn in the classroom. Any other color coat or jacket is not allowed at ISM.

Hair

- No distractive hairstyles (i.e. spikes, mohawks).
- Hair color should be natural. If dyed, only natural colors are acceptable.

Headwear/Hair Accessories

- Hats, bandannas, hairnets and sunglasses will not be permitted indoors and must be stored in the student's backpack or locker.
- Hair accessories must be uniform color compliant. Headbands must be no wider than two inches.

Makeup

- Beginning in Middle School, makeup is permitted and should be applied in moderation (with parent approval). Lipstick, heavily lined eyes, glitter, white-powdered faces and black fingernail polish are not permitted. Clear lip-gloss may be worn as defined by Head of School/Associate Head of School.

Jewelry/Attachments

- No oversized rings, bracelets, necklaces or earrings. Only ears may be pierced with no more than 2 earrings in each ear. Stud earrings, hoop earrings dime size or less and dangling earrings 1/2 inch or less may be worn. Necklaces with a medallion no larger than a quarter may be worn.

- No items such as chains on wallets, chokers, spikes on boots or excessive amounts of accessories may be worn as determined by Head of School/Associate Head of School.

FIELD TRIPS

- Unless otherwise notified, all dress code restrictions apply on every field trip and school activity.

FREE DRESS

These general guidelines apply to FREE DRESS days as well as uniform days. On these days, clothing should be free of holes, tears, inappropriate language or advertising. No sleeveless, skintight, bicycle leggings, short dresses, skirts or distracting or revealing clothing is allowed. Makeup, hair and jewelry rules apply to free dress days as usual.

Parents will be called to pick up a child if attire is deemed inappropriate by the Head of School/Associate Head of School.

EXEMPTIONS

Students new to the school will be allowed a grace period of five school days to comply with the School Uniform Dress Policy. Parents or legal guardians who object to the policy based on religious grounds must present to the Head of School/Associate Head of School a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Students not in compliance with the uniform policy will:

1. Be given spare uniform clothes, if the correct size is available, to borrow and return fully laundered or parents will be contacted to bring in the appropriate items.
2. If option 1 is not available, the names on your child's emergency card will be contacted for assistance.
3. If the dress code is repeatedly violated, or the student refuses to follow the direction of the administrator regarding the code, they shall be subject to more extreme disciplinary action. This may include suspension or expulsion.

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. BE SURE TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND REGULARLY AS ALL ITEMS THAT ARE NOT LABELED WILL BE COLLECTED AND DONATED TO CHARITY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

Uniform Resources:

LANDS' END FOR SCHOOL - 1-800-469-2222 - landsend.com/school – rebate program benefits ISM – use Preference Number 9000-6887-5 at time of order

TARGET – Using a Target Visa card and designating ISM as the recipient for “Take Charge of Education” gives ISM 1% rebate on any purchases through Target – use ID# **117117**

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