

Dress and Grooming

A neat and properly attired student will have a definite bearing on the atmosphere which is conducive to study and good work in a Christian school. God's Word speaks concerning the importance of the beauty of the inner person rather than an individual's eye-catching outward appearance.

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on jewelry, or beautiful clothes, or hair arrangement. Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God. I Peter 3:3-4 (Living Bible)

The purpose of dress regulations is to help each student set a standard for his/her personal appearance that is appropriate within the accepted standards of Immanuel Schools. Students are expected to demonstrate pride in their personal appearance for it reflects individually on the student and collectively on the school. Daily attire need not be expensive to be attractive and acceptable.

The major responsibility for student appearance rests with the parents. Parents have an obligation to guide the student's selection in proper clothing, makeup, jewelry, and hair style that is within the accepted standards as defined by the Immanuel Schools Dress Code. Parents must see that their students are dressed appropriately for school.

Dress Code

- All clothing shall be neat, clean, modest, in good repair, and of appropriate size and fit. Any clothing or accessories containing objectionable words or symbols are not allowed.
- Skin should not be exposed through garments. Garments should not be see-through or show undergarments (including bralettes or sports bras).
- Halter tops, short crop-tops, low cut tops, spaghetti strap tops, strapless tops, tank tops (boys or girls), backless or sideless tops, or racer-back tops are not permitted. All tops must have sleeves.
- Tops must hang below the waist so that, even when both arms are raised, midriff skin is not visible.
- Skirts or shorts (girls and boys) may not be shorter than 4" above the knee.
- Leggings are allowed only when worn under a garment that is no shorter than 4" above the knee.
- Students may not wear pajama bottoms or yoga pants.
- Ripped or torn jeans are not allowed if skin is exposed 4" above the knee.
- Clothing with lewd or suggestive material must be avoided.
- Counter-cultural fads of dress or hairstyles with extreme cuts or unnatural colors must be avoided.
- Exposed body piercings (except pierced ears for girls), facial piercings, gauging, or tattoos are not permitted.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. Slippers are not permitted.

- Hats or caps may not be worn in the chapel.
- Special dress code regulations will be communicated for events such as Homecoming Week, Banquets, Graduation, etc.

In situations where the nature of dress is not specifically covered in a detailed manner, the administration reserves the right to use its own discretion in determining the appropriateness of the attire.

DRESS CODE MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CAMPUS OR ATTENDING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

Dress Code for Special Events (Homecoming, Winterfest, Banquets, Formals)

As a representative of Immanuel, what you wear is of great importance. Modesty and good taste should be the rule. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1

LADIES:

Permitted

- spaghetti straps (no cleavage)
- dresses that are sheer or backless to no lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades. (A good test would be that appropriate undergarments could be worn without showing.)

NOT Permitted

- strapless dresses are not permitted
- low cut neckline or cleavage
- midriffs showing or cut-out dresses; skin colored linings in cut-outs are not permitted
- see through garments (unless lining of dress is in dress code)
- dresses shorter than four inches above the knee
- any slit that goes up more than four (4) inches above the knee

GENTLEMEN:

- dress shirt with a tie (bolo or bow ties are acceptable) and dress slacks
- appropriate formal footwear/dress shoes or dress boots are required

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