



IHM Dress Code

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School has a dress code designed to promote modesty, safety, neatness, and cleanliness. The IHM dress code enables our students to study in a Catholic educational setting without the distraction often associated with a non-uniform environment. Our dress code is subject to change at the principal's discretion.

DRESS CODE BASICS

- Preschool and Young Five students do not wear uniforms. They should follow the non-uniform day guidelines.
- **Shoes** must be worn at school. All shoes must have enclosed toes and heels. **Socks** must be showing above the shoes. **Boots** are only worn to and from school and during recess, and are not allowed during the regular school day.
- **Make-up** is not permitted.
- Girls may wear **nail polish** on natural nails, that is one color, on all nails, and without embellishments.
- Only small hoop or post **earrings** no larger than 1 inch in diameter are acceptable. **Other jewelry** must be simple and is limited to one necklace, one ring per hand and one bracelet per hand.
- Earrings are not permitted on boys, and only ear piercings are permitted on girls.
- **Wearable technology** is not permitted, excluding devices that are medically necessary and devices that have the sole function of displaying time.
- 2nd - 8th grade students must wear a **belt** when wearing pants or shorts (plain brown, black, navy, khaki or Hamilton Plaid)
- **Boys' hair** should be cut above the eyebrow, collar and ears.
- **Hair accessories** that are distracting and tattoos (including temporary) are not permitted.
- There should be no eccentric hair cuts (i.e., Mohawks, shaved designs), hair must be natural colors only.
- Hamilton plaid **ties** may be worn by boys with a white Oxford shirt.

ALL STUDENTS/ALL GRADES K-8

- **Shirts:** solid red, white or navy collared shirts, solid Polo or knit Oxford style or turtleneck; long sleeves or full-sized short sleeves; no other shirt should show below sleeve line; only IHM *school* logos (if desired), available through Flynn O'Hara, Educational Outfitters and Lands' End
- **Pants:** plain, navy blue; full length; **school uniform pants**. No cargo pants or jogger type pants.
- **Shorts:** Permitted in the months of April, May, June, August, September, and October; plain, navy blue; cotton twill; **school uniform shorts**; no more than three inches above the knee. No cargo shorts.
- **Socks:** Solid white, navy, or black socks must be worn and be visible above shoes.
- **Sweaters:** Must be solid, plain, red, white or navy and may be a crewneck, v-neck pullover, cardigan or vests and must be worn over a uniform shirt or blouse. Sweaters with *school* logos are available through Flynn O'Hara, Educational Outfitters, and Lands' End.
- **Sweatshirts:** Must be purchased from IHM Online Store, Flynn O'Hara, Educational Outfitters, or Lands' End. IHM *school* logo **crewneck** sweatshirts in white, gray, navy blue or red may be worn over a uniform shirt/blouse. Other sweatshirts are only permitted during recess.

GIRLS ONLY GRADES K-8

- **Jumpers, skirts and skorts:** Must be purchased from: Flynn O'Hara, or Educational Outfitters in Hamilton Plaid or from Lands' End in Classic Navy Large Plaid. The length should be no more than three inches above the top of the knee.
- **Leggings and Tights:** Must be plain, red, white, navy or black. Leggings or tights may be worn under a skort, skirt or jumper and be full length. Bicycle shorts may be worn under a skirt or jumper for modesty.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

- **Pants or shorts:** Khaki pants or shorts may be worn in grades 6-8 that adhere to the guidelines for uniform pants stated above.

GYM UNIFORM

Required for students in grades 5-8

- **Shorts:** solid navy blue mesh; no more than four inches above the knee
- **Shirt:** short-sleeve t-shirt with *any* IHM logo on it
- "IHM Athletic Dept" gym shirts are available for purchase in the school office for \$10

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

- Shirts on the outermost layer must have sleeves and cover the student's torso.
- Skirts, shorts, & skorts: Students must follow the [dress code guidelines](#) in regard to length and month of the year.
- Clothing must be free of tears and frays.
- Sheer fabrics worn on the outermost layer must have an underlayer (e.g., shirt and/or shorts) of thicker material that adheres to all other guidelines.
- Socks or tights are required with closed-toe shoes or fashion boots.
- Make-up, hair and nail guidelines still apply.
- Lewd, suggestive, inappropriate, or un-Christian designs and logos are not permitted.
- Offensive or distracting clothing is not permitted per the discretion of the classroom teacher and the principal.
- Jeans, sweatpants, capri/cropped pants, cargo pants, etc. are all acceptable.
- Skinny jeans, tights, leggings, jeggings and similar style bottoms may only be worn under other garments (such as skirts or long blouses that extend at least below mid thigh at the shortest point of the hem).
- Pajamas or pajama pants are not permitted.
- No words or designs on the seat of the pants or shorts are permitted.

SACRAMENTAL/SPECIAL MASSES ATTIRE

First Communion (2nd Grade)

- Girls:
 - White dress and dress shoes
 - Dress shoes with heels, if desired, must be small for safety on the church floor.
 - Tights may be worn but are not required.
 - A flower crown or a veil may be worn to represent Mother Mary.
 - No makeup is permitted.
 - Haircuts and styles should be in accord with the school dress code.

- Boys
 - Dress pants with a button-up collared shirt and dress shoes.
 - Suit jackets and ties are not required but are frequently worn. Suits should be a dark color (blues, blacks, grays) or white.
 - Haircuts and styles should be in accord with the school dress code.

Confirmation, May Crowning, Graduation (8th Grade)

- Girls:
 - A dress or top and skirt combination (no spaghetti straps, cut-outs, bare shoulders or backs) is preferred.
 - A sweater or cardigan may be worn, especially if the dress has thin straps.
 - Heels, if desired, must be small for safety on the church floor.
- Boys:
 - A suit is preferred (a dark color – blue, black, gray – or white), with a tie, belt, and dress shoes (no casual/tennis shoes or boots).
 - Socks must be dark colored or match shoes and/or suits.

Uniform Violations

Students and parents are expected to know and comply with all dress code guidelines. Any questions regarding particular clothing items should be addressed before the student wears them to school. Any violation will be addressed in a discreet and respectful manner. Teachers will give students a violation form that will go home and need to be signed by a parent and sent back the next day. Multiple offenses will result in age-appropriate consequences. If attire is deemed inappropriate for school, a parent will be contacted to bring in proper clothing for the rest of the school day.